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Governor Quinn Announces \$86 Million Capital Investment to Reconstruct I-74 and I-155 Interchange

Tazewell County Project Also Includes Reconfiguration of I-74 and Morton Avenue Interchange

MORTON – Governor Pat Quinn today announced an \$86 million capital investment to reconstruct the I-74 and I-155 interchange and to reconfigure the I-74 and Morton Avenue interchange near Morton as part of his *Illinois Jobs Now!* capital construction program. The project is part of Governor Quinn's agenda to create jobs and drive Illinois' economy forward. The contract was recently awarded following a competitive bidding process and addresses a critical infrastructure need while creating hundreds of construction jobs.

"Investment in transportation is one of the best ways to grow our economy and create jobs," Governor Quinn said. "This *Illinois Jobs Now!* project will help us continue to ensure Illinois has a strong, 21st century infrastructure while creating jobs and boosting the area economy."

"This project will create hundreds of construction jobs while improving traffic flow at this vital section of the state's interstate highway system," Illinois Department of Transportation (IDOT) Secretary Ann Schneider said. IDOT manages all state-funded road construction projects.

Fred Weber, Inc. was the lowest of three bidders for the work with their quote of \$86,596,214. The work will involve the reconstruction of the Interstate 74 and Interstate 155 interchange and the reconfiguration of the Interstate 74 and Morton Avenue interchange. The work will occur from west of Pleasant Hill Road to just west of Main Street, and on Interstate 155 north of the Birchwood interchange. The project is scheduled to begin April 1 and should be complete in late summer 2015.

Governor Quinn's \$31 billion *Illinois Jobs Now!* is supporting more than 439,000 jobs over six years. It is the largest capital construction program in Illinois history, and is one of the largest capital construction programs in the nation.

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