

State News for NSPE Members

Rhode Island Ranks in Top Ten for Access to Electric Charging Stations

Rhode Island was recently ranked 10th among US states with the most access to electric vehicle charging stations, according to whatsupnewp.com, with more than 2,550 registered EVs in the state. That represents more than a 155% increase. Before September 2020, 103 charging stations had been opened; after that date, 160 more opened in Rhode Island. Additionally, the state's Public Transit Authority is piloting an electric bus system to increase green practices in transportation. [Read more.](#)

Defense Tech Alliance to Keep Building Subs

SENEDIA, the national alliance for defense tech, talent, and innovation based in Middletown, has announced a \$20.4 million contract extension from the Department of Defense to continue its submarine shipbuilding workforce efforts.

"While we are making tremendous progress training the next generation to support our nation's modern military, this funding extension is essential to continue to grow our high-skilled, high-wage workforce pipeline and build out the New England region virtual training network," said Molly Magee, SENEDIA executive director. Magee added the entity's leaders look forward to strengthening its shipbuilding partnerships in Rhode Island and Connecticut and expanding to other states.

SENEDIA was originally awarded \$18.6 million in 2020 to help facilitate the submarine shipbuilding supply chain. [Read more.](#)

Stay up to date on legislative issues through the [NSPE Advocacy Center](#).

NSPE Stays Focused on Sustainability and Resilience

The United Nations Climate Change Conference (

COP27) kicked off in Sharm El-Sheikh, Egypt last week. As the conference takes place, NSPE will [provide conference highlights](#) of interest to professional engineers.



NSPE believes licensed PEs should be good stewards of the environment to preserve and protect our world for future generations. The Society recognizes that attention to sustainable and resilient design practices is critical to the health of the planet and is an integral part of the practice of engineering. PEs are uniquely positioned to be a positive and driving influence in creating, maintaining, and renewing sustainable communities.

In early 2022, the NSPE Board of Directors endorsed “The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change.” The statement was prepared with input from a working group of 16 organizations, including NSPE, and facilitated by ECL-USA. It is intended to unite, energize, and motivate people within and across organizations, and to fulfill their desires for meaning and purpose in their professional lives.

The Role of the Engineering Community in Addressing Climate Change:

Climate change is real – the impacts are serious, and they are accelerating. There is an urgent imperative for the Engineering Community to take informed and intentional actions now to both reduce greenhouse gas emissions and adapt to the impacts of a changing climate. It is our duty and purpose to contribute our skills and knowledge of human-centered technologies and of the natural world to lead humanity out of the climate crisis with a focus on sustainable, resilient, equitable, and innovative approaches. [Learn more](#) .

Honor Awards Open for Nominations

The [NSPE Honor Awards](#) promote the professional engineer’s contributions to society and recognize the achievements of the profession’s very best. The deadline for award submissions is **January 31, 2023**.

NSPE Award

The NSPE Award is the highest award given to an individual by the Society. It is presented to an engineer who has made outstanding contributions to the engineering profession, the public welfare, and humankind. **Howard (Skip) Harclerode II, P.E., F.NSPE, F.AICHe**, received the award in 2022. He is the founder and president of KBD Engineering Company Inc., based in Phoenix, Maryland,



and has been a tireless advocate for the engineering profession.

New Professional of the Year Award

This award recognizes a young NSPE member who has made outstanding contributions to the Engineering Profession and the community during the early years of one's career. **Holly Ahumada, P.E., CFM**, and **Dylan Ward, P.E., MPA**, received the award in 2022. Holly Ahumada specializes in stormwater and floodplain management at Freese and Nichols in Fort Worth, Texas. Dylan Ward is a project manager for the City of Henderson in Kentucky.



Upcoming Webinar: Election Recap

Join your colleagues for the next Workability Wednesdays webinar: [Election Recap: How Can PEs Prepare for the 2023 Legislative Session](#) (November 30).

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