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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY TO HOST VERTICAL CONSTRUCTION EVENTS FOR FIRMS
INTERESTED IN BIDDING ON MARENGO MAINTENANCE SITE RECONSTRUCTION**

*February 2 pre-bid meeting and February 7 networking event
scheduled for LEED-certified facility construction*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway will host a pre-bid meeting on Thursday, February 2, in Marengo and a free Construction Networking Event on Tuesday, February 7, in Downers Grove. The events will provide an opportunity for firms of all sizes and types, including disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as small and veteran-owned businesses interested in participating in the upcoming vertical construction project to rebuild the Marengo (M-6) maintenance site on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

The Marengo maintenance site adjacent to the U.S. Route 20 Interchange on I-90 in Marengo was originally built in the 1950s. The new facility is designed to optimize its efficiency to meet expanded system needs, as well as meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for sustainable design and construction. Bid opening for the Marengo maintenance site reconstruction contract is scheduled for March 2.

“Our maintenance facility construction projects are providing a unique opportunity for firms in the vertical construction business to do business with the Tollway,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. “We’re hosting these events to reach out to new firms, as well as help small, minority- and veteran-owned firms connect with prime contractors and learn more about the Tollway’s technical assistance resources.”

Prime and subcontractors are encouraged to attend the optional pre-bid meeting at 10 a.m. on Thursday, February 2, at the Marengo maintenance site to connect with other firms and build teams. Project schedules and information will be provided and bid document requirements will be discussed.

Scheduled for completion in 2018, reconstruction of the Marengo maintenance site will include removal and installation of underground fuel storage tanks, including soils remediation; site grading for detention, building foundations and paving; replacement of sanitary sewer, a lift station and storm sewer; installation of site lighting; construction of a maintenance facility and truck wash facility; installation of a communications shelter and upgrades to servers and network switches.

The networking event will be held from 10 a.m. to noon on Tuesday, February 7, at Aramark, 2300 Warrenville Road in Downers Grove. It will provide firms involved in vertical construction and related fields the opportunity to learn about the upcoming construction project’s details and goals for D/M/WBE firm and veteran-owned firm participation, as well as technical assistance initiatives available to contractors.

Speakers from the Illinois Tollway will include Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov, Chief Engineer Paul Kovacs and Diversity and Strategic Development Chief Gustavo Giraldo.

Contractors and subcontractors will have access to information about the Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program designed to provide free training and assistance to D/M/WBE firms, small and veteran-owned businesses. Representatives from the Construction Business Development Center, Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce and the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association will attend to provide information and answer questions.

For more information and registration for the construction networking event, please visit the Doing Business - Diversity Programs section on the Illinois Tollway's website at illinoistollway.com. Online registration is available through Monday, February 6, at noon and on-site registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. on Tuesday, February 7, 2017. Registration is not necessary to attend the pre-bid meeting on Thursday, February 2.

The Tollway completed construction of the agency's first LEED-certified building at the Alsip (M-1) maintenance site on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) in 2015, which now serves as the Tollway's prototype for large facility construction. The Marengo maintenance site will include the same design features and construction requirements. A similar construction project is already underway at the Rockford (M-7) maintenance site also on I-90.

LEED construction requires reuse and recycling of at least 75 percent of construction waste on site and use of recycle content and regional materials in the new facility. In addition, LEED design features will incorporate energy-efficient lighting, photovoltaic panels to feed power back into the grid and electric vehicle charging stations. The use of in-floor hydronic radiant heat and overhead natural gas radiant heat will be included to further reduce energy costs, along with water efficiencies through installation of low-flow fixtures and landscaping requiring little or no irrigation.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first five years of *Move Illinois* is on schedule and within budget, delivering the rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor and opening a new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Progress continues on projects addressing the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system, delivering the Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and planning for emerging projects, including reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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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