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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY TO HOST FREE NETWORKING EVENT IN GLEN ELLYN  
FOR JOB ORDER CONTRACTING FACILITIES PROGRAM**

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway will host a free networking event in Glen Ellyn on Tuesday, June 6, to connect companies interested in participating on upcoming opportunities to perform facility construction, repairs and rehabilitation available through the agency’s Job Order Contracting (JOC) Facilities Program.

“The Illinois Tollway wants more small, diverse and veteran-owned businesses to know there are great opportunities available to work on projects repairing and maintaining Tollway facilities,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. “This event provides small firms with the chance to learn how they can participate as subcontractors on these upcoming projects by marketing their skills and services to existing prime contractors.”

The Illinois Tollway’s JOC Facilities Program allows the Tollway to complete facilities-related construction and repair projects at its Downers Grove headquarters, maintenance sites and toll plazas in a more timely and cost-effective manner.

General contractors selected for the program often rely on subcontractors, including small, diverse and veteran-owned firms, to perform tasks related to each project. Smaller projects could include roof repairs, lighting, fencing, landscaping and plumbing. General contractors have a 25 percent Business Enterprise Program (BEP) goal and a 3 percent veteran goal for the term of their contracts.

The networking event will be held at the College of DuPage, 425 Fawell Boulevard in Glen Ellyn from 1:30 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

Firms attending will have the opportunity to interact with JOC prime contractors and other small businesses, including BEP-certified firms, disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned firms and veteran-owned businesses.

There also will be an opportunity for small, diverse and veteran-owned firms to register to do business in Illinois through the Department of Central Management Services and talk to Tollway Procurement staff about doing business with the agency.

In addition, attendees will have the opportunity to learn about potential opportunities to participate in other diversity programs such as the Tollway’s Technical Assistance Program, Partnering for Growth Construction Program and the Earned Credit Program.

Speakers at the networking event will include Tollway Chief of Operations David Wilson and Tollway Chief of Diversity and Strategic Development Gustavo Giraldo.

For more information and to register for the event, please visit the Diversity section of the Illinois Tollway's website at [illinoistollway.com](http://illinoistollway.com). Pre-registration closes at noon on Friday, June 2. On-site registration begins at 1 p.m. on Tuesday, June 6.

**About *Move Illinois***

The Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$14 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 21<sup>st</sup> 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 roadways 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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