

State News for NSPE Members

EPCOR Receives Designation for 100-year Assured Water Supply

Governor Katie Hobbs recently celebrated Arizona's first Alternative Designation of Assured Water Supply (ADAWS) with EPCOR. ADAWS is a new pathway for communities to receive 100-year Assured Water Supply protections that saves groundwater and helps build more homes.

"This ADAWS Designation is going to save water, it is going to support sustainable economic growth, and it is going to create more housing," said Governor Katie Hobbs. "Today we are again demonstrating that Arizona can, and will, continue to grow our economy while protecting our water. When elected officials come together across party lines we can tackle the big problems that Arizonans face and get things done for the people of our state."

"ADAWS allows greater flexibility for utilities to leverage their water portfolios – a pathway for water providers like EPCOR to support sustainable development with a nearly net-neutral impact on Arizona's groundwater resources. At the same time, existing customers and established communities are assured that their water supply is protected," said Shawn Bradford, Senior Vice President of Regulated US Water for EPCOR.

The designation will extend 100-year water supply protections across more than 140,000 Arizonans in EPCOR's service area and provide enough water for 60,000 new homes. [Read more.](#)

Arizona Plans for Futuristic Era for Air Travel

Arizona is taking a futuristic approach on air travel transportation. Senate Appropriations and Transportation Committee Chairman David Farnsworth, R-Mesa, told *The Center Square* he established the Advanced Air Mobility Advisor Team with the goal of bringing this transportation system to Arizona. Farnsworth added he anticipates introducing a bill next legislative session regarding AAMs.

According to the National Business Aviation Association, AAM is an “air transportation using electric vertical takeoff and landing aircraft to move people and cargo between places not currently or easily served by surface transportation or existing aviation modes.”

Farnsworth’s adviser team meets every other week virtually over Zoom to discuss AAMs, the senator noted. These meetings are “well-attended,” with industry leaders and local government officials participating in them, he explained.

The senator said he is attempting to bring people together to help figure out what Arizona statutes need to be changed to allow AAMs to come to the state. “Arizona possesses the talent, space, and vision to take the lead in this field. I am committed to establishing a solid foundation now to transform the future of travel into a reality,” Farnsworth said.

He said transportation is an “important part” of Arizona’s government, describing it as an area that has “been neglected over the years.” A concern Farnsworth has about AAMs is that if

Arizona doesn’t act quickly, private companies will come into the state and build out their own infrastructure for AAMs, which would then require Arizona to pay a fee to use them. He compared it to toll roads. [Read more.](#)

State Licensing Board Meeting

The [Arizona State Board of Technical Registration](#) will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, December 2**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

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Call for NSPE Vice President Nominations

NSPE is seeking nominees to serve as vice president on the Board of Directors. The vice president serves four consecutive years: 2026-27 as vice president, 2027-28 as president-elect, 2028-29 as president, and 2029-30 as immediate past president. To learn more about qualifications, time and financial commitments, and how to apply, [please view the call for nominations packet in the governance section of the leadership toolbox](#).

Nominations are due to the NSPE Secretary at executive@nspe.org by **January 12, 2026**. Additional questions can be sent to executive@nspe.org.

Nominations Deadline Extended for FEYA

Federal engineers are at the forefront of our nation's most vital priorities from infrastructure and innovation to defense, public health, and safety. Honoring the commitment of federal engineers to innovation and service is the hallmark of the Federal Engineer of the Year Award (FEYA). Nominations for the 2026 award have been extended until November 30, 2025. [Visit the online portal for full guidelines and submission details.](#)



Why Does FEYA Matter?

Lt. Col. Brigham Moore, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, was named the 2025 Federal Engineer of the Year. Here's what Lt. Col. Moore had to say about the impact this award has had on his career: *"Being selected as Top Ten Finalist and ultimately as the Federal Engineer of the Year this past year has been an incredible highlight of my career. Within the Air Force, it has provided me opportunities to mentor and give back to the engineering community that I love. Professionally, it has reconnected me with previous advisors and engineering faculty, opening up doors and networking me with some people that I did not previously know. Finally, and personally, it served as a huge bolster to my confidence and commitment to continue making meaningful change with each project and major decision as I move forward."*

[Learn about Moore's government service and contributions to the profession.](#)



Engineers Week 2026 Resources and Outreach Grants

It's time to start planning for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering activities. NSPE members can [access resources on the NSPE website](#).

Outreach Grants

DiscoverE's grant opportunities are designed to support volunteer and educator efforts to inspire the next generation of innovators through hands-on exploration of engineering. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,000. The application period for the grants will close on November 3. [Access more information and apply](#).



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