



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$12.3 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN OCTOBER**

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved three construction and professional engineering contracts totaling nearly \$12.3 million at its October Board meeting. More than \$183.6 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2023, as part of the 12th year of the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* capital program.

“As an economic engine for the region, Illinois Tollway construction and engineering contracts provide a variety of work for businesses of all sizes,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “Unbundling work and offering smaller contract sizes increases the opportunity for more firms to participate in the Move Illinois Program.”

To date, more than \$10.7 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.8 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 125,380 total jobs as of September.

The October contracts approved today include nine certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as two certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 25.06 percent to 46.00 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.09 percent to 4.00 percent per contract.

October construction contracts awarded include:

- An \$8.2 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for utility conduit installation on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) between Illinois Route 394 and Harlem Avenue.
- A \$593,395 contract to Foundation Mechanics LLC, C, IL, for grading and landscaping improvements on at 127<sup>th</sup> Street on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355).

October professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$3.5 million contract to Farnsworth Group Inc., Normal, IL, for design services for toll plaza improvements on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).

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](http://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 through the Construction Contract Tracker.

Contractors and consultants can also access resources online to help them learn about how to do business with the Tollway, including construction bid-letting schedules, professional service bulletins, manuals and construction bid calendars. These resources can be found in the “Doing Business” section of the Tollway’s website.

**About *Move Illinois***

The Illinois Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 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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