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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$44 MILLION FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS IN JULY

Nearly \$261.5 million invested in 2025 for Move Illinois and Bridging the Future projects

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction and professional engineering contracts totaling nearly \$44 million at its July Board meeting, including a contract secured through the use of bid credits for participation in Tollway workforce programs.

“The contracts approved today are supporting construction and engineering jobs throughout the Tollway system this construction season,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “In addition, one firm was able to secure its low bid by using bid credits earned by hiring workers through the Tollway’s ConstructionWorks program.”

Illinois Tollway offers contractors and subcontractors the opportunity to earn bid credits by participating in select construction assistance programs, including ConstructionWorks, the Earned Credit Program and Partnering for Growth. These programs provide incentives to hire a more diverse construction workforce or to provide mentoring opportunities for small and diverse businesses.

Bid credits may be used toward future Tollway construction bids to lower their bid amount and increase the chances of winning the contract as the low bidder.

The July construction contract awards include:

- A \$21.7 million contract awarded to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, for toll plaza improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Winfield Road and Highland Avenue.
- A \$1.1 million contract awarded to Cardinal State, Barrington Hills, IL, for landscape planting improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between I-55 and Plainfield Road.
- A \$987,695 contract awarded to Cardinal State, Barrington Hills, IL, for landscape planting improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 95th Street and I-55.

The July professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$8.7 million contract awarded to Crawford, Murphy & Tilly Inc., Springfield, IL, for design services for roadway and bridge rehabilitation on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Rockton Road and the Kishwaukee River.
- A \$6.2 million contract awarded to Singh & Associates Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for toll plaza improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294).
- A \$4.9 million contract awarded to The Roderick Group dba Ardmore Roderick, Chicago, IL, for design services for toll plaza improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).

The July contracts include 20 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 21.05 percent to 77 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.01 percent to 5.01 percent per contract.

Nearly \$261.5 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$171.8 million as part of the 14th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois capital program and \$89.7 million as part of the first year of the seven-year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future plan. The Tollway's 2025 capital program calls for investing \$1.15 billion.

Overall, nearly \$11.9 billion has been invested in capital improvements by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.1 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 143,610 total jobs as of June 2025.

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.

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.