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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$228.7 MILLION IN CONTRACTS IN DECEMBER FOR CONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

More than \$1.5 billion approved in 2020 as part of the ninth year of the Move Illinois capital program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved seven construction contracts totaling \$228.7 million at its December Board meeting, wrapping up investments for the 2020 capital program.

In 2020, the Tollway has awarded 31 that provided opportunities for small, diverse and veteran-owned firms to take on roles as prime contractors and consultants. In all, 75 construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$1.5 billion have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2020.

“Throughout the year, we have demonstrated our commitment to expanding opportunities for firms of all types and sizes to work for the Tollway, which we believe generates competition and in turn better bids on our projects,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “And, at a time when all businesses, communities and the state are challenged by the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, by creating these opportunities the Illinois Tollway is doing its part to help keep businesses running and people working as we work to deliver roadway and infrastructure improvements to our customers.”

December construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$112.1 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., College Point, NY, for roadway reconstruction and widening for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project from St. Charles Road to North Avenue/Lake Street.
- A \$100 million contract to F.H. Paschen S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for roadway reconstruction and widening for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from North Avenue to Grand Avenue.
- A \$7.7 million contract to the Plote Construction Inc., Hoffman Estates, IL, for construction of the ramp connecting west bound I-290 to eastbound Lake Street as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- A \$5.4 million contract to Lorig Construction Company, Des Plaines, IL, for noisewall work as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between the Hinsdale Oasis and 55th Street.
- A \$1.7 million Demarc Electric and Communications, Lombard, IL, for roadway lighting improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Rockton Road and Lane Road.
- A \$1.4 million contract to Natural Creations Landscaping, Joliet, IL, for landscaping improvements along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between the Bishop Ford Expressway/Illinois Route 394 and 95th Street.
- A \$497,377 contract to Cardinal State, Lake in the Hills, IL, for landscaping improvements along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) from Devon Avenue to the Edens Spur.

The construction services contracts approved today include two prime contractors and 35 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise

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(D/M/WBE) firms and one prime and three subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 24.07 to 26.59 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.52 to 35.18 percent per contract.

The December contract awards also mark the final Board action for the ninth year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. Overall, nearly \$8.7 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 89,970 as of November 2020.

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 through the Construction Contract Tracker.

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 eight 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 Smart Road 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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