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#### State News for NSPE Members

### **Get Ready - NSPE-UT 2023 Annual Continuing Education Conference**

The Utah Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE-UT), in partnership with the University of Utah Engineering Alumni Association and the Utah Department of Occupational and Professional Licensing, will hold a full-day 2023 Continuing Education Conference on **Saturday, May 20**, at the University of Utah Warnock Engineering Building.

This conference is free to all licensed PEs and is a great opportunity for all Utah PEs to learn and earn continuing education hours toward license renewal. A virtual broadcast will be offered again this year so the conference can reach those not able to attend the in-person event. Lunch will be available for a small fee (NSPE members and presenters eat free).

The conference schedule and registration information are available on the conference website.

Registration closed on May 15. You may still attend the conference in person as a walk-in or request the virtual link by email: <a href="mailto:uspe.board@gmail.com">uspe.board@gmail.com</a>. We will have a limited number of lunches available for walk-ins to purchase.

## **UDOT Announces Multi-Million Dollar Construction Projects**

The Utah Department of Transportation has announced several major multi-million dollar highway projects happening for the rest of the year, with the most expensive project being the construction of West Davis Highway valued at \$750 million, according to an abc4.com report.

Officials say UDOT currently has 217 projects either slated for 2023 or already under construction. The combined value of these projects amounts to about \$3.2

billion.

"This is one of our biggest construction years, with major projects happening all across the state," said Lisa Wilson, UDOT deputy director for engineering and operations. "We are working to help people in all parts of Utah stay connected to the things they care about: family, school, work, and recreation." Read more.

## **Utah Receiving \$60 Million to Replace 20 Passenger Railcars**

Utah is getting money from the federal government to improve its rail services. The Utah Transit Authority is set to receive \$60 million from the federal government to purchase 20 new light rail vehicles. These new vehicles will replace older railcars that are currently in use, *The Center Square* reports.

The United States Department of Transportation's Federal Transit Administration recently announced the new funding. It was one of six transit systems across the country to receive grant funding from the department to replace aging passenger railcars. The funding came from the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law signed into law in 2021 by President Biden. Read more.



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NSPE provides the tools PEs need to keep current in the profession and advance their careers.

#### **Featured Job**

**Energy Services Director** 

St. George, UT

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Stay up to date on legislative issues through the **NSPE Advocacy Center**.

#### **Network and Learn at NSPECon23 (August 2-4)**



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NSPECon23 registration is now open! NSPE members, PEs, EITs, engineering students, and anyone interested in the issues facing the industry today are invited to attend NSPECon 2023 in Louisville, August 2-4. Early-bird registration rates are available until June 29. Preview the preliminary program of sessions designed to foster leadership skills, address industry trends, and to boost your career.

**Register Now!** 

#### **Keynote Speakers**



**Bill Samuels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of Maker's Mark Distillery**, will open the NSPECon 23 meeting. Samuels, who helped design both the Gemini and Polaris missiles and became friends with the founding administrator of NASA, will talk about the, "Trials and Tribulations of a Failed Aerospace Engineer."



Megan Bendtzen, CEO and Founder of TheDoctorofFun.com, will completely

shift your perspective, debunking the myths and mysteries of work-life balance and the pursuit of happiness during the keynote speech "P.L.A.Y. to Win: It Actually is All Fun and Games...The Secret to Increasing Profits, Positivity and Productivity."

#### **Sponsor and Exhibit Opportunities**

NSPECon23 offers sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities to put your company or organization in front of senior executives and other decision-makers from across the industry. Access the Sponsor and Exhibitor Prospectus for more information.



# **NSPE Welcomes New VP for Membership, State Engagement**

NSPE recently welcomed **Rodneikka Scott**, **MSc**, **CAE**, as its new Vice President of Member and State Engagement. In this role, Scott will be responsible for executing NSPE's strategic vision and the association's approach to membership, professional practice, and learning. She will also oversee NSPE's current state engagement efforts, the customer service center, and the ethics team.

Prior to joining NSPE, Scott spent four years as the Chief Membership and Diversity Programs Officer of the Endocrine



Society. She played a crucial role in managing the organization's membership approach, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, and revamping the member value proposition to include a suite of new member benefits. Scott draws on more than 17 years of diverse experience in the membership, marketing, communications, volunteer relations, and education sectors to support member services and diversity programs. Read more.

#### **Get Involved – Volunteer for an NSPE Committee**

Volunteers are the heart of NSPE . NSPE is committed to building valuable experiences for all our members by offering a variety of long term and short-term opportunities to get engaged. Visit the Get Involved Page to learn more about available opportunities. Submit an application for a 2023-24 committee by **June 2**.

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