

State News for NSPE Members

\$712.5 Million in Infrastructure Funds Coming to Mississippi

More than \$712 million has been released to Mississippi for 12 formula programs to support investment in critical infrastructure. The US Department of Transportation's Federal Highway Administration made the announcement on October 12, [WLBTV3 reports](#).

That includes roads, bridges and tunnels, carbon emission reduction, and safety improvements utilizing funding from President Biden's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The funds come directly to Mississippi to rebuild roads and bridges and to make the state's transportation system more efficient.

In Fiscal Year 2023, Mississippi will receive a total of \$45 million in Bridge Formula funding to address highway bridge needs. The funding is available to improve the condition of about 1,095 bridges in poor condition and to preserve and improve about 6,025 bridges in fair condition in the state that are at risk of falling into poor condition.

The state will get more than \$3.8 million for the Railway-Highway Crossings Program and more than \$10.7 million for the National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Program.

Choctaw Center for Construction Ed Receives Funding

The [Mississippi Band of Choctaw Indians](#) has been awarded a \$5.8 million grant for the construction of an advanced workforce training center, the [Clarion Ledger reports](#).

The newly funded facility will benefit the community by providing welding, computer IT, and other skills training courses. It will also provide more space for existing programs that need more space.

“As of today, our National Center for construction education and research offers HVAC, electrical and industrial maintenance to tribal employees with very little room, but the goal is to expand with the new center,” said Anna Denson, project manager of economic development.

The facility is expected to be complete in about a year, officials say.

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Mark Your Calendar for Engineers Week 2023

Founded by NSPE in 1951, [Engineers Week](#) (February 19–25, 2023) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce. The latest theme for Engineers Week seeks to inspire the next generation by celebrating all the way engineers are **Creating the Future!** Engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact future generations. By working together to develop new technologies, products, and opportunities, engineers create new possibilities that make the world a better place.



Engineers Week is a time for you to:

- Celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world.
- Add your voice to the conversation about the need for engineers, technicians, and technologists.
- Engage students in engineering.

[Access promotional resources.](#)

DiscoverE Outreach Grants

Don't miss your chance to fund your events for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

There are \$250-\$1000 grants available:

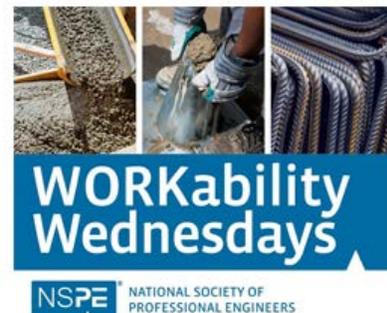
- [Bell Girl Day grants](#) for girl-centered programs
- [Engineers Week grants](#) for underserved students

The deadline to [apply for the grants](#) is November 4.



Workability Wednesdays Webinars

The fall series of [Workability Wednesdays](#) webinars recently launched with a webinar on [What Separates Good Engineers From Great Engineers](#). The series is free for NSPE members and covers topics impacting the industry and helps to enhance your competencies in the profession.



Upcoming Webinars

- [Ethical Case Insights: Lessons in Disclosure](#) (October 12)
- [Setting and Verifying Corporate Sustainability Goals Across Environmental, Social, and Governance Topics](#) (October 19)
- [How Blockchain Protects Public Safety: A Working Solution](#) (October 26)
- [Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas that Arise in Everyday Engineering Practice](#) (November 16)

If you missed the spring lineup of [Workability Wednesdays](#) webinars, you can still [view the recordings](#) and receive PDH credit.

Last Call for FEYA Nominations

Nominations for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award are open until **October 31**. The award, sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Government, honors engineers employed by a federal agency that employs at least 50 engineers worldwide.

The FEYA ceremony is scheduled for February 24, 2023, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Tickets will be available for sale in January.

Nominations must be made by the federal agency. Access the application [here](#).



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