

WHO SHOULD APPLY

Level 1 - Emerging businesses; little-to-no experience bidding on Tollway or other transportation agency contracts and need for assistance with basic business infrastructure and bid processes.

Level 2 - Established businesses; some experience with bidding on Tollway or other transportation agency contracts; previously awarded Tollway or other transportation agency work as subcontractors; ready to receive assistance to participate on Tollway work as a prime contractor.

HOW TO APPLY

1. Submit a completed Technical Assistance Program application to the preferred provider.
2. An assessment will be conducted to determine applicant's needs and review program guidelines.
3. A technical assistance plan will be developed to assist participants with business needs.

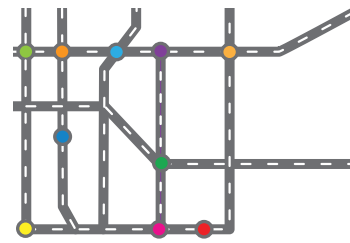
Applicants who do not meet program criteria will be referred to other resources.

Find more details about Diversity Programs at illinoistollway.com. Program questions can be submitted to diversity@getipass.com or call 630-241-6800 ext. 3227.

ILLINOIS TOLLWAY DEPARTMENT OF DIVERSITY AND STRATEGIC DEVELOPMENT

The Tollway's Department of Diversity and Strategic Development is a driving force for increasing economic opportunities in the diverse communities they serve.

Their mission is to increase access to economic opportunities for disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned enterprise firms as well as small and veteran-owned businesses and historically underemployed individuals. The Tollway remains focused on promoting, assisting, and ensuring diverse participation in all aspects of its operations, including contracting, consulting and the supply of goods and services.



ILLINOIS TOLLWAY: MAKING A CONNECTION TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROGRAM



PROGRAM GOAL








The Illinois Tollway Technical Assistance Program is designed to prepare established transportation-related construction firms including disadvantaged, minority- and women-owned business enterprise (D/M/WBE) firms, service-disabled, veteran-owned small businesses (SDVOSB) and veteran-owned small businesses (VOSB) as well as small businesses to participate on highway and vertical construction contracts.

PROGRAM OVERVIEW

Participants will receive comprehensive, customized business development assistance to build financial understanding and business plans for increased stability and growth in the transportation-related construction industry. Services are customized to the assessed strengths, challenges and needs of participating firms. This includes education, guidance and feedback on general business and construction-specific operations, including strategic planning and assistance with the Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) pre-qualification application. Programs are either self-paced (you determine how quickly you complete a program) or cohort-based. Cohort programs offer a group setting that invites a collaborative learning environment.



TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

								
	Paul Murtagh pmurtagh@prairiestate.edu 708-709-3692 Chicago Heights 779-423-4295 Rockford	Stephanie Garcia sgarcia@chicagomsdc.org 312-755-2550 Chicago Loop	Deborah Whitaker dwhitaker@griggsandmitchell.com 312-690-4205 Chicago – Bridgeport 815-391-9202 Rockford	Matthew Cooper community@tollwaytech.com 312-374-3211 Chicago - South Loop	Janis Ivory jivory@ilbcc.org 224-480-4342 Waukegan 312-201-4102 Chicago – Loop 815-860-0730 Rockford	COHORT PROGRAMS offer a group setting that invites a collaborative learning environment.	Cirse Ruiz cruiz@haciaworks.org 312-575-0389 Chicago – Pilsen 847-852-5010 Aurora	Kelley Francis kfrancis@ihccbuisness.net 312-425-9500 Chicago – Merchandise Mart
Business Classifications								
Level 1*–Emerging Businesses	X		X	X				
Level 2*–Established Businesses		X	X	X	X	X	X	
Services								
Access to capital/Financing	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Bonding/Insurance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Business management and business operations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Certification	X	X		X	X	X	X	
Estimating/Bid Assistance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
CBD/IDOT pre-qualification application assistance	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Microsoft Project		X	X		X	X		
Office 365 Cloud and Office Dynamics Software				X				
PlanSwift				X				
Prevailing wage and labor issues	X	X	X		X	X		
Project management/Scheduling		X	X	X	X	X		
QuickBooks for contractors	X	X	X		X	X		
Safety/Field operations	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	
Strategic planning and partnership development		X	X		X	X	X	
Website development	X		X		X	X		

*Learn more about business classifications under "Who Should Apply" on back of brochure.