



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY SEEKS FIRMS FOR UPCOMING WORK ON MOVE ILLINOIS CAPITAL PROGRAM PROJECTS**

*Five contracts worth an estimated \$22 million  
include design and construction management services*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway today announced that it is seeking firms to provide design and construction management services for five new contracts for its 15-year, \$14 billion capital program *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

“The *Move Illinois* capital program is continuing to provide opportunities for engineering firms of all types and sizes,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “The contracts we are advertising for today will move us forward with investments planned to preserve and improve our existing infrastructure.”

The contracts included in Professional Services Bulletin 19-1 will provide for an upcoming estimated \$22 million in contracts related to the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* Program. Contracts being advertised today include:

- One design upon request contract and one construction management upon request contract for design and construction of a new Central Warehouse facility to serve the Illinois Tollway’s operational needs.
- Two construction management upon request contracts for construction of ramps, bridges and drainage improvements as part of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- One design contract for bridge reconstruction on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in Boone County.

Firms interested in submitting a proposal can visit the “Doing Business” section on the Tollway’s website [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com) for more information. Submissions are due July 29, 2019, with contracts expected to be awarded by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors in 2019. Work is expected to begin this year.

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.

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](http://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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