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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$2.6 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN MAY

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as part of the eighth year of the Move Illinois capital program*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved two new construction contracts totaling more than \$2.6 million at its May meeting. More than \$378.5 million in construction and professional engineering services contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2019, as part of the eighth year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, nearly \$6.7 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$1.9 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 68,700 total jobs as of April 2019.

The contracts approved today include five subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and two subcontractors that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 15 percent to 22 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from two to three percent per contract.

Construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$1.8 million contract to Oak Brook Mechanical Services, Oak Brook, IL, for removal and installation of new cooling towers and chillers at the Illinois Tollway Central Administration Building in Downers Grove.
- An \$844,102 contract to Lorig Construction Company, Des Plaines, IL, for noisewall and median barrier wall repairs and removal of an abandoned bridge structure along the South Tri-State Tollway (I-294/I-80).

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 and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway’s website at <https://www.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 seven 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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