

State News for NSPE Members

Florida Power and Light's Post-Storm Restoration Was Fastest Ever

Company leaders from Florida Power and Light recently said the utility had achieved its best-ever service restoration time after Hurricane Ian in September, though the repair effort may end up costing customers a collective \$1.1 billion, [utilitydive.com reports](#).

NextEra Energy Resources, the company's energy development division, reportedly signed contracts for more than 2.3 GW of new renewable energy and storage projects in the last quarter. Company spokespeople said renewable energy should continue to see rapid growth thanks to the Inflation Reduction Act.

Space Florida Moves Forward on Developing Jobs, Landing Facility Projects

The board of Space Florida, the state-run organization in charge of promoting the aerospace industry, has approved nearly \$60 million for upgrades to the Launch Landing Facility (LLF) and has decided to move forward with vendor solicitations on two other unnamed projects that are expected to create dozens of jobs, the [Florida Insider reports](#).

The \$41.4 million that was approved for the LLF's development was increased to \$58.8 million as part of a 2013 NASA contract that Space Florida was given management and operation of. The Middlesex Corporation, BRPH Engineers Architects, Inc., Michael Baker International, Inc., RUSH Construction, Inc., and Neoverde Holdings, LLC are a few of the project's suppliers who will receive the funds.

Space Florida's board, chaired by Lt. Governor Jeanette Nuñez, moved forward with two other projects in which companies who are unnamed are poised to create jobs and invest millions in exchange for tax incentives as well. [Read more](#).

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NSPE Stays Focused on Sustainability and Resilience

The United Nations Climate Change Conference ([COP27](#)) kicked off in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt last week. As the conference takes place, NSPE will [provide conference highlights](#) of interest to professional engineers.



NSPE believes licensed PEs should be good stewards of the environment to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The Society recognizes that attention to sustainable and resilient design practices is critical to the health of the planet and is an integral part of the practice of engineering. PEs are uniquely positioned to be a positive and driving influence in creating, maintaining, and renewing sustainable communities.

In early 2022, the NSPE Board of Directors endorsed “The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change.” The statement was prepared with input from a working group of 16 organizations, including NSPE, and facilitated by ECL-USA. It is intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives.

The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change:

Climate change is real – the impacts are serious, and they are accelerating. There is an urgent imperative for the Engineering Community to take informed and intentional actions now to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. It is our duty and purpose to contribute our skills and knowledge of human-centered technologies and of the natural world to lead humanity out of the climate crisis with a focus on sustainable, resilient, equitable, and innovative approaches. [Learn more](#) .

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, 2023**.

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. **Howard (Skip) Harclerode II, P.E., F.NSPE, F.AIChE**, received the award in 2022. He is the founder and president of KBD Engineering Company Inc., based in Phoenix, Maryland, and has been a tireless advocate for the engineering profession.



New Professional of the Year 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. **Holly Ahumada, P.E., CFM**, and **Dylan Ward, P.E., MPA**, received the award in 2022. Holly Ahumada specializes in stormwater and floodplain management at Freese and Nichols in Fort Worth, Texas. Dylan Ward is a project manager for the City of Henderson in Kentucky.



Upcoming Webinar: Election Recap

Join your colleagues for the next Workability Wednesdays webinar: [Election Recap: How Can PEs Prepare for the 2023 Legislative Session](#) (November 30).

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