

## State News for NSPE Members

### New Airport in Oak Ridge Could Draw Industry, Development

This year's state budget includes \$11 million for a new general aviation airport in Oak Ridge, which could help draw industry to the area, according to the [Oak Ridger](#).

"Oak Ridge is becoming a center for innovation, and the new airport will connect it with the rest of the country and support the economic growth of the region," a news release from the Tennessee Republican Caucus stated.

The airport will be located at the East Tennessee Technology Park, a 1,300-acre industrial site at the former K-25 site and near Oak Ridge National Laboratory.

"...companies are locating at ETTP and investing millions of dollars in advanced energy research and development as well as medical isotope production," the news release stated. A medical isotope company, [Coquí Pharma](#) has expressed interest in the ETTP site.

The airport would not have commercial flights. In total, the project is expected to cost about \$55 million and is relying on funding from various sources. An environmental assessment and preliminary engineering study is in its beginning stages, and the airport is slated to open in 2025.

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### Tennessee Valley Authority Releases Sustainability Report

The Tennessee Valley Authority, the nation's largest public power provider, released its [Fiscal Year 2021 Sustainability Report](#) sharing the agency's comprehensive efforts to be a national leader in environmental, social and governance initiatives as it creates a more sustainable future across seven states.

"Sustainability is deeply rooted in TVA's culture, and it's our cornerstone as we deliver innovative solutions that are transforming our seven-state region and

beyond," said Jeff Lyash, TVA president and CEO.

Through solar energy, transportation electrification, advanced nuclear technology and energy justice efforts, TVA says it uses sustainability as a competitive advantage to attract jobs and investment. The agency's mission is to position itself and the communities it serves as sustainability leaders as the nation drives toward net-zero emissions.

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## Register Now for NSPECon 2022 Reimagined



Engineers from all disciplines are invited to register for the [2022 NSPE Professional Engineers Conference](#) (NSPECon 2022) in Philadelphia, August 1-3. Invited speakers will address sustainability, emerging technology, the post-covid workplace and even, construction on the moon. Whether you are a licensed professional engineer, aspire to be one or, would like to learn more about a career as a qualified and ethically accountable professional, you are invited to join this multi-discipline community to engage with colleagues and hear more about relevant engineering topics.

Prospective conference sponsors and exhibitors will see [newly created opportunities](#) to highlight their companies and organizations throughout the conference. Sponsors can welcome attendees to the "Feel the Philly Love" opening reception, support a conference education track featuring seven unique sessions, or demonstrate how their solutions help clients overcome specific challenges by exhibiting.

On the final day of the conference, attendees can celebrate [PE Day](#) in person and raise awareness about the importance of PEs as qualified and ethical professionals. Before you go, make certain you are geared up with [PE Day logo wear](#) to show your pride on-site.

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## 2022 QBS Award Nominations Open

ACEC and NSPE are seeking nominations for the [QBS Awards program](#) , which recognizes public and private entities that make exemplary use of the qualifications-based selection process at the federal, state, and local levels.

Award winners [serve as examples of how well the QBS process works](#) , and they help ACEC and NSPE promote the practice of QBS in jurisdictions that do not use, or underuse, QBS to procure engineering services. A maximum of one QBS Award may be presented to the federal government sector, the state government sector (includes all governmental units under the state level), and nongovernment sector.

Nominations may originate from an ACEC member organization, an NSPE state society, a public or private entity, or an individual in the public or private sector. Self-nomination is not permitted.

Nominations and supporting materials are due by **Friday, June 17** (COB). [Access the nomination form and instructions](#) .

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## Scholarships Open for Applications

The Swadesh and Om P. Popli, P.E., P.L.S. Scholarship and the William R. Kimel, P.E., Engineering Scholarship are accepting applications from students pursuing engineering degrees in the fall. The application deadline is **June 15**.

The [Swadesh and Om P. Popli, P.E., P.L.S. Scholarship](#) is a multi-year scholarship that will provide \$5,000 each year of the recipient's four-year education. Applicants must be a female high school senior from an underrepresented ethnic minority (African American, Hispanic, Native American, or Pacific Islander) pursuing a degree in civil, electrical, or mechanical engineering at an ABET-accredited program.

The [William R. Kimel, P.E., Engineering Scholarship](#) is a \$2,500 scholarship awarded annually to an undergraduate student who is a resident of either Kansas or Missouri and enrolled as a junior in an ABET-accredited engineering program in a college or university in either Kansas or Missouri.

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