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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM OFFERS EQUIPPING BUSINESSES FOR SUCCESS EVENT IN ROCKFORD

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program, in partnership with the Construction Business Development Center (CBDC) GMA Construction Group (GMA) and Illinois Black Chamber of Commerce (ILBCC), will offer an Equipping Businesses for Success Workshop in the Rockford area in February.

This free event will provide an opportunity for emerging and established construction firms, including small, minority and veteran-owned businesses, to learn how to participate on highway and vertical construction contracts, including the Illinois Tollway.

The event will be held from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. on Tuesday, February 26, at the Illinois Tollway Rockford Maintenance Facility, 7910 E. State Street. Businesses interested in participating are encouraged to register by Monday, February 25, as seating is limited. Online registration is available at <https://iltollway.diversitysoftware.com/>.

The workshop will be led by Rockford-area Technical Assistance providers CBDC, GMA and ILBCC. Topics include:

- Certification - Learn the certification process and how it may help your business
- Bonding/insurance - Understand bonding and insurance general requirements
- Small Business Set-Aside contracts - Discover available opportunities
- Pricing - Learn key elements of how to effectively price your project
- Bidding - Identify fundamental preparation and components of a strong bid

The Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program offers firms comprehensive, customized business development assistance to build financial understanding and business plans for increased stability and growth in the transportation-related construction industry. Services are customized to the assessed strengths, challenges and needs of participating firms. This includes education, guidance and feedback on general business and construction-specific operations, including strategic planning and assistance with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) pre-qualification application. Programs are designed to prepare established transportation-related construction firms to participate as subcontractors and prime contractors on heavy highway and vertical construction contracts. Contractors and other businesses participating in the program will receive guidance in gaining access to capital, back-office support, bonding, business management and operations, certification, gaining prequalification from the Illinois Department of Transportation and one-on-one coaching.

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.