

## State News for NSPE Members

### Airport engineer & PE nominated to be next Architect of the Capitol in Washington, D.C.

President Donald Trump has nominated J. Brett Blanton as the next Architect of the Capitol.

Blanton would follow two acting directors, Christine Merdon and Thomas Carroll. If confirmed by the United States Senate, Blanton will serve a 10-year term as the official in charge of maintaining the Capitol complex, Roll Call reports. According to the report, Blanton has 25 years of experience in facilities operations and construction management, but is not a licensed or practicing architect. Rather, Blanton is a professional engineer licensed in the state of Georgia, according to Blanton's LinkedIn page.

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who has made outstanding contributions to the profession and the community.

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The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee—a joint venture of NSPE, the American Council of Engineering Companies, and the American Society of Civil Engineers—recently released [commentary on its 2018 construction documents](#). EJCDC documents are the first choice, and most user-friendly, among standard documents for infrastructure and public works construction in the United States.

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*C-001 Commentary on the 2018 EJCDC Construction Documents*, at 184 pages, contains in-depth descriptions of each of the 25 documents in the EJCDC construction series and explains their use. The commentary includes definitions of terms, cross-references and abbreviations, and a detailed discussion of terms and conditions.

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