

## State News for NSPE Members

### Fraudulent Calls Target Professional Engineers

The Florida Board of Professional Engineers (FBPE) is warning professional engineers to be wary of telephone calls claiming to have information regarding benefits available to engineers in Florida.

Professional engineers have reported receiving calls regarding "changes in benefits" being offered to engineers by the State of Florida, according to the FBPE. Callers purport to be phoning on behalf of groups such as the "State License Benefits Association." They may ask that you provide personal information or upload documents through a website.

The FBPE has no knowledge of changes that would provide state benefits for engineers. The board is asking individuals that receive these calls (or any other suspicious call) to report them to the Federal Trade Commission at [reportfraud.ftc.gov](http://reportfraud.ftc.gov) and [donotcall.gov](http://donotcall.gov).

---

### Florida Expands Aerospace Infrastructure

The State of Florida has designated new spaceport territories, as of July 1, expanding its aerospace infrastructure following the enactment of legislation that broadens the definition of spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects and authorizes supplementary funding, [The Capitolist reports](#).

The newly designated territories include properties within Miami-Dade County that were formerly part of Homestead Air Force Base and are now part of Homestead Air Reserve Base or deeded to Miami-Dade County or the City of Homestead. Additionally, properties within the boundaries of Tyndall Air Force Base in Bay County have been incorporated into the spaceport territories. According to state lawmakers, expansions are intended to enhance space transportation capacity and attract more aerospace activities to the state.

"This is a very important step forward in making sure that territory across Florida is utilized for space commerce and that Florida maintains our cutting edge in the aerospace industry by diversifying the places in which companies can come to our state," said bill sponsor Senator Alexis Calatayud during a Senate floor session.

The measure, Senate Bill 968, revises the definition of spaceport discretionary capacity improvement projects to include any capacity improvements that enhance space transportation at spaceports or on spaceport territories. This change removes the previous requirement that spaceports must have had recent orbital or suborbital flights to qualify for funding, thus broadening the scope of eligible projects. [Read more.](#)

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

---

## Celebrate Licensure and the Profession on PE Day



The annual [Professional Engineers Day](#) will be celebrated on August 7, 2024. Save the date and get ready to share your on-site photos and selfies as part of the online virtual event using the hashtag #LicensedPEday on X (Twitter), Facebook, Instagram or LinkedIn. Share your reasons for being a PE and give special recognition to your colleagues and teams. [Download the official PE Day logos](#) to use in your social media posts or celebrations.

Shop at the [PE Day Logo Store](#) for gear to show off your PE pride. [PE Day polo shirts](#) are also available for purchase.

---

## Emerging Leaders Program Seeks Candidates

The [NSPE Emerging Leaders Program](#) is seeking the next group of engineering change-makers. Candidates with 5–8 years of professional experience in the

engineering field who are prepared to think strategically about their career and begin taking on leadership roles are [invited to apply](#). Selected participants come from a variety of firms with a range of engineering expertise.

The 2025 ELP syllabus and related time-commitments are available and the application for the program is due by August 31. Candidates accepted into the program will receive notification in October.

[Apply Now](#)

---

## **EJCDC® Releases Geotechnical Engineering Services Document**

The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee has released a new document - [EJCDC® E-530 Agreement Between Owner & Geotechnical Engineer for Professional Services](#) (2024 edition). NSPE members will receive a 50% discount on the EJCDC documents.

The E-530 is a standard agreement for a project owner's direct engagement of the services of a geotechnical engineering firm or individual geotechnical engineer. It is common practice for project owners to directly engage the services of a geotechnical engineering firm (or individual) whose basic task will be to investigate the subsurface condition of the site and prepare a geotechnical report for the design engineer's use in designing the project. The geotechnical report is usually also made available to prospective construction contractors and subcontractors for use in preparing bids and proposals, and to the selected construction contractor for reference during construction. [Learn more](#).

You received this e-mail because you are subscribed to *PE Matters* e-newsletter.

To update your e-mail address, visit [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org) and login to manage your account.

If you do not wish to receive any more issues of *PE Matters*, [click here to unsubscribe](#) .

**Share with your network**



**National Society of Professional Engineers | 1420 King Street | Alexandria, VA  
22314**