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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$96 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JULY

Move Illinois program commitments to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms reach \$3 billion

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four new construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling nearly \$96.2 million at its July Board meeting.

With the awarding of the July contracts, the Tollway's overall commitment to small, diverse and veteran-owned businesses participating in contracts for the *Move Illinois* Program now exceeds \$3 billion as part of nearly \$11.5 billion committed since 2012.

"Seeing small, diverse and veteran-owned businesses earning \$3 billion in contracts with the Illinois Tollway is a testament to the work we are doing as an agency to help firms grow their skill sets and capacity and also to provide opportunities to firms that previously would not have sought out work with the Tollway," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. "We are confident that these efforts are helping us to make bidding on our jobs more competitive and ultimately to deliver the highest return on investment to our customers."

July construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$78.5 million contract to Plote Construction Inc., Hoffman Estates, IL, for roadway and bridge construction as part of the new Franklin Avenue Interchange on the new I-490 Tollway.
- A \$10.4 million contract to Lorig Construction Company, DesPlaines, IL, for reconstruction of the York Road Bridge on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

July professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$4.1 million contract to Czaplicki Lopez/Parsons Transportation Group Inc., Burr Ridge, IL, for design services for railroad bridge reconstruction on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).
- A \$3.2 million contract to Infrastructure Engineering Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for bridge rehabilitation on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Burkett Road and Steward Creek.

The July contracts approved today include 25 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 25.08 percent to 66 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 1.01 percent to 4.52 percent per contract.

More than \$403 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.

The *Move Illinois* capital program has created or sustained an estimated 133,220 total jobs as of June 2024.

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 in the Construction Contract Tracker.

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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