

State News for NSPE Members

GSPE 14th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Guam Society of Professional Engineers (GSPE) is hosting its annual golf tournament on **Saturday, October 11, 2025** (11:00 a.m.) at the Sono Felice Country Club at Talofofo. The cost is \$150 individual/\$300 per team for the two-person select shot (Scramble).

Registration and assignments will open at 11:00 a.m., with a shotgun start at 12:30 p.m., followed by a banquet with awards and raffle prizes. Access more details and the signup sheet [here](#).

This event is held to raise funds for the MATHCOUNTS Guam Chapter to help promote middle school mathematics achievement and help with a significant portion of the funds needed to finance the Guam team's participation at the prestigious national level. The tournament is also an effort to raise awareness and active participation among the GSPE stakeholders in support of the MATHCOUNTS chapter.

For more information and registration, please contact any member of our golf committee.

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GSPE September Meeting Recap

The [Guam Society of Professional Engineers](#) held a luncheon meeting on September 16, featuring a presentation on “**Type 4 Septic System Requirements for Guam with Life Solutions Product Systems**” by **Marvin Aguilar**. The presentation [addressed the legislation](#) for the recent public law PL 37-105, which enables the nitrogen reducing systems. Access the presentation [here](#).



Guam Licensing Board Meeting

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, November 6**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

Guam Governor Looks for Potential Exemption from \$100K H-1B Visa Fee Plan

Governor Lou Leon Guerrero's office eyes potential for Guam to seek exemption from the Trump White House's new order requiring a \$100,000 fee on H-1B visa petitions for foreign professionals with specialized skills that the island has been

lacking such as doctors, nurses, engineers and technology experts.

Raising the fee from \$215 to \$100,000 could deal a major blow to Guam businesses that rely on H-1B visa holders, for example, for doctors and engineers, though the White House clarified that the new policy won't affect current visa holders, only new applicants.

The September 19 executive order essentially gave a two-day notice about a change in the existing H-1B process became effective on September 21. Adelup believes the executive order leaves open the possibility of national interest exemptions, to be determined by the Department of Homeland Security.

"We believe Guam's role in the nation's defense—together with buildup-connected needs in health care, construction, and related industries—falls squarely within that definition," Krystal Paco-San Agustin, Adelup's director of communications, told the *Pacific Daily News*. "Congress also has a history of recognizing Guam's unique circumstances and carving out exceptions for our island when national security is at stake and we will pursue that option in addition to all administrative remedies."

[Read more.](#)

GPA Eyes Grid Overhaul as Ukudu Delays Compound Renewable Energy Challenges

The Guam Power Authority is pushing forward with sweeping changes to the island's electrical grid while managing continued delays at the Ukudu power plant and navigating hurdles in its renewable energy program that could reshape how Guam generates and delivers electricity.

While the Ukudu power plant faces additional delays from newly discovered problems, GPA officials provided [The Guam Daily Post](#) with detailed responses on how the utility plans to manage the setbacks, alongside broader infrastructure improvements that could save hundreds of millions of dollars and transform the island's power system.

The 198-megawatt Ukudu facility continues pre-commissioning testing despite damage to Gas Turbine Generator No. 3 discovered September 3. That component's rotor will require factory repairs, adding to earlier delays from steam turbine problems that sent parts to the Czech Republic for repairs over the summer. GPA officials confirmed the plant now faces yet another unspecified issue unrelated to the previously repaired steam turbine components.

"GPA has been advised recently by Guam Ukudu Power (GUP) of a new issue unrelated to the previously repaired steam turbine rotor that will delay the commercial operation date," said GPA officials. Details on the new issue are still pending. [Read more.](#)

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

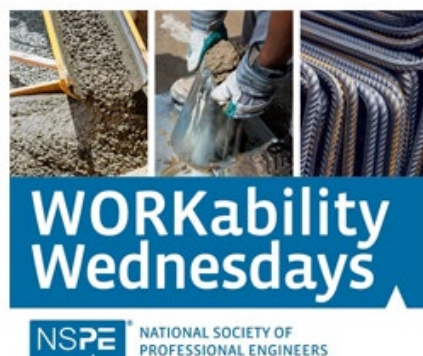
New Board of Ethical Review Cases Available

One of NSPE's key resources includes the Board of Ethical Review case studies. The five new cases (24-01 – 24-05) address the topics of balancing client directives and the public welfare, use of artificial intelligence in engineering practice, public contracting practices, community engagement for infrastructure projects, and sustainable development and resilient infrastructure. [Access the BER cases](#) .

Enhance your understanding of the new BER cases by attending the upcoming WORKability Wednesdays webinar [Board of Ethical Review: Fall 2025 Case Review and Discussion](#) on October 22.

Level Up Your Career: 2025 Fall WORKability Webinars

NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members —“WORKability Wednesdays”— to support members with their professional development goals through NSPE's PE Institute. The new season of webinars launched on September 10 with [Decarbonizing Concrete: Overcoming Challenges, Unlocking Opportunities](#) and on September 24 with [The Case for AI in Forensic Engineering: Enhancing Expert Testimony and Avoiding Obsolescence](#) (Recordings are available). Registration is open for these upcoming webinars.



- October 8: [Marketing & Sales Best Practices for Engineering Firms](#)
- October 22: [Board of Ethical Review – Discussion of New Ethics Cases](#)
- November 5: **TBD**
- November 12: [Ethical Dimensions of Engineering in the 21st Century](#)

Missed the 2025 Spring WORKability Series? [Register for the package to get all 6 webinars](#) – free to members!

**Members are advised to consult their state licensing board to determine requirements for PDH or CPD credits.*

Nominations Open: Federal Engineer of the Year Award

Federal engineers are at the forefront of our nation's most vital priorities from infrastructure and innovation to defense, public health, and safety. Honoring the commitment of federal engineers to innovation and service is the hallmark of the Federal Engineer of the Year Award (FEYA). Nominations for the 2026 award are open until October 31, 2025. [Visit the online portal for full guidelines and submission details](#).



Why Does FEYA Matter?

Lt. Col. Brigham Moore, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, was named the 2025 Federal Engineer of the Year. Here's what Lt. Col. Moore had to say about the impact this award has had on his career: *"Being selected as Top Ten Finalist and ultimately as the Federal Engineer of the Year this past year has been an incredible highlight of my career. Within the Air Force, it has provided me opportunities to mentor and give back to the engineering community that I love. Professionally, it has reconnected me with previous advisors and engineering faculty, opening up doors and networking me with some people that I did not previously know. Finally, and personally, it served as a huge bolster to my confidence and commitment to continue making meaningful change with each project and major decision as I move forward."*

[Learn about Moore's government service and contributions to the profession.](#)



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