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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$10 MILLION IN CONTRACTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICE IN APRIL**

More than \$4.6 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four new construction contracts and one new professional engineering services contract totaling \$10.3 million at its April meeting.

“The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year *Move Illinois* capital program is focused on delivering projects that enable us to keep our existing system in good repair and improve service,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. “The contracts approved today are investments in our roadways and technologies that will help provide our customers with a safe and efficient system.”

Nearly \$107 million in construction and professional service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board so far in 2017, as part of the sixth year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, more than \$4.6 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$1.1 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 50,610 total jobs as of March 2017.

April construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$2.6 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for over-the-road electronic message sign improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).
- A \$675,209 contract to RoadSafe Traffic Systems Inc., Romeoville, IL, for systemwide roadway pavement marking improvements.
- A \$652,631 contract to Fox Excavating Inc., Batavia, IL, for drainage improvements at two locations on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) near 111th Street and 107th Street.
- A \$395,114 contract to Fox Excavating Inc., Batavia, IL, for drainage improvements on the northbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 137th Street and 135th Street.

April professional engineering services contract award includes:

- A \$6 million contract to Parsons Transportation Group Inc., Chicago, IL, for intelligent transportation systems maintenance and support.

The contracts approved today include one subconsultant and three subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and one

subconsultant and one subcontractor that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 21 to 23 percent per contract, and commitments for veteran participation range from 1.5 to 3 percent per contract. Of the \$10.3 million awarded for these contracts, more than \$3.3 million, or 32 percent, is committed to small, veteran-owned or disadvantaged firms.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are awarded through the qualifications-based selection process (Illinois Public Act 87-673 {30 ILCS 535/1-535/80} Architectural, Engineering and Land Surveying Qualifications-Based Selection Act), which requires state agencies to select professional architects, engineers and surveyors on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications.

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 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*, 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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