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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS NEARLY \$10.5 MILLION IN CONTRACTS FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL SERVICES IN AUGUST

DOWNERS GROVE, IL – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved four construction and professional engineering contracts totaling nearly \$10.5 million at its August Board meeting. Nearly \$130.8 million in contracts has been approved by the Tollway Board in 2023, as part of the 12th year of the Tollway’s *Move Illinois* capital program.

“As the *Move Illinois* capital program continues in its 12th year, a variety of contracts are still needed to ensure we are in the best position to deliver improvements that allow us to serve our customers and ensure safe and efficient travel on our roadways,” said Illinois Tollway Executive Director Cassandra Rouse. “These investments also will allow the Illinois Tollway to sustain job opportunities and help support a strong transportation network for the region.”

To date, nearly \$10.7 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$2.8 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 123,430 total jobs as of July.

The August contracts approved today include 10 certified disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, as well as four certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 27.06 percent to 62.00 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from 3.00 percent to 5.00 percent per contract.

August construction contracts awarded include:

- A \$2.4 million contract to William T. Connelly Inc. dba Connelly Electric Co., Addison, IL, for electrical construction at the Traffic Operations Center and Dispatch Center at the Tollway’s Central Administration Building.
- A \$2 million contract to AGAE Contractors Inc., Elk Grove Village, IL, for general construction at the Traffic Operations Center and Dispatch Center at the Tollway’s Central Administration Building.

August professional engineering services contracts awarded include:

- A \$3 million contract to SE3 LLC, Lisle, IL, for systemwide construction management services upon request.
- A \$3 million contract to Graef-USA Inc., Chicago, IL, systemwide design services upon request.

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. This includes all board meetings and public bid openings. Also provided is detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker.

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, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 152,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first 11 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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