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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$23 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN MAY

New contracts awarded support improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294)

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction and professional engineering contracts totaling nearly \$23 million at its May Board meeting. More than \$81 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2023, as part of the 12th year of the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* capital program.

To date, more than \$10.6 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 120,770 total jobs as of April.

“This year, the Tollway is investing more than \$600 million in contracts on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) that will continue our work to deliver improvements to better serve our customers and communities throughout the corridor,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “The ongoing Central Tri-State Project along with the new contracts approved today will keep construction industry firms busy and support good-paying jobs for their workers throughout this construction season.”

The May contracts approved today include 19 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as six certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.01 percent to 30 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.51 percent to 4 percent per contract.

May construction contracts awarded include:

- An \$8.9 million contract to Walsh Construction Company II, Chicago, IL, for improvements and pavement repairs at the 163rd Street Toll Plaza on the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$6.2 million contract to K-Five Construction Corp., Lemont, IL, for roadway asphalt overlay and pavement marking on the southbound Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and I-55.
- A \$2.9 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for site and local road restoration related to the Mile Long Bridge Project on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$1.1 million contract to Construction Inc., Lombard, IL, for building improvements at the 163rd Street Toll Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$409,585 contract to Semper Fi Yard Services Inc., Yorkville, IL, for landscape planting improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at the U.S. Route 20 Interchange.

May professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$3 million contract to TranSmart, Chicago, IL, for design services for Intelligent Transportation System (ITS) deployment and management systemwide..

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 11 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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