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Commitment to Diversity

Tollway's Diversity Department is a driving force for increasing economic opportunities in the diverse communities we serve

 Tollway programs and initiatives provide small, diverse and veteran businesses and individuals with opportunities to grow and succeed

Tollway Diversity's renewed focus

- Increased training and education opportunities
- PSB review process
- Outreach to broader small/DBE/veteran companies
- Recruiting new firms
- Innovative ideas to create new contracting and employment opportunities



TODAY'S TOPIC:

Diversity Hiring Portal Training





AGENDA

- I. Introduction
- **II.** Program Overview
 - I. ConstructionWorks
 - II. Earned Credit Program
 - III. P4G Mentor Protégé

III. Hiring Portal Tool

- I. Purpose & Use
- II. Process
- III. Registration
- IV. Completion of Hiring Process
- **IV.** Questions & Answers



CONSTRUCTIONWORKS(CW) Overview

CW creates a pipeline of diverse men and women ready for careers in the heavy highway and related construction industry

- Potential candidates are connected to a network of experienced career and pre-apprenticeship training partners throughout Northern Illinois who offer customized construction industry preparation
- These candidates have unprecedented level of access to key industry resources throughout the region, including construction contractors and regional transportation agencies
- To better assist with long-term career success, the CW program is designed to provide support services for candidatesto attain and retain employment

Nearly 200 candidates hired since 2018

40 candidates hired to work on Tollway construction projects



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CONSTRUCTIONWORKS Contractor Benefits

CW offers incentives to contractors that hire and retain eligible participants

- \$15 cash reimbursement for every hour worked by a CW participant hire on Tollway projects up to \$100,000
- First time CW hires earn additional \$5,000 bid credit bonus after accumulating 160 hours of work
- Contractors and Subcontractors can earn virtual dollars as follows:
 - Operating Engineers and Structural Steel Ironworkers: .75 cents on the dollar
 - Skilled Trades and Fabricators .65 cents on the dollar
 - Laborers .55 cents on the dollar



EARNED CREDIT PROGRAM (ECP) Overview

ECP provides opportunities for historically underrepresented segments of the heavy highway construction workforce

- Contractors and Subcontractors earn bid credits when they hire from a pool of eligible job candidates. These candidates include underemployed minorities, women, eligible offenders and exonerated individuals, veterans and other economically disadvantaged individuals
- Race- gender-neutral program
- Candidate eligibility is determined through the IDES screening process

Over \$30.5 million in wages paid to hired ECP and CW candidates since 2007 by participating contractors



EARNED CREDIT PROGRAM

POWERED BY THE ILLINOIS TOLLWAY

Putting your Best Bid Forward

EARNED CREDIT PROGRAM (ECP) Contractor Benefits

Bid Credit incentives

- Lowers base bid amount
- Increases chances of being the low bidder
- Gives contractors a bidding advantage on Tollway construction contracts
- Contractors and Subcontractors can earn virtual dollars as follows:
 - Operating engineers and structural steel ironworkers .50 cents on the dollar
 - Skilled Trades and Fabricators .40 cents on the dollar
 - Laborers .30 cents on the dollar
 - First time ECP hires earn additional \$5,000 bid credit bonus after accumulating 160 hours of work



P4G GROWTH CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM Overview

Encourages contractors to assist small, diverse, women and veteranowned businesses in remaining self-sufficient and competitive

Flexible agreements allow firms to gain experience on active contracts (professional services) or work together without a contract (construction)

Contractors determine areas of assistance

Tollway Technical Assistance providers support agreements



P4G CONSTRUCTION PROGRAM Contractor Benefits

Bid Credit incentives

- The Partnering for Growth Construction Program offers participating contractors the opportunity to earn up to \$100,000 per year in bid credits that may be applied toward future Tollway construction bids
- Both mentors and protégé firms can earn bid credits



