

State News for NSPE Members

New Hampshire Students Awarded NSPE Scholarships

The [NSPE Education Foundation](#) recently awarded several scholarships to support talented students pursuing engineering degrees in ABET-accredited programs. Two New Hampshire engineering students received the Steinman Scholarship.



Douglas Coulter, of Durham, New Hampshire, is a student at the University of New Hampshire and is interested in the field of aerospace.



Michael T. Schoff, Portsmouth, New Hampshire, is an electrical engineering

student entering his third year of undergraduate studies at Dartmouth College.

[Learn more about the scholarship winners.](#)

New Legislation Curtails Offshore Wind Development in New Hampshire

New Hampshire's Office of Offshore Wind Industry Development and Energy Innovation is losing a few words from its title. Now, it's simply called the Office of Energy Innovation, [New Hampshire Public Radio reports](#).

The name change announces an erasure of state resources once aimed at boosting offshore wind in the state. A new law recently signed by Governor Kelly Ayotte eliminated most, if not all, of the language that required the office to specifically support offshore wind development.

Republican Rep. J.D. Bernardy, a sponsor of the bill, said the office will continue to remain updated on offshore wind possibilities, but the energy source will no longer be "driving [the office] forward."

"They can look at hydrogen, they can look at battery opportunities," Bernardy added. "It's a full spectrum of all the various evolving energy sources that are potentially out there."

The new law also shuts down two related state groups focused on workforce training and economic development. It's a contrast from Governor Chris Sununu's administration, which had established and funded these offices in 2021, and it comes on the heels of the Trump administration rolling back support for offshore wind development by suspending new leases and rescinding funding for federal offices that would have supported those projects. [Read more](#).

New Surcharge on Solid Waste to in New Hampshire to Take Effect in January

Starting January 1, New Hampshire will place a \$3.50 per ton surcharge on all solid waste taken at any of the state's six active landfills or its waste-to-energy facility.

The surcharge was included in the state budget signed into law in June. The state plans to use the revenue to fund salaries for waste management officials at the Department of Environmental Services and to support grant projects focused on improving waste disposal infrastructure across the state. This type of surcharge is common in other states, including neighboring Vermont and Massachusetts.

The fee will be paid by municipalities, businesses, and other institutions, but New

Hampshire towns and cities will receive a 100% quarterly rebate.

Roughly 1.9 million tons of trash were disposed of in New Hampshire in 2022, according to the most recent data available from the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services. At \$3.50 per ton, 1.9 million tons would've generated roughly \$6.7 million had the surcharge been in effect at the time, though some of that would've been rebated to towns and cities.

Of the 1.9 million tons in 2022, roughly 1.1 million tons — about 58% — came from municipalities, though it's unclear from the data how many of those municipalities were in New Hampshire and how many were out-of-state. But almost half of the total (both municipal and non-municipal) — or roughly 820,000 tons — came from out-of-state sources, mostly nearby states with more restrictive waste regulations. The large amount of out-of-state trash being dumped in New Hampshire has been a focus of those advocating for changes in the state's landfill system. [Read more in the *New Hampshire Bulletin*.](#)

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

Texas PE Takes the Lead of NSPE



Julia M. Harrod, P.E., F.NSPE, was installed as NSPE's 2025-2026 president during a ceremony at NSPECon25 on August 7. With over two decades of leadership and engineering experience, she brings a unique interdisciplinary perspective to the role—combining backgrounds in architecture, civil engineering, and business strategy.

“It’s a tremendous honor to lead NSPE and help advance the mission of fostering licensed professional engineers in service to society,” Harrod said. “We have an opportunity to expand our reach in advancing ethical leadership, innovation, and inclusion in engineering – and that starts with engaging and supporting the next generation of PEs.”

Harrod leads MWM DesignGroup as its president and CEO. The Texas-based firm provides integrated services in architecture, landscape architecture, civil engineering, land surveying, and permitting. She holds a degree in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master’s degree in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

After earning her PE license in Texas, Harrod quickly emerged as a dedicated leader and passionate advocate for the profession. She began her service with NSPE and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers in 2001 as a volunteer with the Travis Chapter in Austin. Since then, she has held numerous leadership roles, championing ethical standards and professional excellence across the engineering community.

The 2025-2026 NSPE Board of Directors (BOD) were installed during NSPECon25. [Get acquainted with the members of the BOD](#) .



