

ILLINOIS STATE TOLL HIGHWAY AUTHORITY

Economic Development and Infrastructure Agency

FY14 Headcount: Unknown

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Summary of Agency Operations

The Illinois State Toll Highway Authority (Tollway) maintains and operates 286 miles of interstate tollways 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) and the Tri-State Tollway (I-94/I-294/I-80). Tollway provides and promotes a safe and efficient system of toll-supported highways while ensuring the highest possible level of customer service.

Internal Hiring

Agency positions subject to restrictions based on criminal history

Toll Highway Inspector General; all other positions subject to self-disclosure on application and fingerprint background check

Statutory, regulatory restrictions on internal hiring

Toll Highway Act [605 ILCS 10/8.5] (Toll Highway Inspector General)

(b) The Toll Highway Inspector General shall have the following qualifications: 1) has not been **convicted of any felony under the laws of this State, another state, or the United States**

Restriction Type: Mandatory

Restriction Duration: Not specified

System of personnel administration

Toll Highway Act [605 ILCS 10/8]

(c) To employ and discharge, without regard to the requirements of any civil service or personnel act, such administrative, engineering, traffic, architectural, construction, and financial experts, and inspectors, and such other employees, as are necessary in the Authority's judgment to carry out the purposes of this Act; and to establish and administer standards of classification of all of such persons with respect to their compensation, duties, performance, and tenure; and to enter into contracts of employment with such persons for such periods and on such terms as the Authority deems desirable.

(d) To appoint by and with the consent of the Attorney General, assistant attorneys for such Authority, which said assistant attorneys shall be under the control, direction and supervision of the Attorney General and shall serve at his pleasure.

(e) To retain special counsel, subject to the approval of the Attorney General, as needed from time to time, and fix their compensation, provided however, such special counsel shall be subject to the control, direction and supervision of the Attorney General and shall serve at his pleasure.

Background Check Procedures:

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(1) Self-disclosure on application

Yes

(2) Background check review procedure

Tollway Policy and Procedures allow applicants who self-identify criminal background or whose criminal histories are disclosed through the fingerprinting process to submit a written statement or appear before the Tollway Criminal Background Review Committee. The Committee identifies the accuracy of the criminal history disclosed and has the opportunity to question the applicant regarding the criminal background. The Committee then forwards the information gathered, along with a recommendation, to the Administrative Review Board, which considers the information and recommendation to determine whether an applicant is suitable for employment.

Exemption, waiver process

None mentioned in agency's report to the Task Force

Total number of people who underwent a background check

170

Occupational Licensing, Certification, Regulation

Occupational licenses issued by agency that are subject to criminal history restrictions

N/A

Employment Contracting

Toll Highway Act [605 ILCS 10/8]

(b) To enter into all contracts and agreements necessary or incidental to the performance of its powers under this Act. All employment contracts let under this Act shall be in conformity with the applicable provisions of "An Act regulating wages of laborers, mechanics and other workers employed under contracts for public works," approved June 26, 1941, as amended.

Summary of Employment Restrictions from Agency Report

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In calendar years 2010-2011, 170 applicants underwent criminal background checks, with eight deemed disqualified. None sought waiver.