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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$68.3 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JANUARY

Contracts approved include five new Partnering For Growth mentoring agreements

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved eight construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$68.3 million at its January Board meeting including five Partnering For Growth mentoring agreements.

“Through its construction projects the Illinois Tollway is creating opportunities to build and improve businesses along with our roads and bridges,” said Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “The Tollway is committed to assisting new and growing businesses to get a foothold in the industry and we appreciate the support from firms willing to mentor each other through Partnering for Growth.”

The Illinois Tollway’s Partnering for Growth Program for Construction and Professional Services encourages primes and subs to assist disadvantaged, minority and women-owned business enterprise firms and veteran-owned small businesses in remaining self-sufficient, competitive and profitable.

More than 260 mentoring agreements have been put in place since the program started. While the majority of agreements include prime firms mentoring subs, in some cases reverse Partnering for Growth agreements have subs stepping up to assist the prime firms. In 2024, the Tollway put in place 20 new agreements.

January construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$10.9 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Westmont, IL, for improvements at the River Road Toll Plaza on Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and at the O'Hare East Toll Plaza on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$7.7 million contract to K-Five Construction Corporation, Chicago, IL, for pavement repairs systemwide.

January professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$35.3 million contract to Hanson Professional Services Inc., Oak Brook, IL, for master plan design services for interchange improvements at the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355)/Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) Interchange.
- A \$4.6 million contract to Atlas Engineering Group Ltd., Northbrook, IL, for construction management services for toll plaza improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- A \$2.7 million contract to OSEH Inc., Oak Park, IL, for construction management services for pavement and structural preservation on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between the Kishwaukee River and Randall Road.
- A \$2.6 million contract to Terra Engineering Ltd., Chicago, IL, for construction management services for toll plaza improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).
- A \$2.5 million contract to Jacobs Engineering Group Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services on the I-490 Tollway Project.

- A \$2 million contract to Valdes Engineering Company dba Valdes Architecture and Engineering, Lombard, IL, for construction management services for fiber-optic improvements on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) from I-55 to Army Trail Road.

The January contracts approved today include 29 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as 10 certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.26 percent to 89 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.45 percent to 11 percent per contract.

Approval of the January contracts marks the start of the 14th year of the 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois Program and the first year of the new 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future capital plan. Overall, nearly \$11.7 billion has been invested by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 138,790 total jobs as of December 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 13 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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