



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY DIVERSITY

Driving Economic Opportunities

Construction Business Finds Success Building and Repairing Roads with Help from Illinois Tollway's Technical Assistance Program

Lion Construction looks forward to performing more Tollway work

For Lajobie Mosley, nothing is more satisfying than testing out the finished product once his company, Lion Construction, wraps up its work.

“It’s a good feeling to drive on a road you know you helped build,” said Mosley. “The beautiful thing about concrete is it will be there for a long time.”



Mosley’s firm is preparing to begin work in August on a \$1.1 million project to repair pavement on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) in the Schaumburg area. His company specializes in doing road-related concrete and asphalt work and has worked on numerous road projects for transportation agencies in Illinois.

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Illinois Tollway Diversity Advisory Council Updated on Disparity Studies

Illinois Tollway leaders brought the Diversity Advisory Council together virtually in August to share updates and brief the group on the launch of two new disparity studies for both the Tollway’s Disadvantaged Business Enterprise (DBE) Program for engineering and construction work and its Business Enterprise Program (BEP) for goods and services.



The independent studies will examine the Tollway's contracting practices for its BEP and DBE Program, both designed to reduce barriers that limit opportunities for small, minority- and women-owned firms to participate on contracts awarded by the agency.

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Growing Construction Management Firm Lends Helping Hand to Other Diverse Businesses in Illinois Tollway's Partnering for Growth Program

Seeking Illinois Tollway contracts being awarded for the *Move Illinois* program, Carlos Huddleston decided his construction management firm would benefit from the guidance provided by a business already working on Tollway projects.



So his firm, Gonzalez Companies, joined the Tollway's Partnering for Growth Program, which pairs smaller, diverse businesses working as subcontractors with mentoring firms that have experience following Tollway protocols and meeting agency expectations.

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Construction Industry Building Connections by Partnering for Growth

Building on an already successful mentorship program for professional engineering firms, the Illinois Tollway and its Technical Assistance Program providers are working with industry leaders to increase participation among construction firms in its Partnering For Growth program.



In June, 15 firms interested in becoming protégés to work on Illinois Tollway construction projects met virtually with potential mentor firms sharing capability statements and then spending some time in break out rooms to network and make connections. Each of the interested protégés had previously met with a Tollway Technical Assistance Program provider to have an assessment completed and qualifying them for participation in a Partnering for Growth relationship.

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Illinois Tollway Significantly Expands I-PASS Assist Program

The Illinois Tollway today opened enrollment to a significantly enhanced I-PASS Assist program to help customers realize the benefits of I-PASS. The program's aim is to ensure all Illinois residents are able to both attain, and more importantly retain, the financial benefits of using an I-PASS transponder when traveling on the Illinois Tollway system.



“Communities across Illinois rely on our roads and highways to get from point A to B safely every day, whether they are commuting to work, taking kids to school, or delivering goods and services,” said Governor JB Pritzker. “Thanks to the new I-PASS Assist program, working families will receive critical financial relief that will remove barriers to access to the I-PASS system and offer all residents equal access to the Illinois Tollway System.”

