

## State News for NSPE Members

### Licensed Engineers: The Modern Stewards Of Our Communities

Ikaika Rodenhurst, NSPE-HI member and NSPE HOD representative, offers his insight on the role of licensed engineers and the potential impact of Bill 64 in a commentary in the *Honolulu Civil Beat*. As introduced, the bill relaxes the requirements for the director of the Department of Public Works for Hawaii County by removing the requirement to be a licensed professional engineer. [Read the full article.](#)

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### HDOT Releases Final Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan

The Hawaii Department of Transportation (HDOT) has released its final [Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan](#), following a 65-day public review process and incorporating extensive stakeholder feedback.

The plan provides a roadmap for the transportation sector to meet the statewide emissions reduction targets established by the Legislature in 2018. The 2030 target is to cut greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions 50% from 2005 levels. The 2045 target is for Hawaii to capture more carbon that we emit; thereby achieving net-negative emissions.

Despite Hawaii's leadership in rooftop solar and electric vehicle adoption, Hawaii currently produces 10.7 million metric tons of carbon dioxide equivalent (CO<sub>2</sub>e) each year, and HDOT's Energy Security and Waste Reduction Plan found that number will likely remain the same without additional emissions reduction policies, actions and investments. HDOT's Energy Security Plan balances reducing emissions with two other pillars – affordability for kama'āina and local energy security.

During the public comment period on the Draft Energy Security Plan from June 27–August 30, 2025, HDOT conducted six virtual public presentations, met with many

stakeholders, and received 310 public comments. Comments ranged from calls for more walking and biking paths, concerns about the cost of transitioning to clean fuels and electric vehicles, as well as demands for equitable investment to benefit disadvantaged and rural communities. HDOT has posted summary responses to the most common comments on the Energy Security Plan website and has incorporated this feedback into the final plan. [Read more.](#)

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## State Licensing Board Meeting

The [Hawaii Board of Professional Engineers, Architects, Surveyors, and Landscape Architects](#) will hold its next meeting on **Thursday, December 11**. Access meeting information [here](#).

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## Call for NSPE Vice President Nominations

NSPE is seeking nominees to serve as vice president on the Board of Directors. The vice president serves four consecutive years: 2026-27 as vice president, 2027-28 as president-elect, 2028-29 as president, and 2029-30 as immediate past president. To learn more about qualifications, time and financial commitments, and how to apply, [please view the call for nominations packet in the governance section of the leadership toolbox](#).

Nominations are due to the NSPE Secretary at [executive@nspe.org](mailto:executive@nspe.org) by **January 12, 2026**. Additional questions can be sent to [executive@nspe.org](mailto:executive@nspe.org).

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## Nominations Deadline Extended for FEYA

Federal engineers are at the forefront of our nation's most vital priorities from infrastructure and innovation to defense, public health, and safety. Honoring the commitment of federal engineers to innovation and service is the hallmark of the Federal Engineer of the Year Award (FEYA). Nominations for the 2026 award have been extended until November 30, 2025. [Visit the online portal for full guidelines and submission details.](#)



### Why Does FEYA Matter?

**Lt. Col. Brigham Moore, Ph.D., P.E., PMP**, was named the 2025 Federal

Engineer of the Year. Here's what Lt. Col. Moore had to say about the impact this award has had on his career: *"Being selected as Top Ten Finalist and ultimately as the Federal Engineer of the Year this past year has been an incredible highlight of my career. Within the Air Force, it has provided me opportunities to mentor and give back to the engineering community that I love. Professionally, it has reconnected me with previous advisors and engineering faculty, opening up doors and networking me with some people that I did not previously know. Finally, and personally, it served as a huge bolster to my confidence and commitment to continue making meaningful change with each project and major decision as I move forward."*

[Learn about Moore's government service and contributions to the profession.](#)



## Engineers Week 2026 Resources and Outreach Grants

It's time to start planning for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering activities. NSPE members can [access resources on the NSPE website](#).

### Outreach Grants

DiscoverE's grant opportunities are designed to support volunteer and educator efforts to inspire the next generation of innovators through hands-on exploration of engineering. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,000. The application period for the grants will close on



November 3. [Access more information and apply.](#)

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