

State News for NSPE Members

Year One of the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law

The Biden Administration recently updated [state and territory fact sheets](#) that highlight the nationwide impact of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act, the largest long-term investment infrastructure and competitiveness in nearly a century. To date, over \$2.7 billion in funding has been announced and is headed to Montana with over 150 specific projects identified for funding. Access information about Montana projects [here](#).

Governor Approves \$309 Million Investment in Broadband Expansion

Governor Greg Gianforte recently announced a \$309 million investment to expand access to reliable broadband for 62,000 families, small businesses, farms, and ranches in Montana, according to a [news release](#).

Last May, Governor Gianforte signed into law a bill establishing the ConnectMT program to expand access to reliable broadband in unserved and underserved Montana communities.

According to the Federal Communications Commission, about 1 in 3 Montanans do not have access to broadband, which is three times the national average. The digital divide is even greater in Montana's rural communities where 3 in 5 Montanans do not have access to broadband.

On December 7, 2022, the Communications Advisory Commission approved a list of 61 broadband infrastructure projects totaling \$309,080,600.16 to recommend to the governor for approval.

The investment will provide service to 61,887 serviceable locations in Montana. Of those locations, 38,631 will be in unserved communities, 21,956 will be in underserved communities, and 1,300 will be in frontier communities. [Read more](#).

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NSPECon23 Heads to Louisville

Mark your calendars to attend [NSPECon23](#) in Louisville, Kentucky, August 2-4. NSPECon provides an opportunity to build your network of professional engineers and advance your career by learning new skills, expanding your expertise, and preparing for future developments in the industry. The conference presentation proposal [submissions site](#) is open (submission deadline: January 25). Stay tuned for more information on registration, session topics, sponsorship opportunities, and additional conference activities!

If you want to reminisce about the fun, comradery, engagement experienced during this year's NSPECon (Philadelphia) in preparation for NSPECon23, visit NSPE's conference photo albums on [Flickr](#).



Take Advantage of Professional Development Opportunities

It's not too late for NSPE members to access the 2022 lineup of WORKability Wednesdays webinars. Access these [free recorded webinars](#) and earn PDHs before the end of the year.

The presentations address various topics of interest to professional engineers including the following:

- [Amplifying the Current Infrastructure for the Imminent EV Transition](#)
- [Engineering: Addressing Unintended Consequences as a Professional](#)
- [What Separates Good Engineers From Great Engineers](#)
- [Ethical Case Insights: Lessons in Disclosure](#)
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