



Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$25.8 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN AUGUST

Nearly \$4.4 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved one new construction contract totaling \$25.8 million at its August meeting providing opportunities for firms that specialize in vertical construction to work with the Tollway. Nearly \$245.8 million in construction and professional engineering service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board so far in 2016, as part of the fifth year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, nearly \$4.4 billion in construction and professional engineering service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, including more than \$1 billion committed to small, veteran-owned or disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned businesses. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 44,060 total jobs as of July 2016.

Award of the \$25.8 million contract to William Charles Construction Co., Loves Park, IL, by the Tollway Board in August will allow the Tollway to replace the Rockford (M-7) maintenance facility originally built in the 1950s on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

Scheduled for completion in 2018, the Rockford maintenance site project will include construction of a new 62,705-square-foot, single-story building that will serve as a fleet hub, maintenance garage and Illinois State Police office, along with site paving, grading and landscaping work. The project will also include removal of underground fuel storage tanks and construction of a new fuel island, replacement of sanitary and storm sewers, as well as construction of a new information technology equipment shelter.

"This contract demonstrates how the Illinois Tollway's investment in vertical construction involves a greater variety of work and potential for involvement of more subcontractors that typically don't work with the Tollway," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "In addition, this project allows us to continue our commitment to increasing opportunities for diverse and veteran-owned firms."

The new contract approved today includes nine subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) and three subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Of the \$25.8 million awarded for this contract, more than \$7.8 million, or 30.3 percent, is committed to veteran-owned or disadvantaged firms.

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. As part of the process, contractors' bid submissions for construction work advertised by the Tollway are opened and read aloud during public bid opening meetings, which are also broadcast live on the Tollway's website. Following an agency review process, the lowest,

responsible and responsive bid is presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the "Doing Business" section of the Tollway's website.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and fund planning studies for emerging projects.

About the Illinois Tollway

The Illinois Tollway is a user-fee system that receives no state or federal funds for maintenance and operations. The agency maintains and operates 292 miles of interstate tollways in 12 counties in Northern Illinois, including the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88), the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355), the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80) and the Illinois Route 390 Tollway.

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