



Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$42 MILLION IN CONTRACTS
FOR CONSTRUCTION IN MARCH**

Nearly \$4.3 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four new construction contracts totaling \$42.1 million at its March meeting. More than \$129 million in construction and professional engineering service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board so far in 2016, as part of the fifth year of the Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, nearly \$4.3 billion in construction and professional engineering service contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 38,800 total jobs as of February 2016.

"The Illinois Tollway continues to offer opportunities to businesses of all types and sizes to participate in the *Move Illinois* Program," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "Three of the four new contracts awarded today have exceeded our veteran participation goals, offering jobs to hard working men and women who have served in our armed forces."

The Illinois Tollway supports veterans by assisting them to compete for Tollway contracts and evaluates all agency solicitations for applicability of veteran-owned business goals. Since 2015, the Tollway has awarded 26 construction contracts with veteran goals committing nearly \$10.9 million to veteran-owned firms, with commitments exceeding the veteran goals by 27 percent.

Three contracts approved today include veteran participation goals. The March contracts also include 12 subcontractors that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 19 to 22 percent per contract. Of the \$42.1 million in awarded contracts, more than \$9 million, or 23 percent, is committed to veteran-owned and disadvantaged firms.

Contracts awarded today include:

- A \$23 million contract for the Illinois Route 390 Project to Plote Construction Inc., Hoffman Estates, IL, for earthwork and frontage road construction from Supreme Drive to York Road.
- A \$14.6 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for bridge reconstruction and interchange improvements on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) at the Farnsworth Avenue Interchange.
- A \$2.6 million contract to Aldridge Electric Inc., Libertyville, IL, for installation and upgrading of fuel dispensers, anti-freeze tanks and liquid chloride storage tanks at Tollway facilities systemwide.

- A \$1.8 million contract to Lorig Construction Co., Des Plaines, IL, for roadway and bridge repairs on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between U.S. Route 20 and Randall Road.

Construction contracts for Illinois Tollway projects are competitively bid under the rules of the Illinois Procurement Code. As part of the process, contractors' bid submissions for construction work advertised by the Tollway are opened and read aloud during public bid opening meetings, which are also broadcast live on the Tollway's website. Following an agency review process, the lowest, responsible and responsive bid is presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at www.illinoistollway.com. 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, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, will improve mobility, relieve congestion, reduce pollution, create as many as 120,000 jobs and link economies across the Midwest region. *Move Illinois* will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access Project and fund planning studies for emerging projects.

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 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80).

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