

State News for NSPE Members

Arizona Voters Support Investments in Critical Infrastructure

The latest Arizona Voters' Agenda [survey findings](#) demonstrate that growth is top of mind for the majority of Arizona's likely voters as they highly support investing in infrastructure for this purpose. The results indicate that majorities of voters continue to prefer the investment of surplus dollars over tax cuts. The findings also provide insight into what likely voters think about some specific investments.

A sizeable 89% of the electorate agrees with the following statement, "To keep up with growth, we need to make ongoing investments in education, our transportation system, public safety, and other critical infrastructure." This includes support among 81% of Republicans, 93% of independent/unaffiliated voters, and 96% of Democrats. [Read more.](#)

Self-Driving Car Tech Company Coming to Arizona

An autonomous driving technology company plans to open its first Arizona location, [azcentral.com reports](#). Pony.ai will establish operations in Tucson in partnership with Pima Community College.

The company will base its operations at the college's new Automotive Technology and Innovation Center on its downtown campus. Autonomous vehicles will be tested on Tucson roads; a licensed driver will always be behind the wheel, the company reports.

"Pony.ai's decision to select Tucson for their new autonomous passenger vehicle testing operations is further validation that Southern Arizona is an emerging player in the autonomous vehicle industry," said Joe Snell, president and CEO of Sun Corridor Inc., an economic development agency. He said other self-driving vehicle companies are also looking to the region as a possible testing ground.

Industry Flocks to the Grand Canyon State for Space

Industrial space in Arizona has become much sought after by companies in manufacturing and e-commerce, and the trend is expected to continue, according to [The Phoenix Business Journal](#).

In El Mirage, for example, the city planning commission recently approved major industrial construction proposals there, where demand from industry for development space has been high.

Proposals are on the table for new distribution and manufacturing facilities in the Valley. Companies are clamoring for space as the post-pandemic era has many re-shoring – moving operations back to the US – in order to have shorter supply chains and less logistical headaches, [GLOBEST reports](#).

Licensing Board Meeting

The [Arizona State Board of Technical Registration](#) will hold its next meeting on **Tuesday, November 1**. Access the meeting information [here](#). Please review the meeting agenda prior to requesting a Google Meet invite to the meeting.



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Mark Your Calendar for Engineers Week 2023

Founded by NSPE in 1951, [Engineers Week](#) (February 19–25, 2023) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce. The latest theme for Engineers Week seeks to inspire the next generation by celebrating all the way engineers are **Creating the Future!** Engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations. By working together to develop new technologies, products, and opportunities, engineers create new possibilities that make the world a better place.



Engineers Week is a time for you to:

- Celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world.
- Add your voice to the conversation about the need for engineers, technicians, and technologists.
- Engage students in engineering.

[Access promotional resources.](#)

DiscoverE Outreach Grants

Don't miss your chance to fund your events for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

There are \$250-\$1000 grants available:

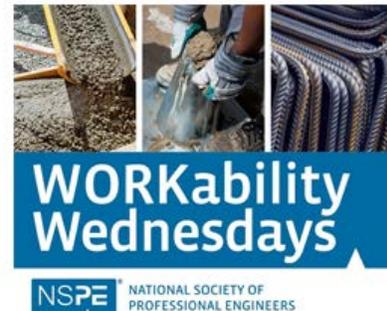
- [Bell Girl Day grants](#) for girl-centered programs
- [Engineers Week grants](#) for underserved students

The deadline to [apply for the grants](#) is November 4.



Workability Wednesdays Webinars

The fall series of [Workability Wednesdays webinars](#) recently launched with a webinar on [What Separates Good Engineers From Great Engineers](#). The series is free for NSPE members and covers topics impacting the industry and helps to enhance your competencies in the profession.



Upcoming Webinars

- [How Blockchain Protects Public Safety: A Working Solution](#) (October 26)
- [Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas that Arise in Everyday Engineering Practice](#) (November 16)

If you missed the spring lineup of Workability Wednesdays webinars, you can still [view the recordings](#) and receive PDH credit.

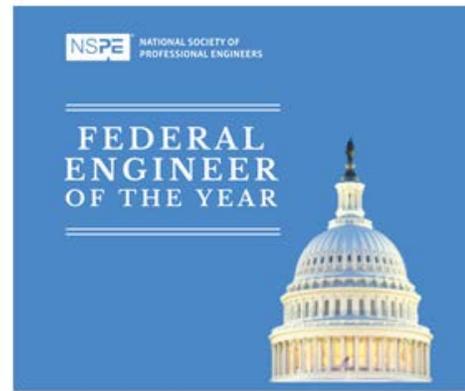
Last Call for FEYA Nominations

Nominations for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award are open until **October 31**. The

award, sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Government, honors engineers employed by a federal agency that employs at least 50 engineers worldwide.

The FEYA ceremony is scheduled for February 24, 2023, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Tickets will be available for sale in January.

Nominations must be made by the federal agency. Access the application [here](#).



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