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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS \$22.8 MILLION CONTRACT
FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN DECEMBER**

*Nearly \$421.1 million invested in 2025 to support
the 14th year of the Move Illinois Program and 1st year of Bridging the Future*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved one professional engineering services contract totaling \$22.8 million at its December Board meeting. In addition, the Board also renewed two contracts for essential technical and oversight services that are related to the Trust Indenture and necessary for continued implementation of *Move Illinois*, Bridging the Future capital program needs and operation and maintenance of the Tollway.

In all, 53 construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling nearly \$421.1 million have been approved by the Tollway Board this year wrapping up investments in 2025 as part of the 14th year of the 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program and first year of the seven year, \$2 billion Bridging the Future plan.

“The Illinois Tollway’s work is moving transformational projects forward in our region that are creating and sustaining jobs as well as developing and cultivating businesses,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “What’s more, we are also delivering critical new and improved infrastructure that is creating access for communities and improving mobility for drivers to better manage traffic and travel experiences.”

Work in 2025 has included systemwide maintenance improvements scheduled as part of the *Move Illinois* Program and advanced construction of the new I-490 Tollway and its three major interchanges connecting to the Illinois Route 390 Tollway, Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

In addition, as the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) continued in 2025, the Tollway has expanded access at the North Avenue Interchange on I-294 and improved travel through the I-290/I-88 Interchange opening a new fly-under ramp saving time for drivers traveling from northbound I-294 to westbound I-290.

The December engineering contracts include the award of a \$23 million contract to AECOM Technical Services Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for bridge reconstruction on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between 107th Street and Illinois Route 43/Harlem Avenue. This contract includes four certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as two certified veteran-owned firms and the commitment for D/M/WBE participation is 32.54 percent and the commitment for veteran participation is 5.76 percent.

The Tollway Board also agreed to the continuation of services currently under contract for an additional two years with CDM Smith Inc., Cambridge, MA, for Traffic Engineer Services at \$12.8 million and WSP USA Inc., Chicago, IL, for Consulting Engineer Services at \$57.4 million. The current contracts for

these services expire at the end of 2026 and the Tollway must maintain its obligation to its Trust Indenture. The original contracts included five years with extension options up to a total of 10 years.

Overall, more than \$12 billion has been invested in capital improvements by the Tollway since 2012, with more than \$3.2 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, *Move Illinois* has created or sustained an estimated 148,600 total jobs as of November 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.

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 14 years of Move Illinois are 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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