

State News for NSPE Members

Baton Rouge PE Named NSPE Fellow



NSPE has welcomed **Bart Kemper, P.E., D.F.E.**, into its 2023 Class of Fellows. He joins four other PEs in receiving the membership level that honors NSPE members who have demonstrated exemplary and devoted service to the profession, the Society, and their communities. Kemper is the principal engineer of Kemper Engineering Services. He has served in various roles in the Louisiana Engineering Society and is a past president of the Baton Rouge chapter. He currently serves on NSPE's Committee on Policy and Advocacy.

Louisiana DOTD Announces \$164.8 Million in Funding for Statewide Projects

The Louisiana Department of Transportation and Development (DOTD) recently announced that it is funding statewide projects totaling \$164.8 million, and six NELA parishes will be getting upgrades, [knoe.com reports](https://www.knoe.com/news/local/louisiana-dotd-announces-164-8-million-in-funding-for-statewide-projects/).

Caldwell, Catahoula, Madison, Ouachita, West Carroll, and Winn Parishes will have bridge replacement, pavement and overlay, and congestion mitigation and safety projects done as part of this statewide investment from the DOTD.

The projects and their funding are as follows:

- Caldwell Parish - \$2,195,811.55 for milling, patching, overlay, and drainage on LA 547 between McKnight Rd. and LA 845.
- Catahoula Parish - \$328,700.00 for duty/enterprise ferry drydock for repairs, maintenance, and painting
- Madison Parish - \$2,595,206.60 for reflectors and striping on I-20 between Richland Parish line and LA 602-2
- Ouachita Parish - \$1,917,860.00 for replacement of Pine Bluff Rd. and Tack Allen Rd. bridges
- West Carroll Parish - \$2,685,774.00 for milling and overlay on LA 588 between Copes Rd. and LA 585
- Winn Parish - \$2,856,590.01 for pavement rehabilitation and overlay on LA 1238 between LA 127 and Weatherford Rd.

Louisiana Energy Conference - May 30-June 1 in New Orleans

The 2023 Louisiana Energy Conference will be held at The Ritz-Carlton in New Orleans, May 30-June 1. LEC 2023 will feature a series of approximately 27 presentations, panels, and discussions that will address key domestic and international oil, natural gas, renewable and clean energy developments, and topics.

Industry participants and advisors comprised of executives from over 80 organizations, including public and private energy companies as well as advisory, investment, private equity, industry trade groups, regulatory agencies, and support firms will be on hand for all presentations and panels. Access a detailed, current agenda on the conference web site, www.LouisianaEnergyConference.com.

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

Network and Learn at NSPECon23 (August 2-4)



[NSPECon23](#) registration is now open! NSPE members, PEs, EITs, engineering students, and anyone interested in the issues facing the industry today are invited to attend NSPECon 2023 in Louisville, August 2-4. [Early-bird registration rates](#) are available until June 29. [Preview the preliminary program of sessions](#) designed to foster leadership skills, address industry trends, and to boost your career.

Register Now!

Keynote Speakers



Bill Samuels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of Maker's Mark Distillery, will open the NSPECon 23 meeting. Samuels, who helped design both the Gemini and Polaris missiles and became friends with the founding administrator of NASA, will talk about the, "Trials and Tribulations of a Failed Aerospace Engineer."



Megan Bendtzen, CEO and Founder of TheDoctorofFun.com, will completely shift your perspective, debunking the myths and mysteries of work-life balance and the pursuit of happiness during the keynote speech "P.L.A.Y. to Win: It Actually is All Fun and Games...The Secret to Increasing Profits, Positivity and Productivity."

Sponsor and Exhibit Opportunities

NSPECon23 offers sponsorship and exhibitor opportunities to put your company or organization in front of senior executives and other decision-makers from across the industry. Access the [Sponsor and Exhibitor Prospectus](#) for more information.



NSPE Welcomes New VP for Membership, State Engagement

NSPE recently welcomed **Rodneikka Scott, MSc, CAE**, as its new Vice President of Member and State Engagement. In this role, Scott will be responsible for executing NSPE's strategic vision and the association's approach to membership, professional practice, and learning. She will also oversee NSPE's current state engagement efforts, the customer service center, and the ethics team.



Prior to joining NSPE, Scott spent four years as the Chief Membership and Diversity Programs Officer of the Endocrine Society. She played a crucial role in managing the organization's membership approach, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, and revamping the member value proposition to include a suite of new member benefits. Scott draws on more than 17 years of diverse experience in the membership, marketing, communications, volunteer relations, and education sectors to support member services and diversity programs. [Read more](#).

Get Involved – Volunteer for an NSPE Committee

Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#). NSPE is committed to building valuable experiences for all our members by offering a variety of long term and short-term opportunities to get engaged. Visit the [Get Involved Page](#) to learn more about available opportunities. [Submit an application](#) for a 2023-24 committee by **June 2**.

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