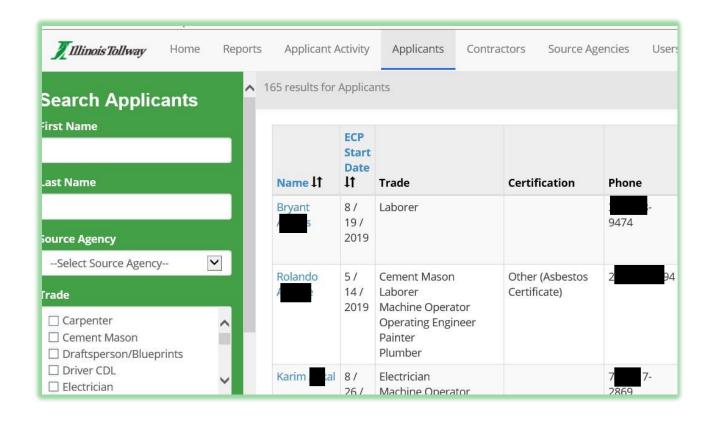
Taking your Business to the Next Level

HIRING PORTAL Overview

The Hiring Portal is a Tollway-operated database containing eligible CW and ECP candidates

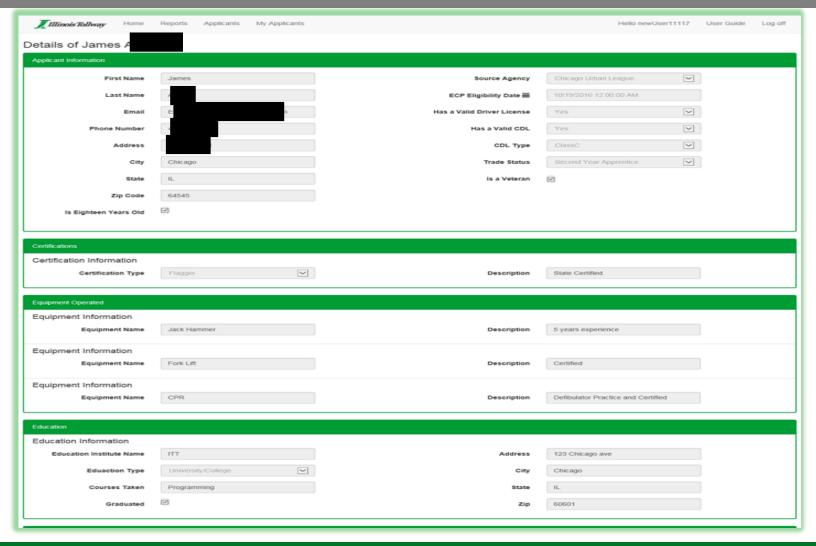
Portal streamlines the hiring process

- Allows contractors to review, select and contact pre-qualified and eligible candidates
- Contains candidate profile (contact information, resume, certificates and completed safety training courses)
- Users can filter candidates via keyword search (laborers, carpenters, electricians, etc.)



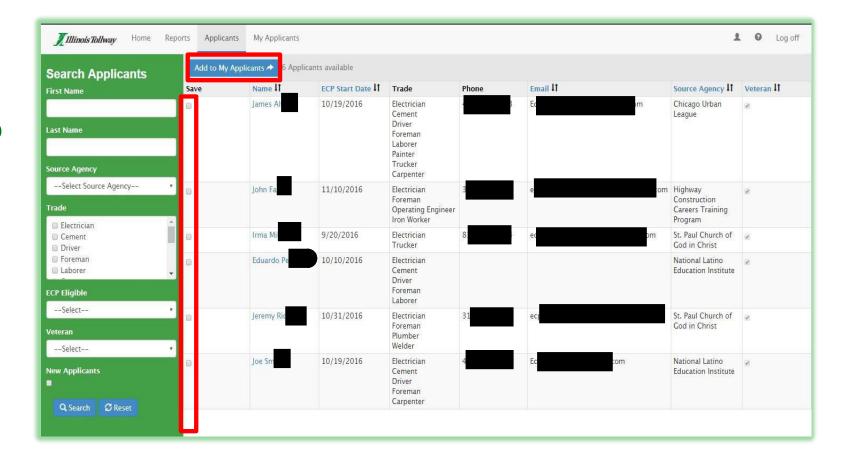
HIRING PORTAL Dashboard Home Screen

- View detailed applicant information by clicking on profile
- Other information available includes:
 - Resume
 - Certifications



