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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$394 MILLION IN CONTRACTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN NOVEMBER**

Nearly \$5.4 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved nine new construction and professional engineering service contracts totaling nearly \$394 million at its November meeting. In addition, the amount committed to diverse and veteran firms this month is the largest approved at a single Board meeting.

Of the \$394 million awarded for these contracts, nearly \$240 million, or 61 percent, is committed to small, veteran-owned or disadvantaged firms.

“The success of small, diverse and veteran firms helps our local and state economies thrive,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. “We’re proud that our efforts to provide opportunities for all types and sizes of businesses are making a difference.”

Altogether, more than \$916.3 million in contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2017, as part of the sixth year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, nearly \$5.4 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$1.5 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 55,850 total jobs as of October 2017.

November construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$647,740 contract to Cardinal State, Lake in the Hills, IL, for bioswale improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between the Elgin Toll Plaza and Illinois Route 53.

November professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$205.6 million contract to HNTB Corp., Chicago, IL, for Program Management Office services.
- A \$157 million contract to Omega & Associates Inc., Lisle, IL, for construction corridor management/owners representative services for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- A \$10.6 million contract to V3 Companies of Illinois Ltd./Michael Baker International Inc., Woodridge, IL, for design services for the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Wolf Road and the O’Hare Oasis.
- An \$8.9 million contract to d’Escoto Inc./Burns & McDonnell Engineering Inc., Chicago, IL, for construction management services for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Annie Glidden Road and Illinois Route 56.

- A \$5.3 million contract to DB Sterlin Consultants Inc., of Chicago, IL, for construction management services for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 251 and Annie Glidden Road.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Delta Engineering Group, Chicago, IL, for design services for ITS relocation along the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and Balmoral Avenue.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Harry O. Hefter Associates Inc., Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge design services along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Balmoral Avenue and Lake Cook Road.
- A \$930,000 contract to Fuhrmann Engineering Inc., Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge design services for on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 59 and Washington Street and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between I-55 and Butterfield Road.

The contracts approved today include five prime consultants, 31 subconsultants and one prime contractor that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and eight subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms.

Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 2 to 5 percent per contract, and commitments for veteran participation range from 30 to 95 percent per contract.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are selected in accordance with 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, rather than low bid. Contract services staff from the Engineering Department checks statements of interest to ensure that specified pre-qualifications and documentation requirements are met. Tollway engineers and managers then review and scores statements of interest based on the advertised selection criteria service. Tollway Diversity Department staff also reviews the statements of interest for compliance with advertised diversity criteria. Executives from the Engineering Department then review the scoring, as well as each firm's capacity, and identify the top recommended firms per project. To complete the selection, a committee of Tollway professionals and independent engineering officials considers the top recommended firms and finalizes the top three firms in ranked order. The Tollway then seeks to negotiate a final contract price with the top-ranked firm. The award of a professional engineering services contract is dependent on approval by the Tollway Board of Directors.

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, \$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* are 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 294 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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