Ridgeland PE Graduates from NSPE Emerging Leaders Program

Civil engineer Jennifer Sloan Ziegler, Ph.D., P.E., of Ridgeland, Miss., is a member of NSPE’s 2021 Class of Emerging Leaders. The latest session of the Emerging Leaders Program began in August 2021 and concluded in February.

Sloan Ziegler works as a project manager for Cypress Environment & Infrastructure, a small woman-owned business based in Ocean Springs, Miss. The company specializes in engineering, planning, and environmental science in the Southeast and mid-Atlantic region. She says her employment provides her with opportunities for ownership, professional growth, client and team development, and project management much earlier than for some of her counterparts at larger firms.

Read more.

Lawmakers End 2022 Session with Historic Spending Spree

Earlier this month, state legislators appropriated historic amounts of funds for various categories in order to improve the health, safety, and lives of residents, including:
• $1.51 billion in federal American Rescue Plan Act funds on a litany of items ranging from helping to repair or improve local water and sewer systems to tourism enhancement to propping up state agencies facing lawsuits because of substandard conditions.
• More than $900 million in surplus funds on hundreds of projects, including small projects such as courthouse repairs across the state, construction (on public buildings, including schools, state office buildings and community college and universities and more) and road and bridge repairs.

“So many of our communities across Mississippi have multimillion-dollar water and sewer challenges which have health, safety, economic, and other consequences. These funds will help these communities begin the process of addressing these concerns resulting in a better quality of life for our citizens,” Lieutenant Governor Delbert Hosemann said, as quoted by *Mississippi Today*.

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All responses will be kept anonymous and only used in aggregated results unless you give us permission to contact you regarding your responses. The results of the survey will be shared in an upcoming article in *PE* magazine, as well as other NSPE publications (website, newsletters, social media, etc.).

*Start the survey.*

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**NSPE Endorses Sustainability and Resilience Statement**

NSPE believes licensed professional engineers should be good stewards of the environment in order to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The NSPE Board of Directors recently endorsed “The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change,” a statement intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives. Facilitated by Engineering Change Lab-USA, the statement was prepared with input from a working group of sixteen organizations including NSPE.

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These live and interactive webinars are free to NSPE members and will be held at 2:00 pm EDT on the first and third Wednesday of the months of April, May, and June. The next webinar on April 20 will focus on The Future of Wichita’s Water - The Northwest Water Treatment Facility.

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