



Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$99 MILLION IN CONTRACTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JUNE**

Nearly \$6 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved 13 construction contracts and six professional engineering service contracts totaling nearly \$99 million at its June meeting. More than \$471 million in construction contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2018, as part of the seventh year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, nearly \$6 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$1.7 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 59,570 total jobs as of May 2018.

The Illinois Tollway’s support for small, disadvantaged and veteran-owned businesses has also included the establishment of a Technical Assistance Program to help prepare established transportation-related construction firms to bid and participate on highway and vertical construction contracts. Working with seven partners the Tollway offers a range of services for businesses at 12 locations across the Tollway system.

“Investing in technical assistance is building the pipeline of qualified firms to bid on Tollway projects,” said Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman. “We are seeing firms supported by our program working on projects as subcontractors and some, like Antigua Inc. awarded a contract today, are stepping up to be prime contractors as well.”

Since launching the program in 2013, the Tollway has served more than 430 unique businesses and individuals with technical assistance partner agencies to offering comprehensive, customized business development assistance helping firms to build financial understanding and business plan development for increased business stability and growth in the transportation-related construction industry.

More than 300 bids total have been submitted by Technical Assistance Program clients, with nearly 70 of those bids on Tollway projects. The bids submitted on Tollway projects have resulted in 23 firms winning bids as prime contractors.

The contracts approved today include four prime contractors, 23 subcontractors three prime consultants and 21 subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms as well as two prime contractors, five subcontractors and five subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 10 to 81 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.5 to 8 percent per contract.

June construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$45.8 million contract to Walsh Construction Company, Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge reconstruction on the Edens Spur Tollway (I-94) between Pfingsten Road and the Union Pacific Railroad.
- A \$13.8 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for pavement and structural preservation and rehabilitation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Balmoral Avenue and Lake Cook Road.
- A \$3.4 million contract to Curran Contracting Company, Crystal Lake, IL, for ramp reconstruction on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at the Orchard Road Interchange.
- A \$2.9 million contract to Pacific Construction Services Inc., Chicago, IL, for construction of a parking structure at the Downers Grove M-14 maintenance facility on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).
- A \$2.1 million contract to Fence Masters Inc., Chicago Heights, IL, for fencing and site improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) between the Waukegan Road Toll Plaza and Touhy Avenue.
- A \$1.8 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Des Plaines, IL, for fencing and site improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Halsted Street and the O'Hare Interchanges.
- A \$1.4 million contract to Fence Masters Inc., Chicago Heights, IL, for fencing and site improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between the South Beloit Toll Plaza and the Illinois Route 25.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Antigua Inc., Chicago, IL, for systemwide fencing and site improvements.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Pagoda Electric & Construction, Elk Grove Village, IL, for systemwide CCTV camera and communications upgrade.
- A \$1.2 million contract to Demarc Electric and Communications, Lombard, IL, for roadway lighting upgrades and LED retrofit on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 31 and Eola Road.
- A \$1.1 million contract to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for systemwide intermittent pavement repairs.
- An \$874,029 contract to Natural Creations Landscaping, Joliet, IL, for landscaping improvements on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Park Boulevard and Wood Dale Road.
- A \$448,409 contract to Natural Creations Landscaping, Joliet, IL, for landscaping improvements on the Illinois Route 390 Tollway between Wood Dale Road and Supreme Drive.

June professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$6.5 million contract to The Roderick Group, Chicago, IL, for systemwide construction management services upon request.
- A \$5 million contract to Christopher B. Burke Engineering, Rosemont, IL, for planning services upon request on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project between 95th Street and Balmoral Avenue.
- A \$3 million contract to Great Arc Technologies Inc., Chicago, IL, for technical support and enhancements to the Tollway's infrastructure management system.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Interra Inc., Bolingbrook, IL, for systemwide construction management upon request.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Arcadis U.S. Inc., Chicago, IL, for systemwide construction management upon request.
- A \$2 million contract to Singh & Associates Inc., Chicago, IL, for systemwide design upon request services.

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 score 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 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 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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