

State News for NSPE Members

Government Releases \$1 Billion Puerto Rico Energy Resilience Relief Package

The US Department of Energy's Grid Deployment Office recently released a Request for Information to gather feedback from stakeholders in Puerto Rico on how to allocate \$1 billion managed through the Puerto Rico Energy Resilience Fund, [reports PV magazine](#).

After recent hurricanes and decades of underinvestment in the island's electric grid, the new funding will be developed to increase energy resilience and reduce the energy burden on the Caribbean island's vulnerable residents. The US investment also aligns with Puerto Rico's public energy policy to achieve 100% renewable energy by 2050 as well as the Biden Administration's commitment to improving the island's energy system. [Read more](#).

San Juan Cruise Port Files Permits to Upgrade Infrastructure

San Juan Cruise Port, the Puerto Rican company selected by the island's government to repair, rebuild, maintain, and operate the San Juan cruise ports under a public-private partnership (P3) with the Puerto Rico Ports Authority, announced the filing of documentation to obtain permits from the US Army Corps of Engineers (USACE) to upgrade the port infrastructure.

As [News is My Business reported](#), the 30-year agreement between the Ports Authority and San Juan Cruise Port entails a private capital investment of more than \$400 million to meet the infrastructure and modernization needs of the Ports Authority's piers. [Read more](#).

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TVA Engineer Named 2023 FEYA Winner

Stephen Craven, Ph.D., P.E., was named [NSPE's 2023 Federal Engineer of the Year](#) for his innovative work securing Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) substations and developing improved communication architecture. Now in its 44th year, the Federal Engineer of the Year Award is the only one of its kind to solely recognize outstanding engineers employed in the federal government. Federal agency winners were honored during a ceremony held at the National Press Club in Washington, DC, on February 24.



Stephen Craven is a third-generation TVA engineer, serving at the agency's Power Service Center in Chattanooga, Tennessee. Among his accomplishments, Craven has helped secure substations against cyber-attacks, designing ways to keep critical equipment disconnected from external attackers and yet still be remotely monitored for anomalies. He was also instrumental in the development of a new communication architecture that is faster, more reliable, and less expensive than previous schemes. [Read more](#) .

FEYA ceremony photos can be accessed on the NSPE [Flickr album](#) .

WORKability Wednesdays Are Back!

NSPE offers a live webinar series free to members—"WORKability Wednesdays"—to support members with their professional development goals. The series covers topics impacting the industry and helps to enhance your competencies in the profession. The spring season sessions kicked off on March 8 with [Understanding the New Requirements for Cybersecurity Insurance](#) . Register now at [NSPE's PE Institute](#) and invite a colleague to attend.

Upcoming webinars

- **March 22**—[Using Construction Manager at Risk Project Delivery to Manage the Current Challenges in Constructing Projects](#)
 - **April 12**—[Doing Bad Things for Good Reasons: An Examination of Unethical Pro-Organizational Behavior Among Professional Workers](#)
 - **Save the date for webinars on April 26, May 17, and May 31**
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Take the Milton F. Lunch Ethics Challenge!

Match your wits and knowledge of engineering ethics with experienced professional engineers and engineering students throughout the country! All current NSPE individual members and NSPE chapters (including student members) are invited to participate in the [2023 NSPE Milton F. Lunch Ethics Contest](#) . Contest submissions are due by **May 12**. [View past contest winner entries](#) .

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