



Move Illinois:
The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future

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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY SEEKS FIRMS FOR UPCOMING WORK
ON MOVE ILLINOIS PROJECTS**

*Three contracts worth an estimated \$83 million include
environmental impact statement, design corridor management and design services*

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway today announced that it is seeking firms to provide professional engineering services for three new contracts for its 15-year, \$12 billion capital program *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

The contracts will provide for an upcoming estimated \$83 million in contracts related to the Tollway's *Move Illinois* Program.

"To promote an informed and transparent discussion about the Illinois Route 53/120 Project, the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Department of Transportation are undertaking an environmental impact statement to provide a thorough evaluation detailing a full range of alternatives and the impacts of each," said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Greg Bedalov. "This process will ensure a comprehensive review of environmental sensitivities and regional traffic mobility impacts and that community engagement is included as part of this project."

Contracts being advertised today include:

- One design corridor management contract for work on the Tri-State Tollway (I-294).
- One environmental impact statement contract for the Illinois Route 53/120 Project.
- One design contract for maintenance facilities sites.

Firms interested in submitting a proposal can visit the "Doing Business" section on the Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com for more information. Submissions are due May 2, 2016, with contracts expected to be awarded by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors beginning this fall.

Illinois Tollway professional engineering services contracts are awarded through the qualifications-based selection (QBS) 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 on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications. Staff from the Department of Engineering checks statements of interest to ensure that specified pre-qualifications and documentation are met and then reviews and scores statements of interest based on the selection criteria outlined for each project. Executives from the Department of Engineering then review the scoring, as well as each firm's capacity, and identify the top recommended firms per project. To complete the review, a committee of Tollway professionals and independent engineering officials considers the top recommended firms and finalizes the top three firms in ranked order. The Tollway then seeks to negotiate a final contract price with the top-ranked firm.

About Move Illinois

The Illinois Tollway's \$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 and fund planning studies for other 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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