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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$18.3 MILLION FOR PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES CONTRACTS IN OCTOBER

More than 20 Partnering For Growth agreements included in contracts approved in 2025

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$18.3 million at its October Board meeting, including two Partnering for Growth for Professional Services agreements and one Reverse Partnering for Growth agreement.

“Partnering for Growth agreements are helping us to build and support a strong pool of businesses working on Tollway contracts,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “In 2025, Tollway contracts have supported 21 Partnering for Growth agreements, including 16 for professional services contracts, two for construction contracts, as well as three Reverse Partnering for Growth agreements with professional services firms.”

Partnering for Growth encourages prime consultants and contractors to assist disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise firms and veteran-owned small businesses in remaining self-sufficient, competitive and profitable businesses.

Reverse Partnering for Growth agreements allow large firms to mentor a D/M/WBE or VOSB firm priming a Tollway professional services contract. The goal is to expand the prime’s technical capabilities so they can successfully deliver the current project and compete for Tollway work in the future.

The professional engineering services contracts awarded in October include:

- A \$7.3 million contract to GFT Infrastructure Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for reconstruction of the Canadian National Railway Bridge on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- A \$5.5 million contract Illinois Construction & Environmental Consulting Inc., Wheeling, IL, for roadway construction management on the new I-490 Tollway from Foster Avenue to Devon Avenue.
- A \$3 million contract to Delta Engineering Group, Chicago, IL, for systemwide design services upon request.
- A \$2.5 million contract to Milhouse Engineering & Construction Inc., Chicago, IL, for design services for toll plaza improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) and Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).

The October contracts include 12 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as three certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 32.62 percent to 78 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 5 percent to 6 percent per contract.

More than \$389.1 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2025, including \$249.4 million as part of the 14th year of the Tollway’s 16-year, \$15 billion Move Illinois capital program

and \$139.7 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, more than \$12 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, Move Illinois has created or sustained an estimated 146,120 total jobs as of September 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 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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