Ward 7 Slated for New General Services Headquarters

Funding to the tune of $105 million has been secured to construct new headquarters for DC’s Department of General Services in Ward 7’s Minnesota/Benning submarket. The property, called Northeast Heights, will house the government agency, which has more than 700 skilled employees. The agency will lease the entire office component of the building. The six-story building will include 18,000 square feet of street-level retail, the Commercial Observer reports. Mayor Bowser has been leading an effort to develop all eight wards of the city to increase equity and opportunity.

Northeast Boundary Tunnel Project Addresses Flooding

Excavation of the $580 million Northeast Boundary Tunnel has been completed. The project, which used an Earth Pressure Balance Tunnel Boring Machine, completed the combined sewer outflow tunnel that is meant to improve the water quality of the Anacostia. About 27,700 feet of tunnel were excavated and 4,442 rings installed, according to Construction Equipment Guide. The final project will increase the capacity of the sewer system to help manage flooding caused by rain, a longtime problem in DC.

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the NSPE Advocacy Center.

Register for the 2021 Virtual PECon

Registration is now open for NSPE’s Virtual Professional Engineers Conference 2021 (August 3–5). The early bird registration rate deadline is July 15.

Attendees will have access to up to 14 unique and insightful PDH sessions (live and on-demand sessions) and will have the opportunity to collaborate with peers and
experts from across the country through morning “coffee chats” and Mastermind sessions. In the Mastermind sessions, attendees will address their most pressing professional issues and tap into the knowledge, experience, and advice of their peers and PE experts to help workshop solutions. There will also be virtual engineering facility tours and a celebration of PE Day (August 4).

**PECon at a Glance**

- **Bridging the Gap to Leadership: Connecting the Skills You Have with the Skills You Need** (Shelley Row, P.E., CSP, Leadership and Decision-Making Expert)

- **Florida International University Bridge Failure, A Study in Ethics** (Susan Sprague, P.E., F.NSPE, Senior Associate, and Eric Tappert, P.E., Consultant)

- **AI and the Evolving Role of the “Traditional” Engineer: An Engineer’s Perspective from NASA to Infrastructure and Beyond** (Kimberly Johnson, P.E., Founding Principal)

- **Reaching New Heights in Engineering** (Alan Mallory, P.E., PMP, Speaker, Author, and Performance Coach)

**Registration Options**

An **Day Pass** for NSPE members is $99 until July 15 and $149 after July 15. The pass provides access to four PDH sessions, networking morning “coffee chat” roundtables of your choice each day, and evening post-session discussions.

The **All Access Pass** for NSPE members is $249 until July 15 and $299 after July 15. This pass provides access to 14 PDH sessions, access to daily networking morning “coffee chat” roundtables, and evening post session discussions.

Student members can register for a Day Pass or the All Access Pass for free until July 15. The rate for both passes is $50 after July 15. Nonmembers can
join NSPE for $299 and receive member pricing.

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**Women in Engineering Event to Explore Gender and Racial Equity**

DiscoverE and the Congressional Women in STEM Caucus will co-host an event on **June 23**, in celebration of **International Women in Engineering Day**. The event will include a lively panel discussion exploring the factors that attract girls to engineering, why women persist in the field, and the role you can play in achieving gender and racial equity in engineering and technology.

NSPE Government Relations staff coordinated the participation of the Women in STEM Caucus for the event. The Women in STEM Caucus seeks to bring public and congressional awareness to policies, programs, and initiatives that support women in STEM fields, and develops the next generation of women leaders. Rep. Chrissy Houlahan (D-PA), Rep. Debbie Lesko (R-AZ), Rep. Haley Stevens (D-MI), and Rep. Jackie Walorski (R-IN) serve as caucus co-chairs.

NSPE recognizes the benefits of a diverse population of licensed engineers in shaping the future of engineering. Diverse backgrounds foster unique contributions and capabilities and create an inclusive community ultimately leading to a more creative, effective and technically respected community.

Register here.

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**2021–22 Call for Volunteers**

NSPE needs your knowledge, expertise, and time to help the Society carry out its vision and mission and meet the goals of the strategic plan. Volunteer positions begin in mid-August and end at the 2022 Professional Engineers Conference.

There are three types of volunteer opportunities:

- **Level 1 (Highest Engagement)–Standing Boards and Committees**
  Often includes attending at least one in-person meeting. Most meetings held via video conference. Terms may be up to three years.

- **Level 2 (Intermediate Engagement)–Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces**
  Activities primarily include online correspondence and video conference meetings.
Level 3 (Lowest Engagement)—Ad Hoc Volunteer
Volunteer on a project-by-project basis.

Submit forms by July 9 to be considered for a 2021-22 term.

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