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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$35.1 MILLION IN CONTRACTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN FEBRUARY**
2025 capital program spending includes \$1.15 billion in infrastructure investment

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling nearly \$35.1 million at its February Board meeting.

“As we prepare for construction in 2025, the Illinois Tollway remains focused on delivering projects that improve service and enable us to keep our existing system in good repair,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “The contracts approved today are investments in our roadways and technologies that will help provide our customers with a safe and efficient system.”

Nearly \$103.5 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$68.2 million as part of the 14th year of the Tollway’s 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program and \$35.3 million as part of the first year of the 7-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future plan. The Tollway’s 2025 capital program calls for investing \$1.15 billion.

Overall, more than \$11.7 billion has been invested in capital improvements 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 139,300 total jobs as of January 2025.

February construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$15.9 million contract to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for toll plaza improvements at the Illinois Route 53 Toll Plaza on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and the North Avenue Toll Plaza on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).
- A \$10.8 million contract to Meade, Inc., Willowbrook, IL, for fiber-optic system improvements on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) between I-55 and Army Trail Road.
- A \$6.3 million contract to RoadSafe Traffic Systems Inc. for systemwide pavement marking improvements.

February professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$2.1 million contract to TransLand Engineering Group, Aurora, IL, for construction management services for facility improvements at the central warehouse and sign shop on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

The February contracts approved today include 19 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 14.36 percent to 85 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.02 percent to 5 percent per contract.

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 reconstructing the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

About Bridging the Future

Approved by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors In December 2024, Bridging the Future is a seven-year, \$2 billion plan designed to continue infrastructure improvements, bridging the gap between the agency's current and next long-term capital program. Based on stakeholder feedback and engagement, Bridging the Future is addressing ongoing modernization initiatives and continuing to support investments in the people and firms working to improve regional mobility.

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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