

# SE3 LLC

## Vern Stewart, President and Chief Executive Officer

MOVE  
ILLINOIS

The Illinois Tollway  
DRIVING  
THE FUTURE

**S**E3 President and Chief Executive Officer Vern Stewart started his engineering career while in college working on the team that repaired and restored the Statue of Liberty for its centennial celebration. "It was a fantastic opportunity to learn the attention to detail and effective communications skills I needed to become successful as a businessman," said Stewart.

Founded in 2004 in Kansas City, Missouri, SE3's first project with the Illinois Tollway was working as a subcontractor on the conversion to open road tolling. The company began work on the *Move Illinois* Program in 2013. Stewart observes that *Move Illinois* has done more for the company's growth than any other project in its 10-year history. The firm has expanded to 24 employees as direct result of *Move Illinois*. SE3's revenues have increased by 40 percent in the past year and are expected to double by 2016.

Confident that SE3 will sustain steady growth because of *Move Illinois*, Stewart has also secured several new projects in Texas and Florida. "SE3's visibility in the marketplace has increased

tremendously because of our work with the Illinois Tollway. The nationwide exposure that my company has gotten through *Move Illinois* is responsible for our

expansion into other parts of the country," said Stewart. "The Tollway and its capital program are well known and respected nationally."

Stewart believes that a key component in SE3's success is the Tollway's emphasis on approachability and transparency with its contractors and subcontractors. "The door is always open at the Tollway," said Stewart. "The Tollway's staff has always been available to answer questions and troubleshoot in a cooperative atmosphere."

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**"The accessibility and openness of Tollway staff have been great assets to my company. Having the channels of communication so well established has been essential to the success of SE3."**

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Vern Stewart, at SE3's Downers Grove office, looks forward to continued growth with *Move Illinois*.

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