McDermaid Roofing and Insulating Co.

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cDermaid Roofing and Insulating Co. was the first business to take advantage of the Illinois Tollway's new Small Business Initiative.

Launched in April 2013, the initiative puts smaller firms in a position to grow and succeed as prime contractors by identifying select construction contracts, generally with values of approximately \$1 million, that can be set aside specifically for them.

Now, the Rockford-based roofing company is helping the Tollway achieve its goal to make *Move Illinois* the "cleanest and greenest" capital program in the agency's history.

"Move Illinois projects don't just provide jobs, they support families. It's a good feeling to know that you can help people who have others that depend on them."

McDermaid strives to incorporate state-of-the-art, environmentally responsible materials on its projects. On the Tollway maintenance buildings, the company is installing ecofriendly "white roofing" reflective materials, which are considered to be more energy efficient and cost-effective than standard

dark roofing. The new roofs further enhance the Tollway's ongoing commitment to building green.

Just a few months after the initiative was approved by the Tollway Board of Directors, McDermaid was awarded

a contract for more than \$283,000 to perform roof repairs and replacement on five Tollway maintenance buildings along the Reagan Memorial Tollway (I-88) and the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).

The roofing contract was a perfect fit for McDermaid, a family-owned business founded in 1934. Its staff includes more than 30 roofers, many of whom are sons or nephews of other employees and others that are third-generation employees.



Paul Naretta inspects McDermaid's white roof project at the Marengo maintenance facility along the Jane Addams Memorial Tollway (I-90).