



# ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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## **ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$29 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND ENGINEERING SERVICES IN MAY**

*More than \$114 million invested in 2024 for Move Illinois projects*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved eight construction and professional engineering services contracts totaling more than \$29 million at its May Board meeting, including four contracts awarded to support small businesses.

More than \$114 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2024, as part of the 13th year of the Tollway's 16-year, \$15 billion *Move Illinois* capital program. The Tollway's capital program calls for investing \$1.4 billion in 2024, including eight contracts set aside for small businesses.

"Our goal is to provide an opportunity for small firms to build experience and capacity so that they can be competitive and profitable businesses," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. "The support we provide also helps to increase the pool of firms to support *Move Illinois* and foster competition in the marketplace."

The Illinois Tollway Small Business Initiative is intended to increase opportunities for small construction companies with gross revenues of \$14 million or less annually to participate on Tollway construction contracts. Since 2021, the Tollway has awarded \$85.4 million in contracts to small businesses.

The Small Business Initiative puts small businesses in a position to succeed and grow by identifying select construction contracts, generally with values of approximately \$5 million or less, specifically for small businesses to perform as prime contractors and subcontractors; by establishing diversity goals for select construction contracts on a project-by-project basis; and by providing liability coverage for on-site activities for contractors and subcontractors through the Rolling Owner-Controlled Insurance Program.

May construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$7.2 million contract to K-Five Construction Corporation/Denler Inc., Westmont, IL, joint venture for pavement repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 251 and Illinois Route 56.
- A \$4.9 million contract to Microsurfacing Contractors, Bridgeton, MO, for pavement repairs on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between U.S. 30 and Illinois Route 251.
- A \$3.4 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for noise abatement wall repairs systemwide.
- A \$3.2 million contract to MYS Inc., Palos Heights, IL, for noise abatement wall repairs on the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294) between Milwaukee Avenue and O'Plaine Road and between Chicago Road and Sanders Road.
- A \$2.7 million contract to Foundation Mechanics, Chicago, IL, for grading improvements on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Barrington Road) and on the Veterans Memorial Tollway (I-355) at 127th Street.
- A \$1.2 million contract to Lorig Construction Company, DesPlaines, IL, for sewer repair on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) at Arlington Heights Road.

May professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$1.4 million contract to Pinpoint Precision, Chicago, IL, construction management services for reconstruction of the York Road Bridge on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88).
- A \$5 million contract to Alfred Benesch & Company, Chicago, IL, for planning studies upon request.

The May contracts approved today include 18 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as eight certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 22.16 percent to 65.00 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 2.01 percent to 5.00 percent per contract.

Overall, nearly \$11.2 billion has been invested by the Tollway since the program began in 2012, with more than \$2.9 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 131,650 total jobs as of April 2024.

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 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 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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