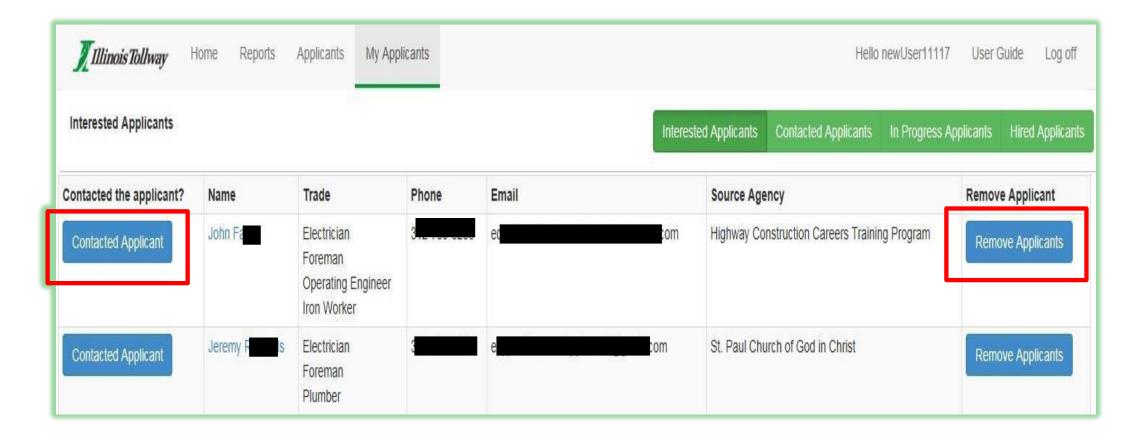
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- Search applicants by criteria
 - Trade
 - Training source agency
- Save searches under "Add to My Applicants"
- Access new applicants or continue interview/hiring process



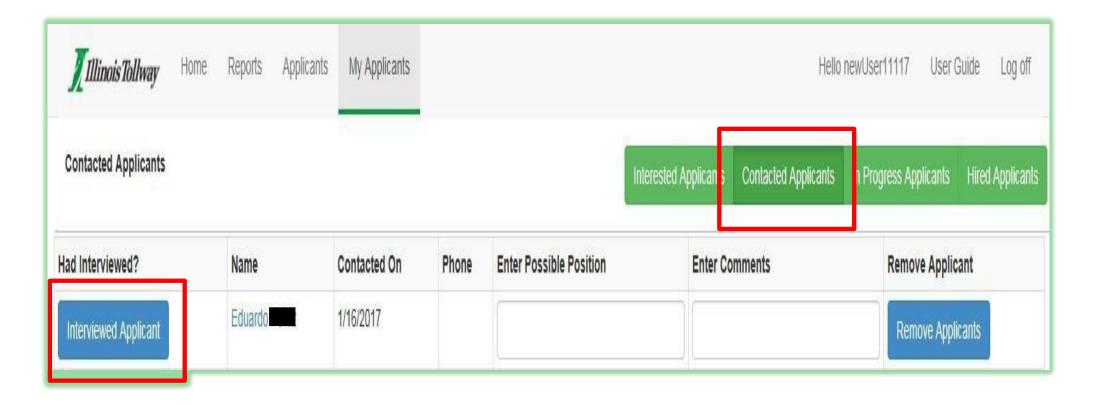
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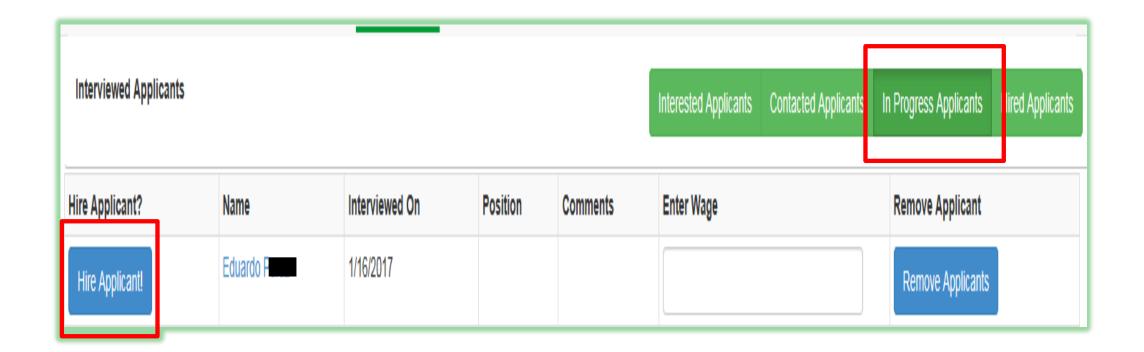
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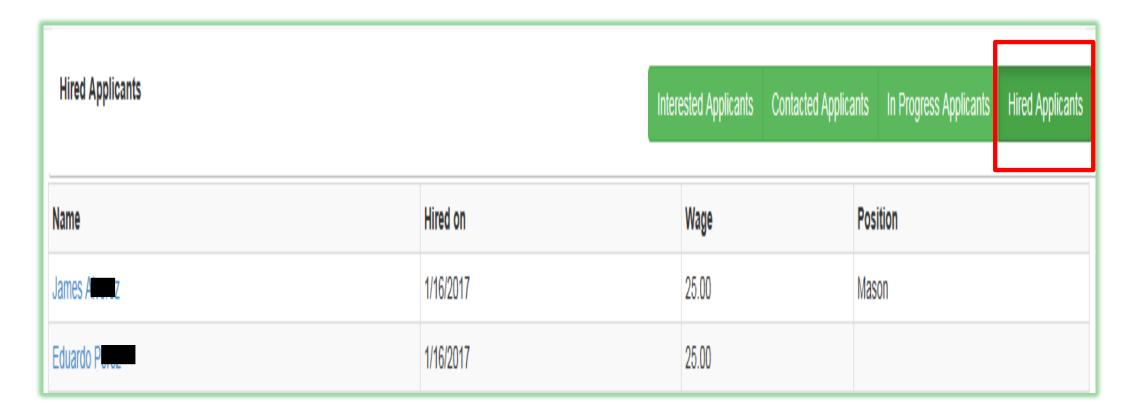
HIRING PORTAL In Progress Applicants

