

State News for NSPE Members

Net Metering Deal Sweetened for Home, Business Owners

To encourage the growth of renewable energy production in the state, the Mississippi Public Utilities Commission has added a new rebate and low-income credits to its net metering rule, [Mississippi Today reports](#).

Residents and small business owners who purchase rooftop solar or other green energy-generating systems will receive a \$3,500 rebate. Also, households earning up to 250% of the federal poverty level will receive higher payments.

Mississippi has the second lowest number of participants out of any state with a net metering law. Its net metering program, which began in 2015, received criticism early on because its original model did not pay residents retail rates for the energy generated.

Entergy Consolidating Three Facilities in \$30 Million Project

Entergy Mississippi has purchased a former Primos manufacturing facility in Flora. The company is spending \$30 million to renovate the 102,700-square-foot building, where operations are expected to begin in June 2023, according to the [Clarion-Ledger](#).

Entergy will move 44 employees to the new location, which also includes 10 acres for materials storage and another 25 acres in the Flora Industrial Park. An additional 37 remote contract employees will use the location as a home base.

The new building will replace three separate facilities, which house the company's transmission line department, substation operations department, and the central Mississippi substation maintenance department for the Jackson metropolitan area.

Flora has seen a resurgence of development in its downtown area recently, with multiple new businesses opening and residential construction planned.

Missouri PE Takes the Lead of NSPE



Britt Smith P.E., F.NSPE, has started his term as NSPE's 2022–23 president. A formal installation ceremony will take place during the Professional Engineers Conference in Philadelphia on August 2.

"I can say honestly that I could not be more humbled to be the next president of NSPE," Smith stated during the recent House of Delegates General Assembly. "I never dreamed that I would be in this position but knew that I wanted to just give back to the profession that has provided so much for me and my family."

Smith is currently the operations division director for the City of Jefferson, where he manages all aspects of operations related to streets, parking, central maintenance, city facilities, and the airport, and leverages all available resources to accomplish the varying missions of each division. He also has experience as an engineering consultant and served in the US Army. Smith graduated from the Missouri University of Science and Technology (formerly the University of Missouri – Rolla) with a bachelor's degree in aerospace engineering.

Since becoming a member of NSPE and the Missouri Society of Professional Engineers in 1997, Smith has held many volunteer leadership positions with the Society including serving on the Committee on Policy and Advocacy, the Honors and Awards Committee, the Delivery System, Communication, and Technology Task Force, and as Missouri's representative to the House of Delegates. Smith was named an NSPE Fellow in 2016. In Missouri, he served in a variety of chapter and state-level leadership positions, including as the 2011-2012 state president and president of the Jefferson City Chapter in 2001.

A strong dedication to volunteering also extends into Smith's local community where he is involved with the United Way of Central Missouri and as a counselor for the Jefferson City Marriage Encounter. He has previously dedicated many years to the local Boy Scouts troop and as a volunteer baseball/softball coach.

Reconnect at NSPECon 2022

Attendance at [NSPECon 2022](#) in Philadelphia, August 1-3, is the best opportunity to engage and learn with your colleagues. The conference features multiple

education tracks in leadership, trends in the industry, and career development. [Registration is open until July 28.](#)

Featured Keynote Speaker



Commander Mary Kelly, US Navy (Ret.), Ph.D., CSP, CPAE, will present “6-5-7: The 6 Stages of Any Crisis, Challenge, or Change, the 5 Steps to P.I.V.O.T. for Success, and 7 Leadership Reminders To Lead Through It.” Registered attendees will receive exclusive access to an online vault full of bonus resources from Commander Kelly.

Conference Session Highlights

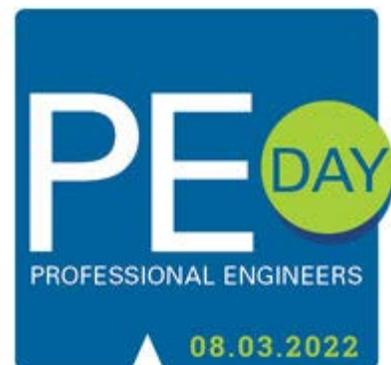
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PE Day is Coming!

Celebrate licensure and the profession with PEs around the world on Wednesday, August 3, during the seventh annual [Professional Engineers Day!](#) Whether you plan to celebrate PE Day at home, in the office, or with your peers at the NSPECon 2022 in Philadelphia, you can show off your PE pride by sporting some PE Day logo wear for this year’s event.

NSPE’s [apparel shop](#) features the PE Day logo on a



variety of items including many styles of t-shirts and other apparel for men, women, and kids, as well as accessories like mugs, notebooks, tote bags, wall prints, and even phone cases.

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