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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$136.1 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JUNE

Nearly \$514.7 million approved in 2019 as part of the eighth year of the Move Illinois capital program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six new construction and professional engineering service contracts totaling \$136.1 million at its June meeting, including a contract to build a new maintenance site facility to serve roadway operation needs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

Nearly \$514.7 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*.

The new maintenance site project will include construction of a 95,797-square-foot, single-story building adjacent to the Aurora Toll Plaza on I-88 that will serve as a fleet hub, maintenance garage and Illinois State Police office. The new facility will replace an existing maintenance site near Naperville Road and is designed to optimize its efficiency to meet expanded system needs, as well as meet Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design (LEED) certification for sustainable design and construction.

LEED construction requires reuse and recycling of at least 75 percent of construction waste on site and use of recycle content and regional materials in the new facility. In addition, LEED design features will incorporate energy-efficient lighting, photovoltaic panels to feed power back into the grid and electric vehicle charging stations. The use of in-floor hydronic radiant heat and overhead natural gas radiant heat will be included to further reduce energy costs, along with water efficiencies through installation of low-flow fixtures and landscaping requiring little or no irrigation.

"The Illinois Tollway is committed to ensuring new firms have the opportunity to work on Tollway construction projects, including helping small, minority- and veteran-owned firms," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. "Vertical construction involves a greater variety of work and provides more opportunities for use of subcontractors, so building a new maintenance site is opening the door to about 20 small and diverse firms, including four that will work with the Tollway for the first time."

To date, more than \$6.8 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with nearly \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 69,710 total jobs as of May 2019.

The contracts approved today include 12 subconsultants, one prime contractor and 33 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and two subconsultants, as well as one subcontractor that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22 percent to 97 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from two to five percent per contract.

Construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$31.4 million contract to W.E. O'Neil Construction Co., Chicago, IL, for construction of a new maintenance facility along the Reagan Memorial Tollway near the Aurora Toll Plaza to replace the existing facility at Naperville Road.
- A \$12.4 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., College Point, NY, for retaining wall construction, grading and shoulder rehabilitation along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between the Canadian National Railroad and Grand Avenue.
- A \$1.4 million contract to Semper Fi Land Services, Aurora, IL for landscaping improvements along the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between East Riverside Boulevard and Genoa Road.
- A \$1.3 million contract to Semper Fi Land Services, Aurora, IL for landscaping improvements along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 251 Interchange and the Kishwaukee River Bridge.
- A \$649,712 contract to Semper Fi Land Services, Aurora, IL for drainage improvements along the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

Professional engineering services contract awards include:

- An \$89 million contract to Knight E/A, Chicago, IL/V3 Companies, Woodridge, IL, for owner representative services, construction corridor management and construction management for the Illinois Route 390/I-490 Tollway corridor.

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 and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at 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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