

State News for NSPE Members

Twin States Clean Energy Gets Backing from Federal Government

A proposed 211-mile transmission project bringing Canadian hydropower through Vermont and New Hampshire has been selected as one of three projects nationwide to receive support from the US Bipartisan Infrastructure Law's Transmission Facilitation Program, the [New Hampshire Bulletin reports](#).

The 1,200 megawatt project, a partnership between National Grid, Citizens Energy Corporation, and Northeastern Vermont Development Association, still remains subject to all local permitting and contractual arrangements.

"This is an important step forward for Twin States as we work to make the project a reality for the region," said Stephen Woerner, New England president at National Grid. "DOE has recognized the significant economic and environmental benefits of this project to New England communities, residents and businesses and we're grateful for this recognition from our federal partners."

According to National Grid, Twin States would deliver clean energy from Canada to New England to support the region's decarbonization goals and increase the supply of affordable clean energy. The line would be bi-directional, meaning it would enable clean energy producers in the region, such as offshore wind, to export excess capacity to Quebec during lower domestic demand. [Read more.](#)

Public Comment Open on State Broadband Infrastructure Plan

The Department of Business and Economic Affairs (BEA) will accept public comment until December 13 on its initial proposal (Volume I and II) for improving broadband infrastructure across the state.

BEA's Office of Broadband Initiatives was allocated \$196.5 million from the Broadband Equity, Access, and Deployment (BEAD) program in 2023, which will

be used to expand high-speed internet access. BEA's goal for use of this funding will be to deploy broadband infrastructure to 100 percent of addresses in the state that lack broadband speeds.

New Hampshire residents, representatives of community organizations, businesses, municipal governments, and other interested people are encouraged to participate in the public comment period.

To access the draft plan, visit the [broadband initiatives website](#). All comments must be submitted by noon on December 13 to broadband@livefree.nh.gov or send to the Office of Broadband Initiatives, 100 North Main St., Suite 100, Concord, NH 03301.

Call for Nominations: Engineer of the Year and Young Engineer of the Year Awards

NSPE-NH is seeking nominations for the Engineer of the Year (EOY) and Young Engineer of the Year (YEOY) Awards for 2024. Nominations are due by **Wednesday, January 17, 2024**.

EOY and YEOY are the highest awards given to individuals by the New Hampshire Engineering Societies. Each award is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare, and humankind. The awards will be presented at the 2024 Engineers Week Awards Banquet on February 22. Access more information about the awards and nomination forms [here](#).

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