

## State News for NSPE Members

### Company Contracted to Design and Build Submarine Repair Pier

A new concrete fixed single deck submarine repair pier will be constructed at Polaris Point Submarine Base, Guam. The Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command Pacific contracted MNDPI Pacific JV, Honolulu, Hawaii, for \$16.9 million to implement the project. The company's architecture-engineering services will be used to develop the design.

It is possible the project's budget could increase to \$29,796,666. Work will be performed in Piti, Guam, and is expected to be completed by September 2024, [the Department of Defense reports](#).

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### Electrical Vehicle Charging Infrastructure Planned for Guam

Blink Charging Co., a leading owner and operator of electric vehicle charging equipment and services, will deploy electrical vehicle charging stations and related services throughout the island of Guam, supported by Guam Power Authority. The company recently signed a mutual service agreement with Triple J Enterprises (Triple J) and GPA to maintain the electrical grid performance

The agreement allows Triple J to purchase select Blink charging equipment to provide EV charging services at many Triple J locations, including its auto dealerships and hospitality locations as well as allowing Triple J to provide Blink EV chargers to other local business and organization in an effort drive EV charging accessibility and growth.

Through the agreement, the GPA will play a vital role in the electrical grid and will provide key points of contact to help Blink and Triple J grow the charging network across the island. With access to live usage data, GPA will eventually have the ability to manage chargers when needed in order to prevent load shedding on the grid. [Find out more](#).

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## NSPE Stays Focused on Sustainability and Resilience

The United Nations Climate Change Conference ( [COP27](#) ) kicked off in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt last week. As the conference takes place, NSPE will [provide conference highlights](#) of interest to professional engineers.



NSPE believes licensed PEs should be good stewards of the environment to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The Society recognizes that attention to sustainable and resilient design practices is critical to the health of the planet and is an integral part of the practice of engineering. PEs are uniquely positioned to be a positive and driving influence in creating, maintaining, and renewing sustainable communities.

In early 2022, the NSPE Board of Directors endorsed “The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change.” The statement was prepared with input from a working group of 16 organizations, including NSPE, and facilitated by ECL-USA. It is intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives.

### **The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change:**

Climate change is real – the impacts are serious, and they are accelerating. There is an urgent imperative for the Engineering Community to take informed and intentional actions now to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. It is our duty and purpose to contribute our skills and knowledge of human-centered technologies and of the natural world to lead humanity out of the climate crisis with a focus on sustainable, resilient, equitable, and innovative approaches. [Learn more](#).

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## Honor Awards Open for Nominations

The [NSPE Honor Awards](#) promote the professional engineer’s contributions to society and recognize the achievements of the profession’s very best. The deadline for award submissions is **January 31, 2023**.

### **NSPE Award**

The NSPE Award is the highest award given to an

individual by the Society. It is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare, and humankind. **Howard (Skip) Harclerode II, P.E., F.NSPE, F.AIChE**, received the award in 2022. He is the founder and president of KBD Engineering Company Inc., based in Phoenix, Maryland, and has been a tireless advocate for the engineering profession.



### New Professional of the Year Award

This award recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the Engineering Profession and the community during the early years of one's career. **Holly Ahumada, P.E., CFM**, and **Dylan Ward, P.E., MPA**, received the award in 2022. Holly Ahumada specializes in stormwater and floodplain management at Freese and Nichols in Fort Worth, Texas. Dylan Ward is a project manager for the City of Henderson in Kentucky.



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### Upcoming Webinar: Election Recap

Join your colleagues for the next Workability Wednesdays webinar: [Election Recap: How Can PEs Prepare for the 2023 Legislative Session](#) (November 30).

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