

State News for NSPE Members

GSPE 14th Annual Golf Tournament Fundraiser

The Guam Society of Professional Engineers 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. Light refreshments will be provided during the tournament.

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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Guam Licensing Board Meeting

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, September 4**. Access the meeting information and agenda and the zoom link [here](#).

Renewal Reminder: Certificate of Authorization

Firms that have a PEALS Certificate of Authorization to offer engineering, architectural, land surveying, and construction management services must renew the certificate before or on **October 31, 2025**. [Access more information](#).

GPA Receives \$500K to Strengthen Resilient Energy and Fiber Network Service

The Guam Power Authority (GPA) has received a \$500,000 Broadband Technical Assistance grant from the US Department of Agriculture (USDA) Rural Development Office. This funding will support a feasibility study aimed at increasing the resiliency of GPA's power network by enhancing its SMART grid infrastructure and exploring the potential to expand broadband access islandwide using GPA's existing fiber optic network.

In the aftermath of Typhoon Mawar, the need for a resilient energy infrastructure has never been clearer. GPA's current SMART grid relies on a robust communication network to manage and restore power efficiently. By leveraging its existing fiber optic infrastructure, GPA aims to strengthen grid resiliency and reduce response times during emergencies. Additionally, expanding the reach of this network could provide the foundation for islandwide broadband access—helping to close Guam's digital divide.

“Reliability is at the core of GPA's mission, and this grant allows us to explore new ways to harden our grid while delivering benefits for the entire island,” said General Manager John M. Benavente, P.E. “By assessing how our SMART grid infrastructure can support broadband expansion, we can create a more secure and connected Guam.” [Read more.](#)

Drilling, Testing at Ordot Dump Could Start in September

Crews could start drilling holes around Ordot dumpsite by September, part of a new bout of testing to see if the environmentally hazardous dumpsite is still putting contaminants into the Lofit River.

The court-appointed receiver running the dump provided updates on the effort at this month's meeting of the Guam Solid Waste Authority board.

“Currently, the driller has been contracted,” said Chris Lund, senior vice president of receiver Gershman, Brickner and Bratton Inc.

Lund said the receiver is getting permits cleared with the Guam Environmental Protection Agency, and drilling could start by early September. He said the holes won't be drilled into the actual 280-foot capped trash mound at Ordot, but the ground around it.

Receiver GBB has certified that the dump has stopped putting contaminants into the Lofit River, but the US Environmental Protection Agency earlier this year declined to approve anything without further testing.

The delay is holding up the end of the court-ordered receivership that's governed operations at the dump since 2008.

In a separate matter, GovGuam is actively suing GBB and the contractors it hired over allegations that the system designed to catch hazardous runoff, leachate, at the dump is flawed. Defendants have denied the allegations.

Drilling at Ordot is meant to gather more information about how water is moving through the ground underneath the dumpsite. The US EPA also wants investigations into places where water is seeping out of the ground nearby. [Read more in the *Pacific Daily News*.](#)

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Texas PE Takes the Lead of NSPE



Julia M. Harrod, P.E., F.NSPE, was installed as NSPE's 2025-2026 president during a ceremony at NSPECon25 on August 7. With over two decades of leadership and engineering experience, she brings a unique interdisciplinary perspective to the role—combining backgrounds in architecture, civil engineering, and business strategy.

"It's a tremendous honor to lead NSPE and help advance the mission of fostering licensed professional engineers in service to society," Harrod said. "We have an opportunity to expand our reach in advancing ethical leadership, innovation, and inclusion in engineering – and that starts with engaging and supporting the next generation of PEs."

Harrod leads MWM DesignGroup as its president and CEO. The Texas-based firm provides integrated services in architecture, landscape architecture, civil engineering, land surveying, and permitting. She holds a degree in architecture from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and a master's degree in engineering from the University of Texas at Austin.

After earning her PE license in Texas, Harrod quickly emerged as a dedicated leader and passionate advocate for the profession. She began her service with NSPE and the Texas Society of Professional Engineers in 2001 as a volunteer with the Travis Chapter in Austin. Since then, she has held numerous leadership roles, championing ethical standards and professional excellence across the engineering community.