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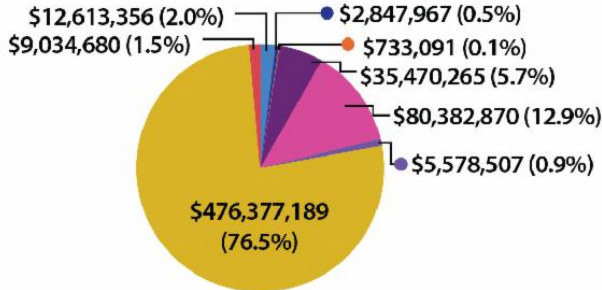
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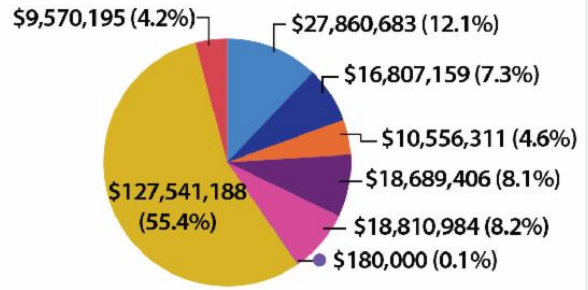
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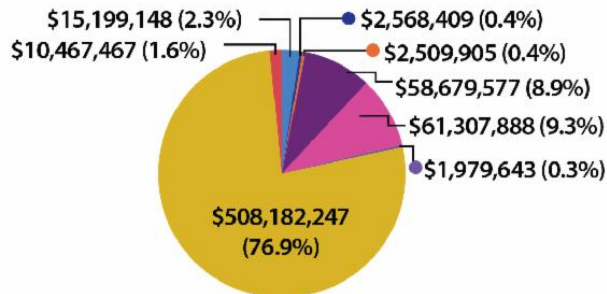
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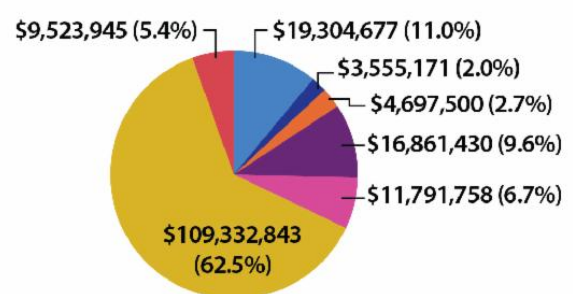
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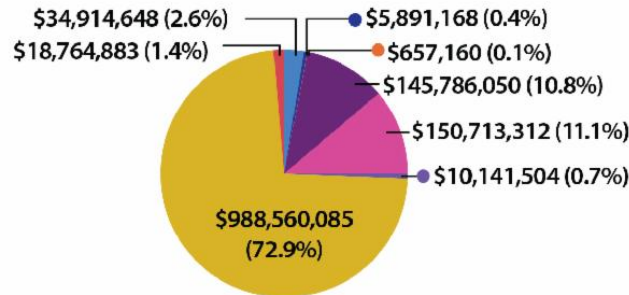
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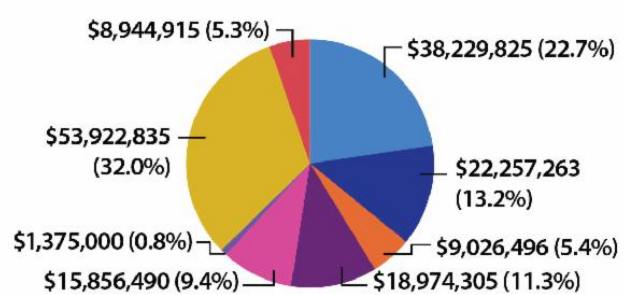
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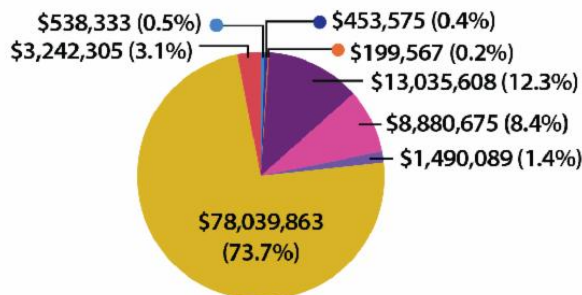


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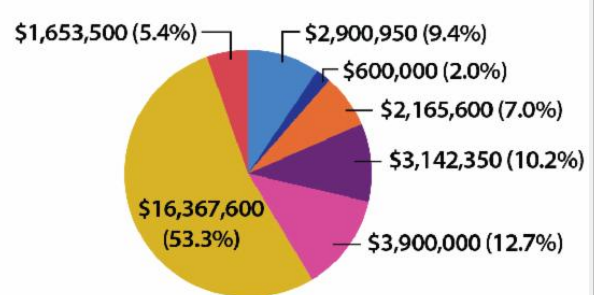
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