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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$534 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN 2023

Move Illinois capital program updated to provide \$15 billion in infrastructure investments over 16 years

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved five construction contracts totaling nearly \$15 million at its December Board meeting, wrapping up investments in 2023 as part of the 12th year of the *Move Illinois* capital program. In all, 57 construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$534 million have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2023.

In addition, as part of its annual review of the *Move Illinois* Program, the Tollway Board also agreed to update the Tollway's capital program commitment to \$15.2 billion in total spending over 16 years to make additional investments in the I-490 Tollway Project, as well as incorporate new infrastructure improvements needed as a result of the transition to cashless tolling and increasing regional demand for fiber-optic access that have arisen following the COVID-19 pandemic. The updated program will also accommodate planning and design for future projects. The additional investment will be made without a change to toll rate structures previously approved and affirmed in 2011.

In total, the Board has awarded 833 contracts valued at approximately \$12.2 billion since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, representing more than 75 percent of the program, with an estimated 126,660 total jobs created or sustained as of November 2023.

Since 2012, the Tollway has delivered 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 the new interchange connecting the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57. Over the next four years the Tollway is scheduled to deliver the new I-490 Tollway, complete the reconstruction and widening of the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) and complete various other projects across the system.

“The Illinois Tollway is delivering on the systemwide improvements outlined in the *Move Illinois* Program as introduced in 2011 and then expanded in 2017 to include a comprehensive solution for the Central Tri-State Tollway, and we look forward to the completion of all of these transformational projects over the next four years,” said Tollway Executive Director Cassaundra Rouse. “We’re proud of how far this program has come and how successful it has been in delivering not only real mobility improvements and congestion relief to our customers, but also creating jobs and economic development opportunities across the region.”

The December construction contracts approved today include 18 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as 5 certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.01 percent to 34.56 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.97 percent to 6.80 percent per contract.

December contract awards include:

- A \$9.8 million contract to AGAE Contractors Inc., Chicago, IL, for improvement at the Alsip M-1 maintenance facility on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- A \$2.6 million contract to Foundation Mechanics LLC, Chicago, IL, for storage building construction at the Gurnee M-4 maintenance facility on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94).
- A \$1.1 million contract to K-Five Construction Corp., Westmont, IL, ramp pavement repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) at the Touhy Avenue Interchange and at the Dempster Street Interchange.
- A \$699,083 contract to Rock Road Companies Inc., Janesville, WI, for ramp pavement repairs on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at the Genoa Road Interchange.
- A \$630,000 contract to R.W. Dunteman Company, Addison, IL, for ramp pavement repairs on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at the Roosevelt Road Interchange.

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 through the Construction Contract Tracker.

Contractors and consultants can 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 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 12 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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