

Lenean Carter

Lorig Construction Co.



After raising four children, Lenean Carter was able to join the Illinois Tollway's Earned Credit Program (ECP) to start a fulfilling career in the construction trades and provide security for her family that would not have been possible otherwise.

Carter knew from an early age that she wanted to get involved in construction after watching – and, later, helping – her uncle tackle residential remodeling projects.

So, when she decided to pursue a construction career, she enrolled in Chicago Women in Trades training courses in 2007 and found not only would she be able to explore fields of employment traditionally reserved for male workers, but she would also be supported in her job search.

Carter qualified as a worker in the ECP, a rewards initiative that allows contractors and subcontractors to earn bid

credits toward future Tollway construction bids when they hire from a pool of qualified, pre-screened job candidates, including underemployed African-Americans, Latinos, Asian-Americans, women, eligible offenders and exonerated individuals, veterans and other Workforce

Investment Act-eligible individuals. Her first position on a *Move Illinois* project was as a materials inspector on the now-completed Phase One of the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project. She plans to continue working as a quality control inspector with Lorig Construction in the 2015 construction season.

"I'm very lucky to have the career I do thanks to the ongoing *Move Illinois* Program. I'm very excited to

be part of one of the largest infrastructure improvement programs in the country," said Carter.

"The on-the-job training I received on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)/I-57 Interchange Project gave me the chance to expand the skills I had and learn new skills that I really enjoy and that will help me advance my career."



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Lenean Carter is anticipating another busy year as a quality control inspector on Move Illinois projects.

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