

State News for NSPE Members

NSPE-NV Meeting Recap—Update to the I-15 Tropicana Project

NSPE-NV held a luncheon meeting on Tuesday, October 18, featuring a presentation on the I-15 Tropicana project. Lynnette Russell, P.E., assistant chief of project management for the Nevada Department of Transportation, and Chris Koenig with the Kiewit Corporation.

Located in the heart of the resort corridor, the Tropicana Avenue-Interstate 15 interchange serves as a gateway to the Las Vegas Strip. The combination of new resorts and professional sports has attracted more visitors to the city, drawing as many as 300,000 visitors on major holiday weekends, according to the NDOT. The widening of the Tropicana interchange will add capacity, improve accessibility to the strip, and allow for the future widening of I-15 as the population continues to grow. [Learn more.](#)



Meet the Presenters—Lynnette Russell and Chris Koenig



During her 30-year career, Lynnette Russell has been involved in the design and construction of several multi-million dollar heavy civil projects as well as iconic landmark projects across the southwestern United States. She also serves on the Nevada Board of Professional Engineers and Land Surveyors. In her current role, Russell is the assistant chief of project management for NDOT and the project manager on the I-15 Tropicana project.

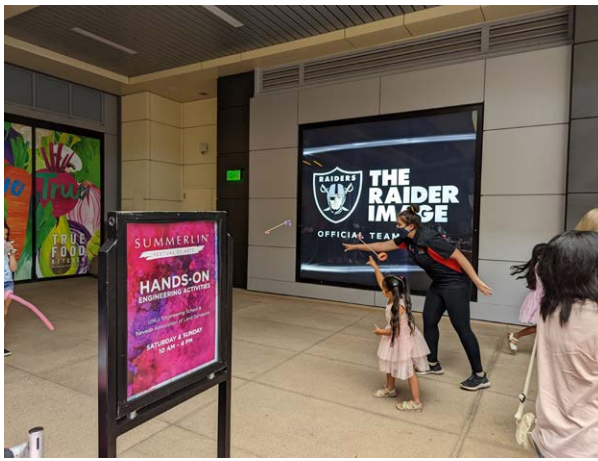
Russell holds bachelor's degrees in mechanical engineering and accounting from California State University, Chico, and a master's degree in organizational leadership from Regis University.



Chris Koenig has been employed with Kiewit for his entire professional career, 34 years. He is one of the company's most seasoned managers and has led a wide variety of multi-million dollar heavy civil projects across the southwestern United States. Koenig holds a bachelor's degree in construction management from the University of Nebraska.

NSPE-NV Outreach in Action: Summerlin Festival of Arts

NSPE-NV members participated in STEAM outreach activities during the **Summerlin Festival of Arts** at The Lawn at Downtown Summerlin, October 8-9. The festival celebrated its 26th year.



NSPE-NV wants to give a special thanks to the awesome volunteers that helped out at the booth with the fun hands-on engineering activities of Hoop Glider and Pop Fly Catapults.

- Alma Al Fawal (Atkins)
- Alyssa Fitzpatrick (UNLV Tech Trekker)
- Brook Demitropoulos (Jacobs)
- David DeValve (LR Nelson Consulting Engineers)
- Debra Yamachika (Clark County Regional Flood Control District)
- Donna Rouchani (UNLV Tech Trekker)
- Ganesh Kadam (PMCM Consulting)
- Jessica Reyes (Kimley-Horn)
- John Case (Retired Engineer)
- Mahmoud El Hafiz – (Jacobs)
- Michael Feuerstein (GCW)
- Priscilla (High School Student)
- Randy Moreno (UNLV Tech Trekker)
- Ty (High School Students)
- Yanai Avila (UNLV Tech Trekker)
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Volunteer Opportunity

The [Just One Project](#) is seeking volunteers for its latest Pop Up & Give Mobile Market on **Saturday, October 22**, at various locations from 7:45 a.m. – 11:00 a.m.

If you would like to participate in this volunteer opportunity, you can [sign up](#) online. Please wear comfy closed toed shoes and bring water. Children 10 and older are welcome to participate.

Licensing Board Meeting

The [Nevada Board of Professional Engineers & Land Surveyors](#) has scheduled a meeting on **Thursday, November 17**.

Access meeting information [here](#).

Are You Ready to Lead Within NSPE-NV?

NSPE-NV is seeking individuals to serve as vice president at the Southern Nevada chapter level and secretary for the state society/foundation boards.

Please contact Trisha Sakaguchi (Trisha.Sakaguchi@atkinsglobal.com), Christian Herrera (Christian.Herrera@swgas.com), Martin Jensen (MJensen@UniversalEngineering.com), or Bob Thomsen (Bob.Thomsen@gesnevada.com) if you are interested.



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NSPE provides the tools PEs need to keep current in the profession and advance their careers.

Featured Jobs

[Electrical Engineer, P.E.](#)

Las Vegas, NV

[Transportation Designer](#)

Las Vegas, NV

Find more job openings or reach the right employees on the [NSPE Job Board](#).

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

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:

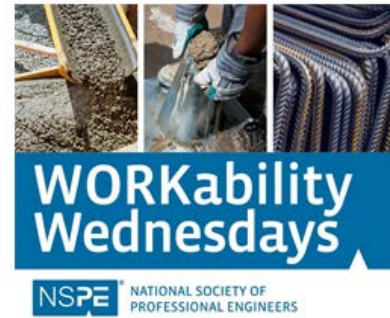
- [Bell Girl Day grants](#) for girl-centered programs
- [Engineers Week grants](#) for underserved students

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

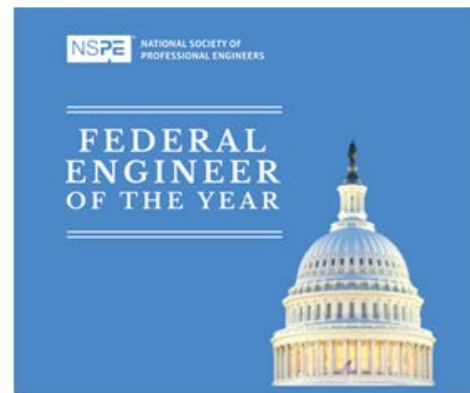
- [How Blockchain Protects Public Safety: A Working Solution](#) (October 26)
- [Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas that Arise in Everyday Engineering Practice](#) (November 16)

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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