

Technical assistance may include:

- Finance and accounting
- Insurance
- Bonding
- Estimating and bidding
- Doing business with the Illinois Tollway
- How to be successful as a subcontractor
- Tools for technology
- Project management
- Safety and field operations
- Business and marketing plan development

Depending on your needs, the above includes a variety of services such as one-on-one counseling, workshops, seminars, networking events, and post-training assistance.

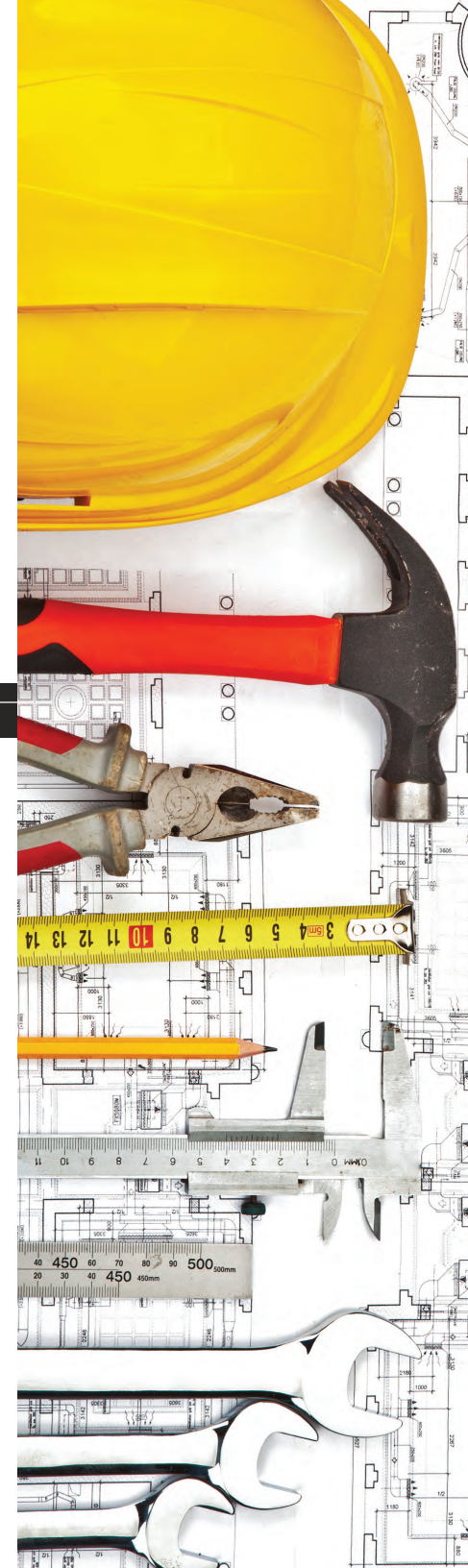


The Construction Business Development Center

The Construction Business Development Center (CBDC) is a collaboration between the Illinois Tollway and the Illinois Community College Board in partnership with four community colleges: Prairie State College, Moraine Valley Community College, South Suburban College and Waubonsee Community College.

This project is designed to increase opportunities for small, minority- and women-owned businesses and prepare them for leadership positions.

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What is the Construction Business Development Center?

The Construction Business Development Center (CBDC) is focused on developing flexible, customized training and technical assistance to provide small, minority- and women-owned firms in the construction industry with the skills and knowledge to help them grow and succeed.

The CBDC provides one-on-one support to assist your company to compete for and win opportunities to participate as subcontractors and prime contractors as part of the Illinois Tollway's 15-year, \$12 billion capital program, *Move Illinois: The Illinois Tollway Driving the Future*.

Move Illinois will address the remaining needs of the existing Tollway system; rebuild and widen the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90) as a state-of-the-art 21st century corridor; construct a new interchange to connect the Tri-State Tollway (I-294) to I-57; build a new, all-electronic Elgin O'Hare Western Access and fund planning studies for the Illinois Route 53/120 Extension and the Illiana Expressway.

CONSTRUCTION BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTER **CBDC**

How it works

1. Work directly with a Construction Business Specialist who will help create a business profile and action plan
2. Create an individualized Technical Assistance Plan:
 - Outline technical assistance components of your needs
 - Map individual progress toward your goals
 - Get to the point of submitting bid packets to the Tollway
3. Provide customized technical assistance via one or a combination of:
 - **Personalized assistance** – typically done with a consultant or other entity that has a particular expertise
 - **Seminars/workshops** – could be individual or group offering with both classroom and online availability
 - **Access** to entities with particular expertise

CBDC Locations

Visit one of the CBDC locations and learn the technical skills needed to be a successful Tollway bidder.

- **Prairie State College Matteson Area Center**
4821 Southwick Drive, Matteson, IL 60443
Lisa Zeigler, project director
(708) 709-3548
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- **Moraine Valley Community College**
9000 W. College Parkway, Palos Hills, IL 60465
- **South Suburban College Oak Forest Center**
16333 S. Kilbourn, Oak Forest, IL 60452
- **Waubensee Community College**
18 S. River Street, Aurora, IL 60506



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