

## State News for NSPE Members

### Superfund Lawsuit Over Ordot Dump in Mediation

The lawsuit over contamination on Guam from the former Ordot dump is in mediation, with the government of Guam and the federal government attempting mediation, the [Guam Daily Post reports](#).

The lawsuit falls under the Comprehensive Environmental Response, Compensation and Liability Act. Also known as “Superfund,” CERCLA is aimed at cleaning up sites contaminated with hazardous waste, as well as preventing contamination of future sites by assigning liability to parties involved. The liability requires the parties to pay damages for the clean-up of the sites. Guam brought the suit against the US Navy in 2017 as a potentially responsible party. The dump was built by the Navy before World War II for disposal of municipal and military waste.

After a delay for additional discovery time for the legal teams by the US District Court, the first phase of the trial will take place in 2024.

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### Guam and Hawaii Universities Partner to Provide New Engineering Opportunities

A new partnership was recently established between the University of Guam, University of Hawaii at Mānoa, and Pearl Harbor Naval Shipyard (PHNSY) that provides a new career pathway for engineering students at the University of Guam. Guam students can transfer to UH Mānoa after their sophomore year and earn a bachelor’s degree in mechanical engineering, then gain possible employment with PHNSY and potential transfer to the Guam Naval Shipyard, according to a [news release](#).

UH Mānoa College of Engineering Dean Brennon Morioka and Department of Mechanical Engineering Professor Marvin Young traveled to Guam in September to kick off the partnership with University of Guam leadership and PHNSY representatives. This partnership was enabled by developing a win-win-win

strategy.

“UH Mānoa benefits by increasing its student population and supporting the university’s goal of diversification. Guam benefits by increasing their home-grown technical workforce without having to stand-up an accredited mechanical engineering degree program, and PHNSY benefits by increasing the technical population of prospective staff and providing the ability to assess long-term suitability of engineers for Hawaii and Guam operations,” Young said. [Read more.](#)

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## Guam Firm Receives \$33 Million Construction Contract from Military

Global Pacific Design Builders, LLC, based in Hagatna, has been awarded a \$33 million contract for construction of the Guam Army National Guard Readiness Center. The work to be performed provides for the design and construction of a facility to support the training, administrative, and logistical requirements of the Guam Army National Guard, according to a news release.

The contract also contains five unexercised options, which if exercised, would increase the cumulative contract value to \$38 million. Work will be performed in Barrigada, Guam, and is expected to be completed by February 2025. The contract was awarded by Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command.

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## Licensing Board Meeting

The [Guam Board of Registration for Professional Engineers, Architects and Land Surveyors](#) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, November 10**. Access more information [here](#).

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## Mark Your Calendar for Engineers Week 2023

Founded by NSPE in 1951, [Engineers Week](#) (February 19–25, 2023) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce. The latest theme for Engineers Week seeks to inspire the next generation by celebrating all the way engineers are **Creating the Future!** Engineers play a vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges that impact



future generations. By working together to develop new technologies, products, and opportunities, engineers create new possibilities that make the world a better place.

Engineers Week is a time for you to:

- Celebrate how engineers make a difference in our world.
- Add your voice to the conversation about the need for engineers, technicians, and technologists.
- Engage students in engineering.

[Access promotional resources.](#)

### **DiscoverE Outreach Grants**

Don't miss your chance to fund your events for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day.

There are \$250-\$1000 grants available:

- [Bell Girl Day grants](#) for girl-centered programs
- [Engineers Week grants](#) for underserved students

The deadline to [apply for the grants](#) is November 4.



## Workability Wednesdays Webinars

The fall series of [Workability Wednesdays webinars](#) recently launched with a webinar on [What Separates Good Engineers From Great Engineers](#). The series is free for NSPE members and covers topics impacting the industry and helps to enhance your competencies in the profession.



### Upcoming Webinars

- [How Blockchain Protects Public Safety: A Working Solution](#) (October 26)
- [Navigating the Ethical Dilemmas that Arise in Everyday Engineering Practice](#) (November 16)

If you missed the spring lineup of Workability Wednesdays webinars, you can still [view the recordings](#) and receive PDH credit.

## Last Call for FEYA Nominations

Nominations for the Federal Engineer of the Year Award are open until **October 31**. The

award, sponsored by the Professional Engineers in Government, honors engineers employed by a federal agency that employs at least 50 engineers worldwide.

The FEYA ceremony is scheduled for February 24, 2023, at the National Press Club in Washington, DC. Tickets will be available for sale in January.

Nominations must be made by the federal agency. Access the application [here](#).



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