The 2025-2026 NSPE Board of Directors (BOD) were installed during NSPECon25. [Get acquainted with the members of the BOD](#) .

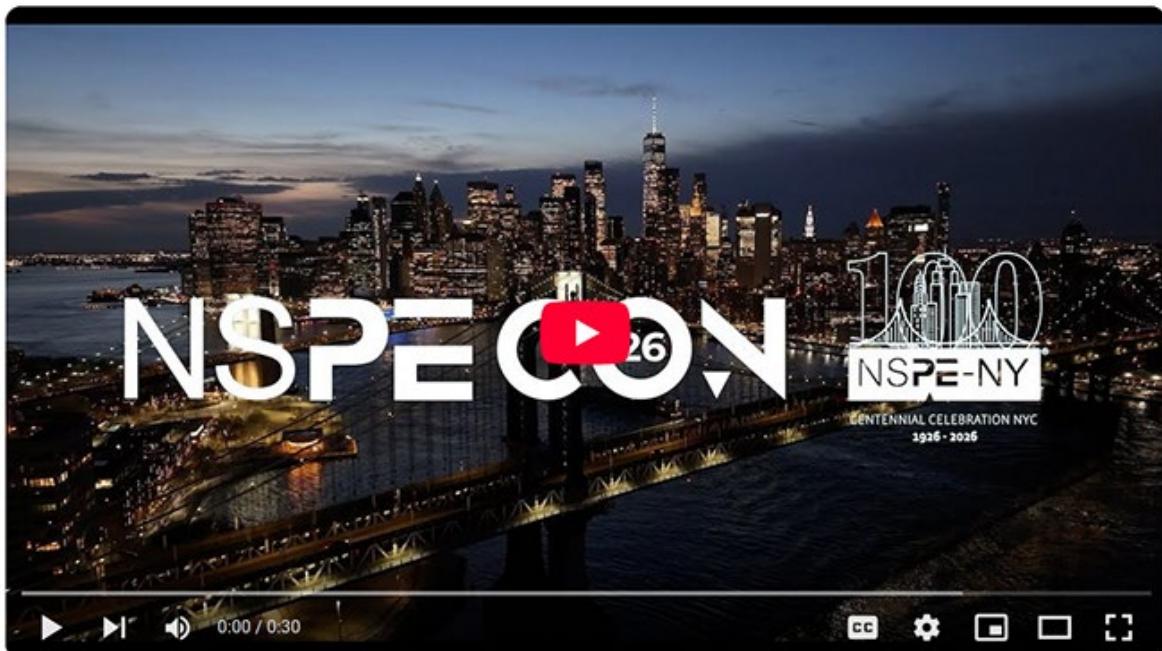


Save the Date: NSPECon26

We enjoyed seeing the NSPE community come together in Kansas City for NSPECon25 to celebrate PE Day, participate in sessions covering timely topics and engage in impactful conversations. Stay tuned for information on how to access photos from the event on the conference website.



Next year will be about bright lights and big opportunities, so add NSPECon26 to your calendar, because we're going to New York City, August 5-7. Help us celebrate NYSSPE's centennial anniversary in The Big Apple.



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Registration Open: 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 first webinar of the fall season will kick off on September 10 (2:00

p.m. – 3:00 p.m. ET). Registration is open for the September webinars. Stay tuned for notifications to register for the additional webinars.



- September 10: [Decarbonizing Concrete: Overcoming Challenges, Unlocking Opportunities](#)
- September 24: [The Case for AI in Forensic Engineering: Enhancing Expert Testimony and Avoiding Obsolescence](#)
- October 8: **Marketing & Sales Best Practices for Engineering Firms**
- October 22: **Board of Ethical Review – Discussion of New Ethics Cases**
- November 5: **Winning More Business: Using Forensic Engineering Expertise as a Competitive Differentiator**
- November 12: **The Ethics of Sustainability in the Water, Food, and Energy Nexus**

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