

## State News for NSPE Members

### Work Has Started on Major Offshore Wind Farm That Would Power Rhode Island

The developers of Rhode Island's first utility-scale offshore wind farm are still waiting on approvals for the 704-megawatt project, [The Providence Journal reports](#), but that's not stopping them from starting work on pieces of it.

Ørsted and Eversource welcomed Governor Dan McKee, the Rhode Island congressional delegation and other officials to the Port of Providence to mark the beginning of fabrication of some of the key components of the towering wind turbines that will be installed in the waters between Block Island and Martha's Vineyard as part of [Revolution Wind](#).

The companies set up shop a year and a half ago in the port, where they built a regional hub that is supplying parts to a host of wind farms planned off southern New England.

First up for the facility was the South Fork Wind Farm, a 130-megawatt, 12-turbine array already under construction that will help power Long Island. Now comes Revolution, the 65-turbine project that would deliver energy to Rhode Island and Connecticut. Sunrise Wind, an 880-megawatt proposal to also supply New York, is expected to follow. And, if all goes as planned, a second, even bigger phase of Revolution would come. [Read more](#).

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### Phase 1 of Rhode Island's EV Charging Program Opens

The first steps in Rhode Island's initiative to support electric vehicles are taking shape, [The Center Square reports](#).

The state's Office of Energy Resources is now accepting requests for proposals that would install electric vehicle charging stations near Interstate 95. The first phase would install four Level 3 DC Fast Chargers off the Alternative Fuel Corridor along the interstate. The charging stations would be located at the Ashaway Park &

Ride and Route 117 Park & Ride in Warwick.

“As Rhode Island works toward achieving the goals of the landmark Act on Climate, this National Electric Vehicle Infrastructure Formula Program will play a crucial role in ensuring our state continues its commitment to reducing greenhouse gas emissions,” Governor Dan McKee said in a statement.

The program is a piece of the Infrastructure Investment and Jobs Act and is designed to install 500,000 charging stations for electric vehicles across the country by 2030. Rhode Island is poised to receive \$23 million in federal funding over the course of five years, according to a release. Proposals for the program are due by May 22. [Read more](#).

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## Network and Learn at NSPECon23 (August 2-4)



NSPECon23 registration is now open! NSPE members, PEs, EITs, engineering students, and anyone interested in the issues facing the industry today are invited to attend NSPECon 2023 in Louisville, August 2-4. [Early-bird registration rates](#) are available until June 29. [Preview the preliminary program of sessions](#) designed to foster leadership skills, address industry trends, and to boost your career.

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### Keynote Speakers



**Bill Samuels, Jr., Chairman Emeritus of Maker's Mark Distillery**, will open the NSPECon 23 meeting. Samuels, who helped design both the Gemini and Polaris missiles and became friends with the founding administrator of NASA, will talk about the, "Trials and Tribulations of a Failed Aerospace Engineer."



**Megan Bendtzen, CEO and Founder of TheDoctorofFun.com**, will completely shift your perspective, debunking the myths and mysteries of work-life balance and the pursuit of happiness during the keynote speech "P.L.A.Y. to Win: It Actually is All Fun and Games...The Secret to Increasing Profits, Positivity and Productivity."

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## NSPE Welcomes New VP for Membership, State Engagement

NSPE recently welcomed **Rodneikka Scott, MSc, CAE**, as its new Vice President of Member and State Engagement. In this role, Scott will be responsible for executing NSPE's

strategic vision and the association's approach to membership, professional practice, and learning. She will also oversee NSPE's current state engagement efforts, the customer service center, and the ethics team.



Prior to joining NSPE, Scott spent four years as the Chief Membership and Diversity Programs Officer of the Endocrine Society. She played a crucial role in managing the organization's membership approach, engaging with internal and external stakeholders, and revamping the member value proposition to include a suite of new member benefits. Scott draws on more than 17 years of diverse experience in the membership, marketing, communications, volunteer relations, and education sectors to support member services and diversity programs. [Read more](#).

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## Get Involved – Volunteer for an NSPE Committee

Volunteers are the [heart of NSPE](#). NSPE is committed to building valuable experiences for all our members by offering a variety of long term and short-term opportunities to get engaged. Visit the [Get Involved Page](#) to learn more about available opportunities. [Submit an application](#) for a 2023-24 committee by **June 2**.

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