

BID CREDIT Overview:

The Tollway offers three programs to earn Bid Credits that can be accumulated and used to offset future bids. These programs provide incentives to hire a more diverse construction workforce or provide mentoring opportunities for small and diverse businesses.

Program Name	Earned Credit Program		ConstructionWorks		Partnering for Growth - Construction	
Program Type	Workforce				Mentoring	
Program Eligibility	Workforce	Construction	Workforce	Construction	Mentor	Protégé
	Only existing ECP candidates are eligible currently.	Work on a project in Illinois with ECP candidates	Seeking career growth in the construction industry	Work on a project in Illinois with CW candidates	7 years of construction experience	3 years of construction experience.
	Have construction experience or training		18 years of age or older & Eligible to work in the United States			
		Have construction experience or training	High School Diploma or GED			1 Successful Tollway project
	Reside in a TIF area or economically distressed area or be an economically disadvantaged individual.					15 hours per month
Bid Credit Amounts	Operating Engineers & Structural Steel Ironworkers: \$.50		Operating Engineers & Structural Steel Ironworkers: \$.75		Mentors and Proteges earn up to \$100k in Bid Credits that may be applied to future Tollway bids	
	Other Skilled Trades & Fabricators: \$.40		Other Skilled Trades & Fabricators: \$.65		Bid Credits are earned quarterly, up to \$100k per year	
	Laborers: \$.30		Laborers: \$.55		Bid Credits total based on the number of monthly hours	
	A one-time new hire bonus of \$5,000 in Bid Credits after the ECP candidate accumulates 160 hours of work		A one-time new hire bonus of \$5,000 in Bid Credits after the CW candidate accumulates 160 hours of work			
Participation Process	Construction firms confirm candidate ECP eligibility through the Tollway		Construction firms obtain or identify CW candidate eligibility using the Hiring Portal or Diversity Dept.		Agreement approved by TA Partners and Tollway	
	Submit a Bid Packet request to bidcredits@getipass.com to earn Bid Credits		Submit a Bid Packet request to bidcredits@getipass.com to earn Bid Credits		15 hours per month minimum commitment Submit quarterly reporting to Tollway.	
Program Participation Limits	A candidate can only earn you bid credits for 5 years under ECP.		A candidate can only earn you bid credits for 5 years CW.		A mentor must receive approval to work with more than one protégé firm.	
Combining Credits Allowed	YES, you can combine program Bid Credits. Bid Credit bank does not max out, but some programs do.					

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