In Progress Applicants



HIRING PORTAL Hired Applicants

Hired applicants



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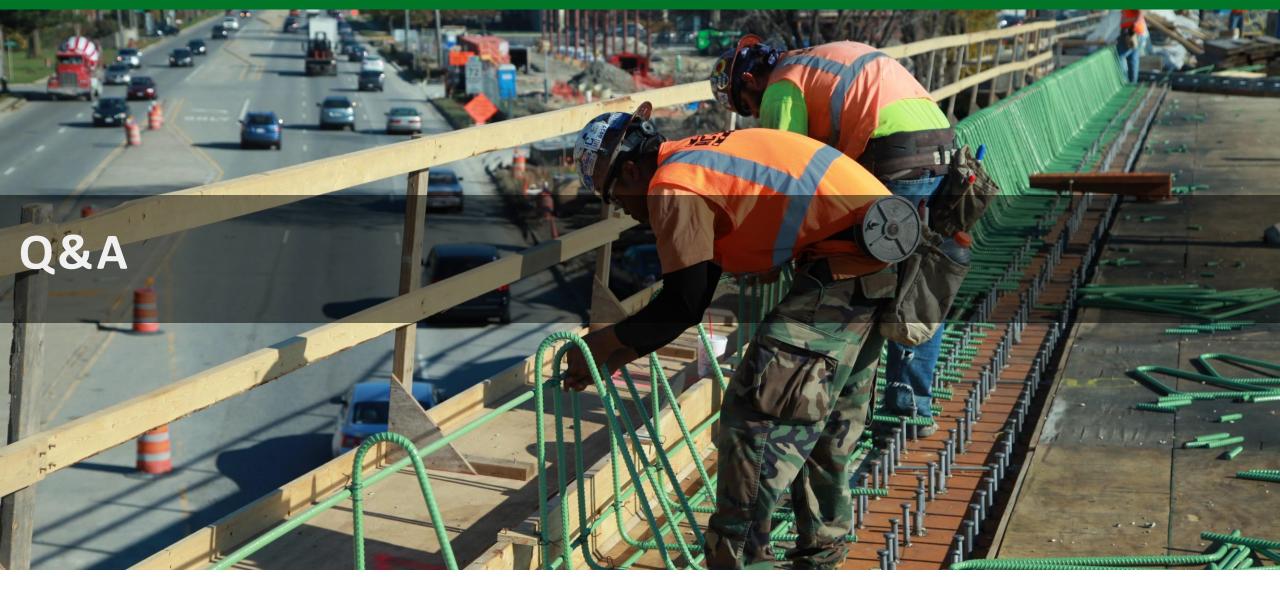
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