

State News for NSPE Members

Governor's Budget Recommendations Cement Historic Investment in Transportation Infrastructure

Governor Ron DeSantis recently announced the 2025-26 Focus on Fiscal Responsibility Budget, cementing his Administration's record support of projects that reduce congestion and bolster Florida's economic competitiveness, [the Florida Department of Transportation reports](#). The historic investment includes \$14.8 billion for FY 2025-26, a generational investment in major highways, rural roadways, and the state's growing aerospace and maritime industrial sectors. Additionally, the recommendations advance \$1.7 billion in the current fiscal year to expedite congestion relief along Interstate-4.

"Governor DeSantis' commitment to Florida's commuters and economic competitiveness is further cemented in his 2025-26 budget recommendations," said Florida Department of Transportation Secretary Jared W. Perdue. "By maintaining the momentum in back-to-back historic infrastructure investments, Governor DeSantis is prioritizing Florida's posture as the standard-bearer in state-led infrastructure delivery—from land, air, space, and sea." [Read More](#).

UCF Launches Faculty Hiring Initiative to Meet Growing Demand for Engineers

The University of Central Florida (UCF) is intensifying its commitment to addressing the rising demand for skilled engineers and computer scientists. UCF has launched an ambitious faculty hiring initiative to solidify its role as a leader in education, research and innovation.

In 2025, UCF plans to hire up to 36 engineering and computer science faculty members in fields critical to Florida's economic growth, including artificial intelligence (AI), aerospace, energy, advanced manufacturing, logistics, digital twin and other strategic areas. This bold initiative comes as [UCF's College of](#)

[Engineering and Computer Science](#) (CECS) celebrates record-breaking enrollment, with over 15,500 students — making it one of the nation's largest engineering colleges.

This growth is closely tied to Orlando's rise as a top tech hub. A study by CommercialCafe, an organization that tracks industry trends, recently named Orlando as one of the leading technology centers in the South, citing UCF as a robust source of talent driving advancements in simulation technology and beyond. [Read more in UCF Today.](#)

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

2025 Spring Webinar Series Kicks Off in March

NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—"WORKability Wednesdays"—to support their professional development goals. The first webinars of the season will take place on **March 12**—[2024 Board of Ethical Review: Case Review and Discussion](#) and **March 26**—[My Way or the Highway? The Impact: Designing Flexible and Future-Ready RTO Policies That Work](#). Additional presentations will take place in April and May.



Register now at [NSPE's PE Institute](#) and invite a colleague to attend. **Members are advised to consult their state licensing board to determine requirements for PDH or CPD credits.*

2025 NSPE Awards & Recognitions

Nominate a deserving colleague for the NSPE Award and the New Professional Award. The nomination deadline is March 1.



NSPE Award

The NSPE Award is the highest award bestowed on an individual by our organization and recognizes the outstanding contributions the individual has made to the profession, public welfare, and humankind. Access more information and the nomination form [here](#).

New Professional Award

The New Professional Award recognizes a young engineer who is either licensed or an engineering intern/engineer-in-training who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession and community. The individual must also be an NSPE member who is 35 or younger. Access more information and the nomination form [here](#).

NSPECon25 – Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

We invite you to showcase your company at NSPECon25 with a sponsorship or to participate as an exhibitor! NSPECon25 takes place in Kansas City, Missouri, August 6-8. Special discounted exhibitor pricing is available for local Kansas City businesses.

Learn more about the options and download the prospectus on the [NSPECon25 sponsorship and exhibitor webpage](#).



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