

## State News for NSPE Members

### Partnership Brings Clean Water to Community

Two emergency water backup systems are being donated to a school for special needs children in Barcoleneta. The systems are coming from a Virginia firm, Constant Water, and a nonprofit, United DMV, also from Virginia. Their [partnership](#) is in part of an effort to demonstrate water resilience methods to local communities.

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### Manufacturing Improves on the Island

An uptick in manufacturing in Puerto Rico has been reported by the Statistics Institute, [the Weekly Journal reports](#). The Purchasing Management Index reported in September indicated that production rose to 50, while employment levels rose to 52.8 after falling in August. A threshold of 50 represents the growth of manufacturing on the island since the previous month. The PMI had dipped to 48.1 in August, the lowest since April.

The Department of Economic Development and Commerce reports that there are 1,730 manufacturing companies in the island, which contribute over 48% of Puerto Rico's GDP. They provide about 74,500 jobs altogether.

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### NSPE Government Relations Staff Releases 2020 Advocacy Report

NSPE's Government Relations staff has released its year-end report—**By the Numbers**—a semi-deep dive into how advocacy campaigns performed, which issues staff tracked and how often, and which members of Congress were most and least supportive of NSPE issues.

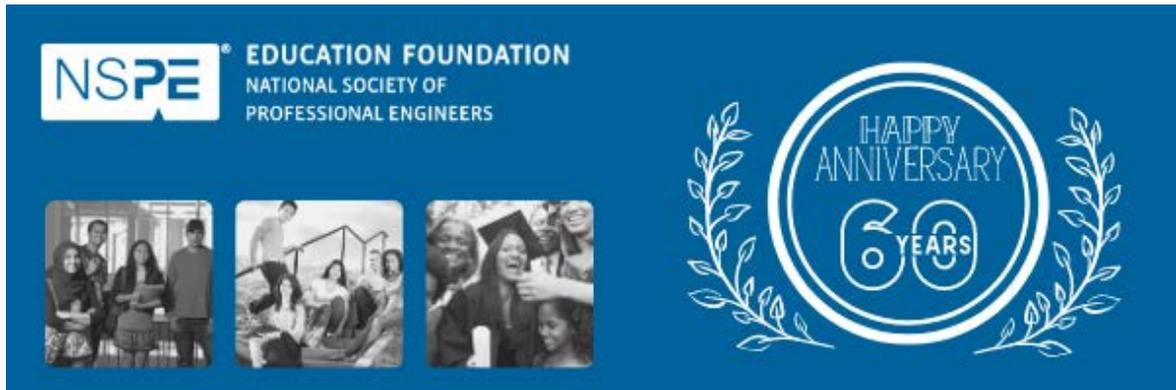
The report provides summaries of lessons learned and establishes best practices.

It also draws some fact-based conclusions on who are NSPE allies on the Hill, and which offices need a little more prompting before they get on board. It's an excellent capstone to an unexpected and difficult, but ultimately successful year!

[Access the report.](#)

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## Education Foundation Celebrates 60 Years of Giving Back



For 60 years, the NSPE Education Foundation has been a major source of support for the educational and ethical practice needs of engineering students, engineering teachers, and practicing professionals.

This past year, the foundation gave out five scholarships to [deserving engineering students](#) and supported young professionals in NSPE's [Emerging Leaders Program](#). In the coming year, the foundation will explore additional programs to broaden its reach and impact, and NSPE member support will mean more than ever before.

In this season of giving, and in honor of the NSPE Education Foundation's 60th anniversary, a donation of \$60 will help further its mission to support students, educators, young professionals, and the profession at large.

[Donate today.](#)

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## EJCDC Releases New Owner and Engineer Task Order Docs

The Engineers Joint Contract Documents Committee has released a new document: [EJCDC E-505 2020, Agreement Between Owner and Engineer for Professional Services—Task Order Edition](#). This document is available to NSPE members at a 50% discount.

EJCDC E-505 defines individual task orders for specific professional assignments.

In a task order, the owner and engineer agree to task-specific terms, such as scope of services, schedule, and compensation, for each specific assignment. When a task order is issued, no drafting or negotiating is needed for provisions such as indemnification, insurance, claims, dispute resolution, suspension, or termination because these provisions will have been negotiated previously and set in place in the E-505 Main Agreement and its exhibits.

The E-505 is designed for multiple or recurring assignments (“tasks”) related to one or several projects; it is similar to the E-500 Agreement Between Owner-Engineer for Professional Services in structure, terminology, and conditions. Updates to the EJCDC E-505 include enhanced and reorganized exhibits to the E-505 main agreement and task order form to reflect evolving contract practice and improve ease of use. This edition is published in four parts, which are included in a downloadable zip file.

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## It's Not Too Late: Get Your 15 Free PDHs for 2020

Act now to take advantage of the annual NSPE membership benefit of 15 free PDHs. Access to the [2020 lineup of courses](#) will end after **December 31**.

Members may earn credits by viewing the webinars from the comfort of their home or office and will receive an attendance certificate after passing a quiz with a score of 70% or higher. PDHs from these courses are recognized by most US states, including Florida.



Don't have time to view the 15 free courses before December 31? Simply “purchase” the webinars by December 31 and add them to your NSPE member account. That way you can view them when you are ready. Webinars in your account can be accessed for up to one year.

Here's a sample of available webinar topics:

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- [How Not to Fail as a Leader](#)

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