

State News for NSPE Members

UVM to Host Research, Innovation, Sustainability, and Entrepreneurship Summit

The University of Vermont has announced that it will host the inaugural Research, Innovation, Sustainability, and Entrepreneurship (RISE) Summit, **June 21-22**. The new RISE Summit will bring together researchers, business leaders, and alumni to spotlight the opportunities and challenges of economic development in Vermont and the surrounding region. The convened leaders will discuss solutions to pressing needs including clean water, sustainable energy, affordable housing, food production, and more, and demonstrate the potential for university-community-business partnerships to succeed in these areas.

Along with speakers (including Senator Patrick Leahy, [UVM Health Network CEO and president Sunil "Sunny" Eappen](#), University of Rochester's iZone Director Yasmin Mattox, and Davis Studio founding director Teresa Davis), the summit will convene research, policy, and practitioner panels to discuss a variety of related challenges like housing, infrastructure, and talent attraction that must be addressed for economic development to move from select urban pockets to broad regions outside of large coastal cities. [Read more.](#)

Proposed Transmission Project to Bring Canadian Hydropower Through Vermont

A newly proposed 211-mile transmission project bringing Canadian hydropower through Vermont and New Hampshire – dubbed the [Twin States Clean Energy Link](#) – is currently under consideration by the US Department of Energy for federal funding, according to the [New Hampshire Bulletin](#).

The \$2 billion partnership between National Grid, Citizens Energy Corporation, and Northeastern Vermont Development Association would bring 1,200 megawatts of clean, dispatchable energy to New England – enough energy to power nearly 1 million homes.

At the Vermont-New Hampshire border, there would be an underground crossing below the Connecticut River, connecting to approximately 26 miles of new underground lines along Route 135 from Dalton to Monroe. From there, nearly 110 miles of upgrades to the existing transmission corridor from Monroe to Londonderry would take place.

Project partners say the Twin States proposal would reduce New England's carbon output "by millions of metric tons per year," while furthering growth of the region's clean energy economy. [Read more.](#)

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

Network and Learn at NSPECon23 (August 2-4)



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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