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**ILLINOIS TOLLWAY AWARDS MORE THAN \$30 MILLION IN CONTRACTS  
FOR CONSTRUCTION AND PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERING SERVICES IN JULY**

*More than \$6 billion invested since start of Move Illinois Program*

**DOWNERS GROVE, IL** – The Illinois Tollway Board of Directors today approved six construction contracts and two professional engineering service contracts totaling \$30.5 million at its July meeting. More than \$484 million in construction contracts have been approved by the Tollway Board in 2018, as part of the seventh year of the Tollway’s 15-year, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

To date, more than \$6 billion has been invested by the Illinois Tollway since the *Move Illinois* Program began in 2012, with more than \$1.7 billion of that total committed to small, diverse and veteran-owned firms. In addition, the capital program has created or sustained an estimated 60,380 total jobs as of June 2018.

“This month’s contracts reflect the Tollway’s commitment to moving forward with the new I-490 Tollway and completing western access to O’Hare International Airport,” said Tollway Executive Director Liz Gorman. “These two contracts, totaling nearly \$16 million, lay the groundwork for construction to begin on the new interchange connecting the I-490 Tollway to the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).”

July construction contracts awarded include:

- An \$11.3 million contract to Lorig Construction Company, Des Plaines, IL, for bridge construction on the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) between Elmhurst Road and Mount Prospect Road for the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$4.7 million contract to F.H. Paschen, S.N. Nielsen & Associates, Chicago, IL for removal of the O’Hare Oasis pavilion for the Central Tri-State Tollway (I-294) Project.
- A \$4.4 million contract to Lorig Construction Company, Des Plaines, IL, for construction of bridges over Higgins Creek along the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) for the I-490 Tollway Project.
- A \$3.2 million contract to Aldridge Electric, Libertyville, IL, for systemwide preservation and rehabilitation of Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) devices.
- A \$1.6 million to National Power Rodding Corp., Chicago, IL, for systemwide cleaning and televising drainage systems.
- An \$873,976 contract to Western Remac, Woodridge, IL, for systemwide signage improvements at ramps and toll plazas.

July professional engineering services contract awards include:

- A \$3 million contract to Wood Environment & Infrastructure Solutions, Chicago, IL, for roadway and bridge rehabilitation design services on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between the Aurora Toll Plaza and Illinois Route 59.

- A \$1.5 million contract to Lochmueller Group, Chicago, IL, for pavement and structural preservation and rehabilitation design services on the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) between Illinois Route 56 and the Aurora Toll Plaza.

In addition, the contracts approved today include 13 subcontractors and eight subconsultants that are certified as disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms as well as four subcontractors and two subconsultants that are certified veteran-owned firms. Commitments for D/M/WBE participation range from 13 to 34 percent per contract and commitments for veteran participation range from one to five percent per contract.

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 on the basis of demonstrated competence and professional qualifications, rather than low bid. Contract services staff from the Engineering Department checks statements of interest to ensure that specified pre-qualifications and documentation requirements are met. Tollway engineers and managers then review and score statements of interest based on the advertised selection criteria service. Tollway Diversity Department staff also reviews the statements of interest for compliance with advertised diversity criteria. Executives from the Engineering Department then review the scoring, as well as each firm's capacity, and identify the top recommended firms per project. To complete the selection, 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. The award of a professional engineering services contract is dependent on approval by the Tollway Board of Directors.

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 [illinoistollway.com](http://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, \$14 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*, is improving mobility, relieving congestion, reducing pollution, creating as many as 120,000 jobs and linking economies throughout the region. The first six 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) and planning 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 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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