

## State News for NSPE Members

### State Initiative Will Streamline Efforts to Gain Infrastructure Funds

Governor Dan McKee recently unveiled a strategic initiative with the Partnership for Rhode Island called CompeteRI, which will help state agencies, municipalities, and nonprofits more effectively compete for federal funding made available through the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The announcement was held at South Quay, an undeveloped parcel in East Providence that will soon become a central hub of the Northeast's growing offshore wind economy.

Compete RI is the state's response to the White House asking states to create processes that are sound and transparent; and to seek partners to administer and coordinate efforts in seeking federal funding.

"We have a historic opportunity to rebuild Rhode Island's infrastructure," said Lt. Governor Sabina Matos in a release. "That's why it's so important that we coordinate resources and efforts to ensure these critical projects have the greatest impact and that they benefit every Rhode Islander, in every community." [Find out more.](#)

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### Governor Announces \$850k EPA Grant to Work for Cleaner Air

In a move aimed at reducing air pollution caused by diesel engines, Governor Dan McKee and the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management announced an EPA grant will be used to replace freight trucks and marine engines used to move goods.

The funding is coming through the [Diesel Emission Reduction Act Program](#), a federal-state initiative run by EPA and state environmental agencies that protects human health and improves air quality by reducing harmful emissions from diesel engines.

“Rhode Island is a national leader in clean energy innovation and this EPA grant will further our Administration’s goal of slashing greenhouse gases as we put Rhode Island on a more sustainable pathway to a future of net-zero emissions,” said Governor McKee. [Read more](#).

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## NSPECon 2022 Open for Registration

Engineers from all disciplines are invited to register for the [2022 Professional Engineers Conference](#) (NSPECon 2022) in Philadelphia, August 1-3. Early-bird registration is available until June 30.

Invited speakers will address sustainability, emerging technology, the post-covid workplace and even, construction on the moon. Licensed professional engineers and those aspiring to be one are invited to join this multi-discipline community to engage with colleagues and hear more about relevant engineering topics.



### Sponsorship and Exhibitor Opportunities

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.

### PE Day

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 attending, everyone is invited to gear up with [PE Day logo wear](#) to show PE Pride at the conference.

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## Call for 2022-2023 Volunteers

Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#) and essential to helping the Society carry out its [vision and mission and meet the goals of the strategic plan](#) . Volunteer positions

begin in mid-August and end at the 2023 Professional Engineers Conference.

There are three types of volunteer opportunities:

- **Level 1 (Highest Engagement)–Standing Boards and Committees**  
Often includes attending at least one in-person meeting. Most meetings held via video conference. Terms may be up to three years.
- **Level 2 (Intermediate Engagement)–Ad Hoc Committees and Task Forces**  
Activities primarily include online correspondence and video conference meetings.
- **Level 3 (Lowest Engagement)–Ad Hoc Volunteer**  
Volunteer on a project-by-project basis.

[Submit an application by July 15 to be considered for a 2022-2023 term.](#)

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## House of Delegates Virtual General Assembly and Annual Meeting

The House of Delegates Virtual General Assembly will be live streamed on [NSPE's YouTube channel](#) for members on **June 30** (2:00 p.m. – 4:00 p.m. EST). Following the live stream of the General Assembly, NSPE members will have an opportunity to ask questions and talk with President-Elect Britt Smith, P.E., F.NSPE, and CEO Monika Schulz through a Reddit style AMA (Ask Me Anything) format in the [Annual Meeting online community](#). All members are welcome.

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