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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$11.4 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN JANUARY

2023 Capital Program includes \$1.47 billion investment for 12th year of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four construction and professional engineering contracts totaling \$11.4 million at its January Board meeting for work included in the Tollway’s \$1.47 billion capital spending commitment for 2023.

“The Tollway’s *Move Illinois* Program is playing a vital role in keeping the Illinois economy moving,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “As we look forward work in 2023, we anticipate seeing more construction and engineering companies successfully competing for contracts and supporting thousands of construction jobs throughout the region.”

January construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$2.1 million contract to Walsh Construction Company II, Chicago, IL, for substructure removal on the southbound Mile Long Bridge on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$1.2 million contract to Western Remac Inc., Woodridge, IL, for systemwide signing improvements.

January professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$4.1 million contract to Tecma Associates Inc., Chicago, IL, pavement and structural preservation and rehabilitation on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Lake Street and I-290.
- A \$4 million contract to Juneau Associates Inc., Granite City, IL, for Construction Management Services Upon Request.

The January contracts approved today include 16 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as six certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 23.11 percent to 88 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.02 percent to 47 percent per contract.

The Tollway’s 2023 Capital Program calls for investing \$1.47 billion, with \$314.8 million budgeted for systemwide roadway and bridge repairs to keep the existing Tollway system in good repair, along with funding for key projects including:

- \$615.3 million to continue design and reconstruction work for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- \$506.3 million to continue planning and construction for the new I-490 Tollway and new interchanges connecting to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90), Tri-State Tollway (I-294), the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, as well as providing direct access in and out of O’Hare International Airport as part of the Elgin O’Hare Western Access Project.

Approval of the January contracts marks the start of the 12th year of the 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* Program. Overall, nearly \$10.6 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.7 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned

firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 117,740 total jobs as of December 2022.

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 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 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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