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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$192 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JUNE

New \$184 million contract approved for continuation of I-490/IL390 Interchange construction

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$192 million at its June Board meeting, including a \$184 million contract to support continued construction of the new I-490/Illinois Route 390 Interchange.

More than \$307 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2024, as part of the 13th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. The Tollway's capital program calls for investing \$1.4 billion in 2024, including eight contracts set aside for small businesses.

"Approval of this contract helps advance work on the massive new I-490/IL 390 Interchange that when complete will be a game changer for travel and access on the west side of O'Hare International Airport," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. "Six flyover ramps will be built under this contract to carry traffic over York Road, the Canadian Pacific Kansas City Railway and the Union Pacific Railroad and into the airport as we work to create long-awaited western access."

The Illinois Tollway is building a new, full-access I-490/IL 390 Interchange that will connect the new I-490 Tollway to the Illinois Route 390 Tollway and provide access to York Road, Irving Park Road, as well as direct access into and out of O'Hare International Airport.

The \$534 million project includes construction of three miles of I-490 Tollway mainline roadway along with 16 ramps and 15 bridges to deliver full mobility on the west side of the airport. The new I-490/IL 390 Interchange is scheduled to be complete by the end of 2027.

June construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$184 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge construction on the I-490/IL 390 Interchange.

June professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$4.6 million contract to Strand Associates Inc., Joliet, IL, for design services for bridge reconstruction systemwide.
- A \$3.9 million contract to EFK Moen, Ballwin, MO, for design services for bridge rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Howland Creek and U.S. Route 52.

The June contracts approved today include 20 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as four certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 23.65 percent to 70.42 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.52 percent to 5.27 percent per contract.

Overall, nearly \$11.4 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.9 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 132,440 total jobs as of May 2024.

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 based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code.

All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval. The Illinois Tollway broadcasts all public meetings on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts in the Construction Contract Tracker.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 years of Move Illinois are on schedule and within budget, delivering the new Illinois Route 390 Tollway and a rebuilt and widened Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) with its new SmartRoad corridor, as well as 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 new I-490 Tollway Project and 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 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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