



*Move Illinois:  
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY CHAIRMAN BOB SCHILLERSTROM PRESENTED VISIONARY AWARD FROM THE HISPANIC AMERICAN CONSTRUCTION INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION**

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – Illinois Tollway Board of Directors Chairman Bob Schillerstrom has been selected as the recipient of the Hispanic American Construction Industry Association’s Visionary Award. Chairman Schillerstrom is recognized by HACIA for his leadership in promoting an inclusive and forward-looking Diversity Program to support implementation of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Under Governor Bruce Rauner’s administration, the Illinois Tollway is advancing its *Move Illinois* Program delivering new roads and improving mobility for customers while continuing to demonstrate leadership in Engineering and Diversity by breaking down barriers to participation for disadvantaged business owners and workers whenever possible.

“I am deeply grateful and humbled by this prestigious award. I’m fortunate to lead a team of people at the Illinois Tollway that is committed to creating opportunities and advocating for businesses and people,” said Illinois Tollway Board Chairman Bob Schillerstrom. “And by working together with organizations like HACIA that share in that vision, we have the ability to innovate and to break new ground and create an environment where jobs can be created and where people have access to jobs.”

The HACIA Visionary Award recognizes leaders who make outstanding contributions to the growth and success of the Chicago-area construction industry while providing equal opportunities for disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as small and veteran-owned firms. The award was presented to Chairman Schillerstrom at the HACIA annual awards banquet Wednesday evening, March 14, in Chicago.

“We recognize Mr. Schillerstrom’s fulfilling efforts in implementing diversity and inclusion in the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* Program and its Diversity Program,” said HACIA Executive Director Jorge Perez. “Under his strong leadership and vision, he has ensured that contract opportunities for D/M/WBE firms, as well as veteran-owned firms, are expanded and these firms are given an equal opportunity to participate on Tollway projects.”

*Move Illinois* is providing construction and engineering contract opportunities for firms of all sizes and types to work on Tollway projects. Now in its seventh year, the capital program includes opportunities for both construction and engineering firms on major projects, including construction of the new I-490 Tollway Project and reconstruction of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294), as well as work to keep the 294-mile Tollway system in a state of good repair and vertical construction projects such as reconstruction of Tollway maintenance sites.

Simultaneously, the Tollway’s Diversity Program is providing diverse businesses with greater access to opportunities by setting aspirational goals and creating set-aside opportunities and providing technical assistance and mentorship incentives to support development and growth of a strong pool of qualified firms owned and run by minorities, women and veterans. The agency also ensures access through a

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regional network of resources and supporting economic opportunities, including resources from other transportation agencies.

To date, more than \$5.6 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with nearly \$1.6 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 57,430 total jobs as of January 2018.

**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 six 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) and planning for emerging projects.

**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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