



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$241.9 MILLION IN CONTRACTS IN AUGUST FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES**

*Nearly \$8.1 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved 13 construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling \$241.9 million at its August Board meeting, including a \$182.6 million contract to complete the reconstruction of the Mile Long Bridge Project on the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

“Supporting diverse businesses, and providing an opportunity for them to compete, not only serves to lift disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms as well as small and veteran-owned businesses, but also the market,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director José Alvarez. “The continued, steady increase in minority participation in contracts for the Illinois Tollway, such as the new Mile Long Bridge contract approved today, demonstrates success for our efforts to increase market competition and drive down costs.”

The Mile Long Bridge construction contract approved by the Tollway Board is the second of two construction contracts for work to remove and rebuild the twin bridge structures carrying northbound and southbound traffic as part of the \$4 billion Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.

Approval of the new \$182.6 million contract, including \$34.7 million going to diverse and veteran-owned firms, will provide for construction of a new southbound bridge structure and removal of the two existing structures. The initial \$184.6 million contract to rebuild the northbound structure was approved by the Tollway in April 2019 and included \$33 million for diverse and veteran-owned firms.

Originally constructed in 1958, the Mile Long Bridge is a critical piece of infrastructure to I-294 as it carries drivers over two major railroads, three water resources and local roads, and over a major distribution center for UPS and Burlington Northern Santa Fe (BNSF) Railway. Up to 150,000 vehicles travel on the Mile Long Bridge daily. Construction of the new bridge structures is scheduled for 2019 to 2023 and is maintaining access for customers with four lanes in each direction throughout the project.

More than \$908.6 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2020, as part of the ninth year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. To date, nearly \$8.1 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 85,870 total jobs as of July 2020.

The construction and professional engineering services contracts approved today include two prime contractors, six prime consultants, 23 subcontractors and 27 subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and 5 subcontractors and 6 subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 20.09 to 81 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 0.61 to 9 percent per contract.

August construction contracts awarded include:

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- A \$182.6 million contract to Walsh Construction, Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge reconstruction of the southbound Mile Long Bridge on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$6.3 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., Lisle, IL, and S&J Construction, Oak Forest, IL, for concrete beam fabrication for the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) bridge over the Union Pacific Railroad.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Judlau Contracting Inc., Lisle, IL, and S&J Construction, Oak Forest, IL, for concrete beam fabrication for the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) bridge over Grand Avenue.
- A \$1.6 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for construction of a compensatory storage site along the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at Addison Creek.
- A \$1.4 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for systemwide sign panel fabrication and installation upon request.

August professional engineering service contracts awarded include:

- A \$12.5 million contract to DB Sterlin Consultants, Chicago, IL, for construction management services upon request associated with the Tollway's Job Order Contracting Program.
- An \$8 million contract to Michael Baker International, Chicago, IL, Program Management & Control Services, Chicago, IL, and Gulaid Consulting Engineers, Elgin, IL, for construction management services for construction of the new I-490 Tollway from Devon Avenue to Pratt Boulevard.
- A \$7.5 million contract to J.A. Watts Inc., Chicago, IL, for construction management services upon request for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) services on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$5 million contract to Cotter Consulting, Chicago, IL, for construction management services upon request on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$5 million contract to Primera Engineers, Chicago, IL, for design upon request services for the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$4 million contract to Cheri K. Lewis Engineers, Chicago, IL, for systemwide construction management services upon request.
- A \$2.5 million contract to WBK Engineering, St. Charles, IL, for systemwide design services upon request.
- A \$3 million contract to Ciroba Group, Chicago, IL, for design upon request services on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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 based on demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway broadcasts all public meetings on the Tollway's website at [www.illinoistollway.com](http://www.illinoistollway.com). This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker. 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.

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 eight 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).

**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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