

State News for NSPE Members

Puerto Rico Launches Tender to Modernize Urban Train System

Puerto Rico is advancing with a plan to modernize its urban train system (Tren Urbano) and rehabilitate stations, [according to BNamericas](#).

The transport and public works ministry DTOP published tender S-23-12 on the [government's procurement website](#) for the Tren Urbano project. The head of DTOP, Eileen Vélez Vega, said last month that Tren Urbano has been operating for almost 20 years and is in need of modernization.

Through the tender, it will procure “the services of a program management consultant to provide project management and administration support; design, and engineering oversight; procurement, project controls, and quality assurance support; and adjunct professional services as needed for the implementation of the project.”

The bidding rules will be available on demand from February 10-May 26 at the offices of DTOP. A virtual information meeting will be held on March 14 and proposals can be submitted until May 31. [Read more](#).

Puerto Rico National Guard Breaks Ground on \$300M Camp Santiago Projects

The Puerto Rico National Guard recently began engineering and reconstruction projects at Camp Santiago in Salinas. Nearly \$300 million in federal funds is designated for military construction. These projects, [according to NimB](#), will last approximately five years and are expected to generate 400 direct and 200 indirect jobs.

“In 2017 Hurricane María impacted the entire island of Puerto Rico and military installations were no exception. Many of our readiness centers were severely damaged, but Camp Santiago Joint Training Center was the most affected of all,”

said General Daniel Hokanson, chief of the National Guard Bureau.

“More than 60% of the center’s transient training facilities were damaged beyond repair. As a result, collective and individual training opportunities have been limited,” Hokanson said. [Read more](#).

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Meet the FEYA Top 10 Finalists

NSPE is pleased to announce the 10 finalists for the [2023 Federal Engineer of the Year Award](#) , honoring engineers employed by a federal agency with at least 50 engineers worldwide. All have made extensive contributions to their organizations and also to the public that PEs ultimately serve.

The winner of this year’s award will be announced during a ceremony at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on February 24, and will be selected from the following finalists.

- **Stephen Craven, Ph.D., P.E.**, electrical engineer, networks/WAN specialist; Tennessee Valley Authority
- **Steven C. Dunn, Ph.D., P.E.**, electrical engineer; General Services Administration Public Buildings Service
- **Maj. Dustin L. Gooden, P.E., PMP, LSSBB**, chief, strategic basing corporate branch; US Department of the Air Force, Headquarters US Air Force
- **Chad C. Hogan, P.E.**, lead engineer; US Department of the Air Force, Air Force Material Command
- **Capt. Jeneé A. Jagoda, P.E., PMP**, engineering flight commander; US Department of the Air Force, Air Force Global Strike Command
- **Capt. Christopher C. Jankowski, P.E., PMP, ENV SP**, chief of operations engineering; US Department of the Air Force, Pacific Air Forces
- **Andrew R. Lawrence, P.E.**, salvage engineering response team principal architect; US Department of Homeland Security, US Coast Guard
- **Nicholas Brian Melly, P.E.**, fire protection engineer; US Nuclear Regulatory Commission
- **Dr. Brandon L. Toliver, P.E.**, branch chief, basing and beddown; US Department of the Air Force, Air Force Installation & Mission Support

- **Brian R. Wybrecht, P.E.**, civil engineer; US Department of the Army, US Army Europe and Africa



2023 Lineup of 15 Free PDHs Are Available

NSPE membership offers the benefit of access to 15 on-demand webinars. This year's webinars address various topics of interest to professional engineers including ethics, emerging technologies, construction projects, and licensure. Upon successful completion of each webinar quiz (with a passing score of 70% or higher), the quiz taker will receive an attendance certificate with the appropriate credits earned for that session. [Access the free webinars](#) .

2022 NSPE Scholarship Winners

The NSPE Education Foundation awarded several scholarships to support talented students pursuing engineering degrees in ABET-accredited programs.

Auxiliary Legacy Scholarship

Leah Griesmer, from Broadview Heights, Ohio, is studying mechanical engineering at the University of Cincinnati.

Katelyn King, from Basking Ridge, New Jersey, is studying biomedical engineering at the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.

Maureen L. and Howard N. Blitman, P.E., Scholarship to Promote Diversity in Engineering

Sebastian Rodriguez, of Cincinnati, Ohio, is attending Carnegie Mellon University to study mechanical engineering.

The George B. Hightower, P.E. Fellowship

Tyler Kleinsasser is a graduate student at the South Dakota School of Mines and Technology in Rapid City, South Dakota.

Swadesh and Om P. Popli, P.E., P.L.S. Scholarship

Eli Ordaz is studying civil engineering at Brigham Young University.

Steinman Scholarship

Kathleen Abrams is attending the University of South Carolina, majoring in biomedical engineering.

Michael Chavez is studying electrical engineering, with an emphasis on renewable energy, at the University of Nevada, Reno.

Jake Schneider, of Fort Thomas, Kentucky, is pursuing his degree in civil and environmental engineering at the University of Louisville.

Lindsay Steis, of Ridgway, Pennsylvania, is attending Gannon University, majoring in environmental engineering.

Jonathan Windham, of Sumrall, Mississippi, is pursuing an electrical engineering degree at Mississippi State University.

The 2023 Scholarship Season Opens

The NSPE Education Foundation is [now accepting applications](#) for the 2023 scholarship season through an online submission platform. The application deadline is **April 1**.



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