Registration Open: Engineering Ethics Training

The Delaware Association of Professional Engineers will hold a training session on Thursday, April 18, at the University of Delaware – Clayton Hall from 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (doors open at 9:15 a.m.). Registration is limited! Access the registration link here.

The session will take a deep-dive into DAPE’s Continuing Professional Competency Requirements, including tips and tools for recordkeeping, how to be prepared for a DAPE random audit, and what happens at a disciplinary hearing related to CPC deficiencies. A recording will be available to members after the event to view online for 2 PDH credits (engineering ethics).

State Transportation Projects Get $2 Million to Reconnect Communities

$2 million will fund continued planning for a 12-acre cap over I-95 in Wilmington that would reconnect the two sides of the city divided when the road was built in the 1960s, Delaware Public Media reports.

A feasibility study was completed by Wilmington Area Planning Council (WILMAPCO). WILMAPCO principal planner Dave Gula says they worked closely with the community for a year, where they spoke to residents, gauged interest, and gathered ideas on what they would like to see.

"This may not be the most important thing you could possibly spend money on, there are other infrastructure upgrades that have to happen in the world and we get that," said Gula. "But if you live adjacent to I-95 and the canyon that it is and the amount of noise that you get from it and the pollution that comes off of it… this is a really wonderful opportunity for those folks. And that’s what we heard." He says the $2 million in funding is a great sign the project could become reality.

It’s now in the hands of DelDOT, whose engineers will use the grant to develop a
plan for the actual physical structure over I-95. The other two grants will fund feasibility studies in Georgetown and Wilmington’s Southbridge neighborhood - both focused on reducing hazards and increasing resident safety. Georgetown is getting $100,000. The town is divided by a rail line, with multiple intersections pedestrians must cross.

"There’s not really any barrier or designated areas for residents to cross in those areas. And what happens is you just have people who are on foot crossing wherever they’d like. And obviously that could create very dangerous situations," said DelDOT’s C.R. McLeod. Read more.

**Delaware Is a Top State for Rooftop Solar Energy**

If you’re considering the benefits of installing rooftop solar panels, there are plenty for those living in Delaware. According to a recent study by Consumer Affairs, Delaware is the third-best state to live in if you want to go solar, behind only the sunny states of Nevada and Hawaii. Along with relatively low installation costs, the First State boasts solar-friendly state policies and plenty of financial initiatives to make rooftop panels more accessible for homeowners, *Delaware Today* reports.

One such policy is net metering, which is available to Delaware homeowners who generate electricity using solar power and allows opportunities for monthly payments or credits on electric bills for sending more energy to the grid than your home uses each month.

"I have to give a lot of credit to legislators in Delaware, because I think they’ve made a lot of positive changes," says Drew Slater, executive director at Energize Delaware.

A recent piece of legislation Slater is referring to is Senate Joint Resolution 3, which lays the groundwork for a cost-benefit study and analysis of net metering to help Delaware homeowners and businesses better understand the benefits of going solar. Read more.

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NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—“Workability Wednesdays”—to support members with their professional development goals. The first webinars of the spring season will take place on **April 3**—NSPE’s Board of Ethical Review Presents: The Duty to Act; **April 17**—Second Best Protection
Against Risk; and May 1—Enhancing Building Safety: Mitigating Risks of Slip, Trips, and Falls (Celebration of National Building Safety Month).

Additional presentations will take place in May and June. Register now at NSPE’s PE Institute and invite a colleague to attend.

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