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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$8 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH

More than \$11.1 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$8 million at its March Board meeting.

More than \$72.4 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2024, as part of the 13th year of the Tollway’s 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. The Tollway’s capital program calls for investing \$1.4 billion in 2024.

“This year our team is focused on our major projects – the Central Tri-State Project, the I-490 Tollway Project – along with systemwide improvements at our toll plazas and bridges,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “These priority projects are helping to deliver quality infrastructure to our customers and allowing for communities to benefit from greater accessibility and mobility throughout the region.”

March construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$2.9 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for bridge rehabilitation work on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) over the Cal-Sag Channel.
- A \$1.4 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for toll plaza repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) at the Waukegan Road and Irving Park Road toll plazas.

March professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$4 million contract to Clark Dietz Inc., Chicago IL, for construction management services on the I-490 Tollway Project at York Road.

The March contracts approved today include eight certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as four certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 19.30 percent to 35 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.05 percent to 3.11 percent per contract.

Overall, more than \$11.1 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.9 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 130,120 total jobs as of February 2024.

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 16-year, \$15 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 165,220 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 12 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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