

State News for NSPE Members

Guam 2023 Society Activities Recap

As we prepare to say goodbye to 2023 and look forward to ringing in the New Year 2024, let's take stock of the engagement and community building that members and friends of GSPE participated in this year. [Access the annual recap](#) of monthly luncheon membership meetings, speakers and presentations, and other significant events. There is also a list of current GSPE Officers/Board of Directors and their contact information.

Licensing Board Meeting

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) will hold its next board meeting on **January 11, 2024**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

Guam Authority to Invest \$1.7 Million in Grid Resilience

The Guam Power Authority (GPA) is set to receive \$1.7 million as part of its multi-year investment to improve the electric grid, prevent customer outages, and reduce the impact of extreme weather events on electrical infrastructure. Enhancing energy infrastructure to make it more resilient against the effects of climate change while supporting the integration of renewable energy is a key element of GPA's Clean Energy Master Plan.

This grant is funded by the US Department of Energy Preventing Outages and Enhancing the Resilience of the Electrical Grid Grants program, established under the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act (IIJA). The grant program aims to strengthen and modernize the US power grid against wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural disasters. Projects eligible under this grant include under-grounding of electrical equipment, hardening of power lines and other utility

infrastructure, and adaptive protection technologies.

At present, nearly 25% of Guam's power customers receive their power through underground lines—allowing GPA to operate a portion of the grid during typhoons. As part of its resiliency plan, GPA will utilize these funds to under-ground key transmission lines supplying Guam Waterworks Authority (GWA) water and wastewater facilities. [Read more.](#)

UOG Holds Groundbreaking for School of Engineering Building

After years of waiting and overcoming obstacles, the University of Guam and its partners recently held a groundbreaking ceremony for the new School of Engineering building, [The Guam Daily Post reports](#).

What started as a preengineering program is now becoming a full-fledged engineering program, enabling students to receive their bachelor of science degrees in engineering in a soon-to-be built facility.

This is the third project, following the Water and Environmental Research Institute of the Western Pacific and the Margaret Perez Hattori-Uchima School of Health Nursing Annex that was announced this year. The School of Engineering site is the largest facility scheduled to be built, with 16,500 square feet of floor space housing state-of-the-art classrooms and utilities. The start of UOG's fourth project, the Student Success Center, is scheduled in January 2024.

Because of Typhoon Mawar and a lack of funds due to the rising cost of construction labor and supplies, the university partnered with the UOG Endowment Foundation board of directors, Mobile Oil Corp., the Society of American Military Engineers, and Governor Lou Leon Guerrero to help fund the project. "It really took a community effort. It took a village to make this come into life," said UOG President Anita Borja Enriquez.

The School of Engineering building is expected to be completed in March 2025. [Read more.](#)

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