

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY NEWS

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ILLINOIS TOLLWAY SEEKS FIRMS FOR CONSULTING ENGINEER SERVICES

Firm with nationwide industry experience sought for a contract to provide engineering services

DOWNERS GROVE, **IL** – The Illinois Tollway today announced that it is seeking firms to provide Consulting Engineer services as defined in the Tollway's Bond Trust Indenture.

Professional Services Bulletin 21-2 includes one contract for Consulting Engineer services for an initial five-year term with one, four-year option and one, one-year option to renew exercisable by the Tollway. Interested firms should have a nationwide and favorable reputation for skill and experience to provide applicable consulting engineering services.

Consulting Engineer services include inspection and inventory of the Tollway system and documentation in an annual report, along with review and recommendation of the amount of resources they believe are necessary to keep the system in a state of good repair for the Tollway's annual budget.

The firm also is called upon, as needed, to develop and maintain Tollway technical standards, specifications, manuals and criteria to ensure that the agency is in compliance with industry standards and regulations, as well as preparation of certification letters for bond issuance, contract plan review, construction field audits, ISO certification, asset management, environmental and permit support.

The Consulting Engineer shall be expected to represent and forward the interests of the Tollway throughout all aspects and phases of the Tollway's activities and shall, when and as requested by the Tollway, fully support the Tollway in its dealings with contractors and suppliers, engineers and other consultants, the Tollway's counsel and accountants, rating agencies and underwriters, governmental entities and the public, all in accordance with the highest professional standards.

Firms interested in submitting a proposal can visit the "Doing Business" section on the Tollway's website www.illinoistollway.com for more information. Submissions are due by 4:30 p.m. on May 21, 2021, with contract expected to be awarded by the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors late 2021.

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. All contracts are presented to the Illinois Tollway Board of Directors for review and approval.

The Illinois Tollway provides detailed information about current Tollway construction and professional engineering services contracts through the Construction Contract Tracker on the Tollway's website at www.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 nine 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.