

State News for NSPE Members

GWA: \$9M Anticipated for Water Infrastructure

Guam is set to receive its share of \$2.4 billion from the Biden-Harris administration's Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, [as reported by The Guam Daily Post](#). The federal funds are headed to states, tribes and territories through this year's Clean Water State Revolving Fund, the US Environmental Protection Agency recently announced.

The law marks an "unprecedented" investment toward revitalizing "essential water and wastewater infrastructure across the country," according to EPA Administrator Michael Regan. Guam's drinking water, wastewater and stormwater infrastructure is included in the initiative. The Guam Waterworks Authority said about \$9 million from the fund sources is headed to the island.

Legislation Seeks to Expedite Stalled Government Infrastructure Projects

To keep critical government projects from being jammed up for years, Senator Sabina Perez is proposing an expedited process that would let government contractors get to work faster, even if the contract they've been awarded is contested, [the Pacific Daily News reports](#).

Senator Perez is also looking to speed along the Guam Department of Education's spending of the roughly \$121 million in federal American Rescue Plan Act money. All ARPA funds have to be obligated by Guam DOE by December 2024, or else should be returned.

If a vendor feels they've been wrongfully passed over for a contract with the government of Guam, they can protest the contract award to the Office of Public Accountability, and if that fails, the courts. Protests can be lengthy, sometimes taking years, all while the work GovGuam originally set out to accomplish stays frozen.

Perez pointed to the recent situation with contractor ENGIE Solar, which was meant to build a 40-megawatt solar project for the Guam Power Authority on military land. ENGIE managed to beat a protesting bidder in the Superior Court of Guam in 2022, but the victory took three years. [Read more](#).

Reminder: Annual PE License Renewals

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) announced that **annual registration for licensees will expire on April 30**.

Access more information about the renewal process and registration fees [here](#). Registrants can renew online and also access digital certificates and pocket registration cards through the [Professionals Dashboard](#).

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

TVA Engineer Named 2023 FEYA Winner

Stephen Craven, Ph.D., P.E., was named [NSPE's 2023 Federal Engineer of the Year](#) for his innovative work securing Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) substations and developing improved communication architecture. Now in its 44th year, the Federal Engineer of the Year Award is the only one of its kind to solely recognize outstanding engineers employed in the federal government. Federal agency winners were honored during a ceremony held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on February 24.



Stephen Craven is a third-generation TVA engineer, serving at the agency's Power Service Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Among his accomplishments, Craven has helped secure substations against cyber-attacks, designing ways to keep critical equipment disconnected from external attackers and yet still be remotely monitored for anomalies. He was also instrumental in the development of a new communication architecture that is faster, more reliable, and less expensive than previous schemes. [Read more](#) .

FEYA ceremony photos can be accessed on the NSPE [Flickr album](#) .

WORKability Wednesdays Are Back!

NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—"WORKability Wednesdays"—to support members with their professional development goals. The series covers topics impacting the industry and helps to enhance your competencies in the profession. The spring season sessions kicked off on March 8 with [Understanding the New Requirements for Cybersecurity Insurance](#). Register now at [NSPE's PE Institute](#) and invite a colleague to attend.

Upcoming webinars

- **March 22**—[Using Construction Manager at Risk Project Delivery to Manage the Current Challenges in Constructing Projects](#)
- **April 12**—[Doing Bad Things for Good Reasons: An Examination of Unethical Pro-Organizational Behavior Among Professional Workers](#)
- **Save the date for webinars on April 26, May 17, and May 31**

Take the Milton F. Lunch Ethics Challenge!

Match your wits and knowledge of engineering ethics with experienced professional engineers and engineering students throughout the country! All current NSPE individual members and NSPE chapters (including student members) are invited to participate in the [2023 NSPE Milton F. Lunch Ethics Contest](#). Contest submissions are due by **May 12**. [View past contest winner entries](#).

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