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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$25.4 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN NOVEMBER

More than \$10.5 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL –The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling nearly \$25.4 million at its November Board meeting.

More than \$1.1 billion in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2022, as part of the 11th year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$14 billion *Move Illinois* capital program.

To date, more than \$10.5 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.7 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 115,600 total jobs as of October.

“The Tollway is committed to creating opportunities for small and diverse businesses to participate in our *Move Illinois* Program,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “The contracts approved today will help us maintain and upgrade our roads to ensure our customers can continue to travel safely.”

November construction contracts awards include:

- A \$9.9 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL, for roadway construction for the new I-490 Tollway near Touhy Avenue.
- A \$3.9 million contract to Road Safe Traffic Systems Inc., Romeoville, IL for systemwide pavement marking installation.
- A \$3.2 million contract to John Burns Construction Co., Orland Park, IL for weigh-in-motion Installation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Orchard Road and Eola Road.
- A \$3.2 million contract to Maintenance Coatings Co, South Elgin, IL, for pavement marking installation on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between the Kishwaukee River and the Des Plaines River.
- A \$1.2 million contract to Meade Inc., McCook, IL, for systemwide intelligent transportation system (ITS) device installation and material fabrication.

November professional engineering services contract award includes:

- A \$4 million contract to Legat Architects Inc., Chicago Heights, IL, systemwide facilities design services upon request.

The contracts approved in November include one contractor and nine subcontractors and subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority-and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms and four subcontractors and subconsultant that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 25.82 to 62.42 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.10 to 9.00 percent per contract.

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. 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.

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 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 10 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 reconstructing 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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