

State News for NSPE Members

FDOT Continues to Take Transportation to New Heights in 2024

The Florida Department of Transportation (FDOT) highlighted its major accomplishments carried out across Florida's transportation system throughout 2024, including community-centric projects that meet the Department's mission of ensuring the efficient movement of people and goods, support the state's economic competitiveness, prioritize Florida's environment and natural resources, and preserve the quality of life and connectedness of the state's communities, [Florida Department of Transportation reports](#).

These accomplishments build upon the continued success of Florida's transportation system under the leadership of Governor DeSantis, ensuring Florida's prominent position as a national leader in transportation.

"Thanks to Governor DeSantis' and the Florida Legislature's steadfast focus on our state's transportation system, FDOT has successfully achieved countless milestones and completed missions throughout 2024," said Florida Department of Secretary Jared W. Perdue, P.E. "From the completion of congestion-relieving projects that will ensure families can spend less time on the road and more time with their loved ones, to the implementation of new and emerging technology that will draw in new businesses to create job opportunities for hardworking Floridians, FDOT has continued to place the wellbeing of Florida's communities at the forefront of every decision it makes and we're proud to continue delivering on these promises as we look towards the new year." [Read more](#).

Governor Seeks \$805M for Everglades Restoration

Restoration in the Everglades is sought with an \$805 million appropriation request of the Florida Legislature by Governor Ron DeSantis, [The Center Square reports](#).

He said at a news conference in Juno Beach that he wants to work with the

incoming Trump administration to secure more control for the state over the US Army Corps of Engineers on Everglades restoration projects to save time and money.

"There are more things we want to do as a state, but if you look at the things that need to be done, it's almost all the federal government that simply just does not work the way the Florida works," DeSantis said. "You see that other states don't work like Florida works with the things in the news. Our view is we've got a job to do and we want to get it done."

"We don't want to be bogged down by red tape, we don't want to be bogged down by bureaucracy. Once we make the decision to get something done for the state, we want to get this done as quickly as possible."

Under the second-term Republican governor, the state has spent \$6.5 billion to restore the flow of water from the Kissimmee River to Florida Bay in addition to more than \$10.5 billion in federal funds under the [Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Plan](#) since 2000. [Read More](#).

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

Registration Open: Engineers Week Webinars

Founded by NSPE in 1951, Engineers Week (February 16–22) is dedicated to ensuring a diverse and well-educated future engineering workforce. This year's Engineers Week theme **"Design Your Future"** is about celebrating engineers and engaging students!



Are you looking for inspiration, ideas or advice for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day activities? DiscoverE will host two webinars in January to help you to increase engagement and plan successful events - [Engaging Kids in Engineering](#) (January 22) and [Celebrating Engineers & Promotion Tips](#) (January 29).

[Access more information and promotional resources for Engineers Week 2025.](#)

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](#).



2025 NSPE AWARDS & RECOGNITION

Nominate a deserving colleague for the Fellowship recognition, the NSPE Award, and the New Professional Award.

NSPE Fellow

The status of NSPE Fellow is the highest honor bestowed upon members who have dedicated years of exemplary service to the chapter, state and national levels of NSPE. Ideal candidates for this membership grade have 10 or more years of service (including at least two years at the national level). We encourage you to begin the nomination process early to ensure sufficient time for gathering the required materials. Nominations are due by **February 1**. Access more information and the nomination form [here](#).

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. The nomination deadline is **March 1**. 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. The nomination deadline is **March 1**. Access more information and the nomination form [here](#) .

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