

State News for NSPE Members

Amazon to Test Driverless Vehicles on DC Streets

Amazon announced it will test drive its robotaxis on the streets of DC. Its self-driving vehicle, known as the Zoox, will join the Waymo vehicles already testing in the District, [nbcwashington.com reports](https://www.nbcwashington.com/reports).

Built by the company itself, Zoox vehicles have seats that face one another and doors that open on both sides. It can go forward and backward easily. It isn't the traditional robotaxi because it's basically its own unique vehicle, not a car that is transformed into a robotaxi. The National Mall and downtown likely are the areas where the autonomous vehicles will roll.

Zoox said it specifically chose DC as a test market because of its complex and unique street layout with circles, diagonal avenues, and high pedestrian and bicycle traffic. Before the actual robotaxi rolls out streets will be mapped by SUVs loaded with sophisticated equipment.

"Before we move into a new community, we do a whole lot of community outreach," said Justin Clemens of Zoox vehicle operations in a video released by Zoox. "We don't want to disturb neighborhoods. We want to come in and work in tandem together to make sure that we are operating and deploying the vehicles safely."

[Read more.](#)

Talent Capital Connects Workers to Jobs Across the DMV

DC Mayor Muriel Bowser announced Talent Capital, a groundbreaking regional workforce and economic development initiative designed to connect displaced workers with high-quality jobs and future-ready training across the District, Maryland, and Virginia. Unveiled October 1, the initiative, housed at the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG), marks a major milestone in regional collaboration and innovation.

Powered by local tech firm BuildWithin, the [TalentCapital.AI platform](#) uses AI-driven tools to match job seekers with opportunities, provide personalized career navigation, and deliver tailored training and reskilling resources. The platform is free to use and supported by a growing network of partners, including universities, nonprofits, and workforce agencies.

DLCP strongly supports this initiative and encourages employers to enroll and take advantage of the platform's tools to connect with skilled talent. There is a clear pathway for employers to participate, and DLCP urges businesses to explore how Talent Capital can help meet their workforce needs while contributing to regional economic growth.

As the infrastructure continues to evolve, Talent Capital will incorporate user feedback and expand its offerings so that residents and employers benefit from an inclusive and future-focused workforce system. [Learn more or get involved.](#)

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

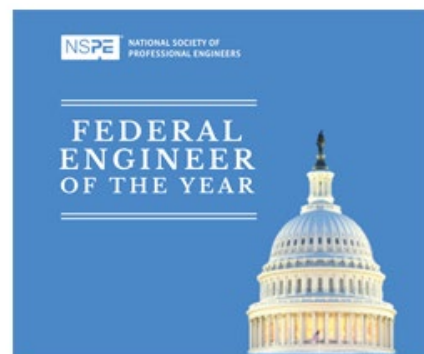
Call for NSPE Vice President Nominations

NSPE is seeking nominees to serve as vice president on the Board of Directors. The vice president serves four consecutive years: 2026-27 as vice president, 2027-28 as president-elect, 2028-29 as president, and 2029-30 as immediate past president. To learn more about qualifications, time and financial commitments, and how to apply, [please view the call for nominations packet in the governance section of the leadership toolbox](#).

Nominations are due to the NSPE Secretary at executive@nspe.org by **January 12, 2026**. Additional questions can be sent to executive@nspe.org.

Nominations Deadline Extended for FEYA

Federal engineers are at the forefront of our nation's most vital priorities from infrastructure and innovation to defense, public health, and safety. Honoring the commitment of federal engineers to innovation and service is the hallmark of the Federal Engineer of the Year Award (FEYA). Nominations for the 2026 award have been extended until November 30, 2025. [Visit the online portal for full guidelines and submission details.](#)



Why Does FEYA Matter?

Lt. Col. Brigham Moore, Ph.D., P.E., PMP, was named the 2025 Federal Engineer of the Year. Here's what Lt. Col. Moore had to say about the impact this award has had on his career: *"Being selected as Top Ten Finalist and ultimately as the Federal Engineer of the Year this past year has been an incredible highlight of my career. Within the Air Force, it has provided me opportunities to mentor and give back to the engineering community that I love. Professionally, it has reconnected me with previous advisors and engineering faculty, opening up doors and networking me with some people that I did not previously know. Finally, and personally, it served as a huge bolster to my confidence and commitment to continue making meaningful change with each project and major decision as I move forward."*

[Learn about Moore's government service and contributions to the profession.](#)



Engineers Week 2026 Resources and Outreach Grants

It's time to start planning for Engineers Week and Introduce a Girl to Engineering activities. NSPE members can [access resources on the NSPE website](#).

Outreach Grants

DiscoverE's grant opportunities are designed to support volunteer and educator efforts to inspire the



next generation of innovators through hands-on exploration of engineering. Grants range from \$250 to \$1,000. The application period for the grants will close on November 3. [Access more information and apply.](#)

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

To update your e-mail address, visit 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**