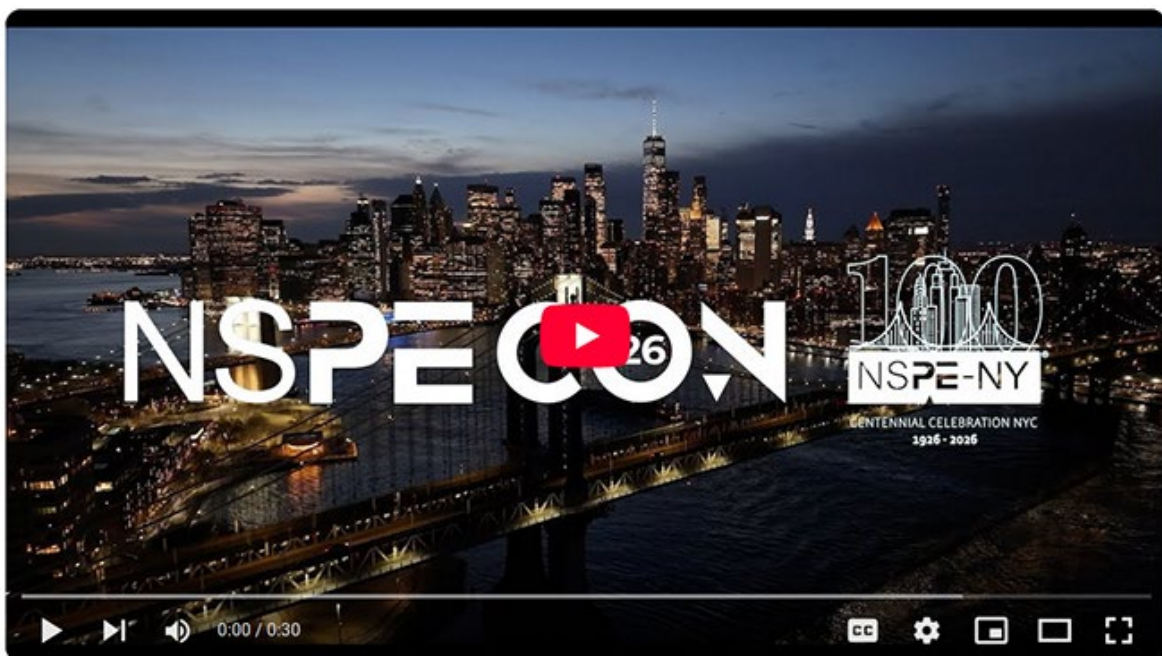
Save the Date: NSPECon26

We enjoyed seeing the NSPE community come together in Kansas City for NSPECon25 to celebrate PE Day, participate in sessions covering timely topics and engage in impactful conversations. Stay tuned for information on how to

access photos from the event on the conference website.



Next year will be about bright lights and big opportunities, so add NSPECon26 to your calendar, because we're going to New York City, August 5-7. Help us celebrate NYSSPE's centennial anniversary in The Big Apple.



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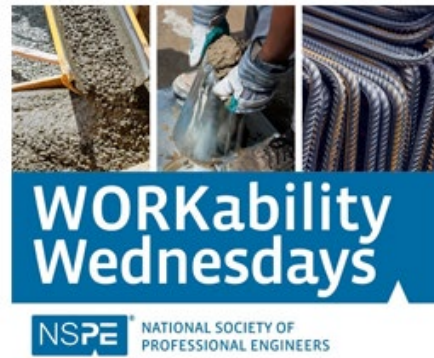
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Registration Open: 2025 Fall WORKability Webinars

NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members —“WORKability Wednesdays”— to support members with their professional development goals

through [NSPE's PE Institute](#) . The first webinar of the fall season will kick off on September 10 (2:00 p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET). Registration is open for the September webinars. Stay tuned for notifications to register for the additional webinars.



- September 10: [Decarbonizing Concrete: Overcoming Challenges, Unlocking Opportunities](#)
- September 24: [The Case for AI in Forensic Engineering: Enhancing Expert Testimony and Avoiding Obsolescence](#)
- October 8: **Marketing & Sales Best Practices for Engineering Firms**
- October 22: **Board of Ethical Review – Discussion of New Ethics Cases**
- November 5: **Winning More Business: Using Forensic Engineering Expertise as a Competitive Differentiator**
- November 12: **The Ethics of Sustainability in the Water, Food, and Energy Nexus**

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