Montana Licensing Board News

The Montana Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors is abating renewal fees for this renewal period only. This abatement is valid during the established renewal period and is not in effect after the renewal deadline (June 30, 2022) or applied to late fees. After the deadline, all fees will revert to the current published fees.

Upcoming Board Meeting
The board will hold its next meeting on Thursday, June 16, via teleconference at 10:00 a.m. The full agenda will be posted within 10 days of the meeting date. Access more information here.

Superfund Site Cleanup Continues at Former Wood Treatment Plant

In early May, construction began again at the Montana Pole & Treating Plant Superfund site in Butte. The current phase of the project involves moving contaminated soil into an onsite, engineered repository that will allow the south side of the site to be redeveloped.

A wood-treating facility operated on site from 1946 to 1984. Site operators discharged hazardous substances from the pole-treating operations into a ditch next to the plant. The substances then flowed toward Silver Bow Creek. These activities contaminated soil, sediment, surface water and groundwater with hazardous chemicals.

Previous work done on the site involved excavating and storing highly contaminated soil; dismantling and storing contaminated tanks, retorts, pipes and other hardware on site; and installing two groundwater interception/oil recovery systems. Read more.
Watershed Restoration Projects Receive Government Funding

Six watershed infrastructure projects in Montana are being funded by the US Department of Agriculture, NBC reports. About $330,000 is earmarked for flood prevention, dam rehabilitation, and watershed restoration projects, under the Natural Resources Conservation Service.

This funding is allocated through two programs: the Watershed and Flood Prevention Operations Program, which provides technical and financial assistance for new watershed infrastructure, and the Watershed Rehabilitation Program, which upgrades existing NRCS dams. Read more.

NSPE's Job Board is your one-stop resource for professional engineering employment. Whether you are on the hunt for your next career move or looking for today's top engineering leaders and talent, you will find it here.

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Register Now for NSPECon 2022 Reimagined
Engineers from all disciplines are invited to register for the 2022 NSPE Professional Engineers Conference (NSPECon 2022) in Philadelphia, August 1-3. Invited speakers will address sustainability, emerging technology, the post-covid workplace and even, construction on the moon. Whether you are a licensed professional engineer, aspire to be one or, would like to learn more about a career as a qualified and ethically accountable professional, you are invited to join this multi-discipline community to engage with colleagues and hear more about relevant engineering topics.

Prospective conference sponsors and exhibitors will see newly created opportunities to highlight their companies and organizations throughout the conference. Sponsors can welcome attendees to the “Feel the Philly Love” opening reception, support a conference education track featuring seven unique sessions, or demonstrate how their solutions help clients overcome specific challenges by exhibiting.

On the final day of the conference, attendees can celebrate PE Day in person and raise awareness about the importance of PEs as qualified and ethical professionals. Before you go, make certain you are geared up with PE Day logo wear to show your pride on-site.

2022 QBS Award Nominations Open

ACEC and NSPE are seeking nominations for the QBS Awards program, which recognizes public and private entities that make exemplary use of the qualifications-based selection process at the federal, state, and local levels.

Award winners serve as examples of how well the QBS process works, and they help ACEC and NSPE promote the practice of QBS in jurisdictions that do not use, or underuse, QBS to procure engineering services. A maximum of one QBS Award may be presented to the federal government sector, the state government sector (includes all governmental units under the state level), and nongovernment sector.
Nominations may originate from an ACEC member organization, an NSPE state society, a public or private entity, or an individual in the public or private sector. Self-nomination is not permitted.

Nominations and supporting materials are due by **Friday, June 17** (COB). Access the nomination form and instructions.

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**Scholarships Open for Applications**

The Swadesh and Om P. Popli, P.E., P.L.S. Scholarship and the William R. Kimel, P.E., Engineering Scholarship are accepting applications from students pursuing engineering degrees in the fall. The application deadline is **June 15**.

The **Swadesh and Om P. Popli, P.E., P.L.S. Scholarship** is a multi-year scholarship that will provide $5,000 each year of the recipient’s four-year education. Applicants must be a female high school senior from an underrepresented ethnic minority (African American, Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander) pursuing a degree in civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering at an ABET-accredited program.

The **William R. Kimel, P.E., Engineering Scholarship** is a $2,500 scholarship awarded annually to an undergraduate student who is a resident of either Kansas or Missouri and enrolled as a junior in an ABET-accredited engineering program in a college or university in either Kansas or Missouri.