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**** MEDIA ALERT ****

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY LAUNCHES FIRST TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM LOCATION AT ROCK VALLEY COLLEGE IN ROCKFORD

WHAT: The Illinois Tollway is opening its first Technical Assistance Program location in the Rockford area to help diverse, minority- and women-owned firms as well as small and veteran-owned businesses learn to compete for Tollway construction contracts.

The Tollway's Technical Assistance Program services at Rock Valley College, offered in partnership with the Construction Business Development Center (CBDC) administered by Prairie State College, will help prepare firms to participate on highway and vertical construction contracts.

WHEN: Tuesday, August 8, 1-3 p.m. A speaking program will be followed by a networking event.

WHERE: Rock Valley College Stenstrom Center, 4151 Samuelson Road, Rockford.

WHO: Illinois Tollway Board Director Earl Dotson Jr., Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov, Rock Valley College President Dr. Douglas J. Jensen, CBDC Director Paul Murtaugh.

WHY: The Tollway hopes to increase the pool of qualified, diverse firms competing for contracts awarded for its 15-year, \$12 billion *Move Illinois* capital program, while also stimulating economic development and creating new, good-paying jobs.

The Tollway is establishing three locations in the Rockford area with technical assistance partner agencies to offer comprehensive, customized business development assistance for firms to build financial understanding and business plan development for increased business stability and growth in the transportation-related construction industry.

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