

State News for NSPE Members

Biotechnology and Science Hub Under Development in Wilmington

MRA Group has purchased and plans to revamp the Chestnut Run Lab Campus, a 163-acre life sciences and manufacturing campus in Wilmington that was formerly owned by DuPont, [REBusiness Online reports](#). A spokesperson from MRA said the campus is expected to become Delaware's leading biotechnology and science hub. Development of the rebranded Chestnut Run Innovation & Science Park will cost approximately \$500 million.

Delaware has the fourth-highest concentration of science, engineering, and health employees with PhDs in the nation, according to MRA, making it an ideal location for the hub.

Pilot Program Provides Solar Panels for Homes in Delaware

Delaware's Department of Natural Resources and Environmental Control has created a new pilot program to install solar panels on homes of low- and moderate-income households. "Reducing greenhouse gas emissions through transitioning to cleaner energy sources is a key component of Delaware's Climate Action Plan," DNREC Secretary Shawn Garvin said. "Unfortunately, for some families, installing solar panels is outside their budget. This pilot program will help us identify the best ways to help low- and moderate-income families make the switch."

The program is funded by the Weatherization Assistance Program and the Green Energy Program, which provides grants and incentives to promote the use of renewable energy in the state. The two-year pilot program plans to service 50 homes each year.

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I Am Innovative

Ben Amaba, P.E., LEED AP, CPIM, BD+C
CTO Digital Transformation with Technology Innovation

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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, 2022**.

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. **Steven Arndt, Ph.D., P.E., F.NSPE**, a world-renowned authority in the field of nuclear engineering, received the award in 2020.



[New Professional 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. **Stephanie Blain, P.E.**, received the award in 2021. She is employed with Palmer Engineering Company in Lexington, Kentucky.



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