

## State News for NSPE Members

### **Biden's Infrastructure Plan Allocates Millions for Bridge Repairs in Rhode Island**

Under President Biden's infrastructure plan that infuses \$26.5 billion into bridge repair across the US, Rhode Island will receive \$235.5 million. The funds will come over five years via the Federal Highway Administration. Aside from making much-needed repairs, a major goal of the funding is to help bridges withstand the effects of climate change by modernizing them, [FHWA Administrator Stephanie Pollack](#) said.

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### **Amtrak Trains Could Soon Stop at TF Green Airport**

Rhode Island's Department of Transportation has started a \$3.5 million preliminary engineering study for a project to enable Amtrak trains that currently pass through T.F. Green International Airport's "Interlink" station to stop there, the [Providence Journal](#) reported. The study is being funded by a \$2.8 million federal grant and a \$700,000 state match.

A 2020 study by DOT determined the project would cost at least \$242 million, and costs have since increased. Still, transportation officials want to move forward. Work needed would include building new signals, a second platform, and a fourth track, and electrifying existing track.

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### **Meet the Top 10 FEYA Nominees**

NSPE is pleased to announce the 10 finalists for [the 2022 Federal Engineer of the Year Award](#), honoring engineers employed by a federal agency with at least 50 engineers worldwide. All have made extensive contributions to their organizations and also to the public that PEs ultimately serve.

The winner of this year's award will be announced February 24 and will be selected from the following finalists.

**MAJ John M. Kulikowski, P.E.**

*US Department of the Air Force, Pacific Air Forces*

Position: Engineering Flight Commander (Director, Engineering Design & Construction) 51st Civil Engineer Squadron, Osan Air Base, Republic of Korea

**LCDR Joshua M. Lewis, P.E.**

*US Department of the Navy, Naval Facilities Engineering Systems Command*

Position: Operations Officer for Officer In Charge of Construction, Marine Corps Base Marianas, Guam

**Eric Marshall, P.E.**

*US Department of the Army, US Army Corps of Engineers*

Position: District Commander, Honolulu District, US Army Corps of Engineers

**LCDR Chaolong Qi, Ph.D., P.E.**

*US Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention*

Position: Senior Research Engineer

**LCDR Gary J. Riley, P.E.**

*US Department of Interior, National Park Service*

Position: Environmental Engineer and Program Manager

**Christopher L. Saucier, P.E.**

*Tennessee Valley Authority*

Position: Principal Project Manager

**Davood (Dave) Tashakkori, P.E.**

*US Department of Veterans Affairs, Office of Construction & Facilities Management*

Position: Senior Mechanical Engineer

**LCDR Michael Wandersee, P.E.**

*US Department of Interior, US Fish and Wildlife Service*

Position: Project Engineer

**James V. Works, P.E.**

*US Department of the Air Force, Air Force Civil Engineer Center*

Position: Air Force Fuels Infrastructure Subject Matter Expert.

**Robert F. Zueck Ph.D., P.E.**

*US Department of the Navy, Naval Engineering Systems Command*

Position: Structural Engineer

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# Engineers Week 2022: Reimagining the Possible!

**Engineers Week** (February 20–26) is a time to recognize the critical work of engineers, technicians, and technologists. Engineers Week was founded by NSPE in 1951. This year's theme—**Reimagining the Possible!**—pays tribute to engineers for the new possibilities they create all the time. From green buildings to fuel-efficient cars to life-saving vaccines, engineers work together to develop new technologies, products and opportunities that change how we live.

Here's how you can celebrate and inspire the next generation to become the engineers who turn dreams into reality.



## **Join the social media parade #Eweek2022 #WhatEngineersDo.**

Post photos of your team, engineering projects, and even selfies! Share a message about engineering's vital role in innovating solutions to global challenges, the value of engineers, or engaging students in engineering.

## **Host an Engineers Week event.**

It can be as simple as coffee or lunch with a few colleagues to hosting an organization-wide celebration. Recognize individuals to honor their achievements—in person, online, or by nominating them for an award. Invite an inspiring speaker to deliver a virtual or live talk during Engineers Week.

## **Advocate for the field.**

Ask your mayor, governor, or congressional representative to issue [a proclamation](#) recognizing the contributions of engineers. Work with your corporation, society, or college communications team to post a message from leadership.

## **Lead STEM activities.**

Leading open-ended STEM activities is a great way to engage students in the engineering design process. Students at Engineers Week and Girl Day events say activities are their favorite thing (they like the snacks too!) and they want to do more.

On January 20, DiscoverE will host an outreach webinar to help plan in-person and virtual events for Engineers Week and Girl Day 2022. Register [here](#).

[Get More Ideas to Celebrate Engineers Week.](#)

## New 15 Free Webinars for Members



To help members meet their continuing education requirements, NSPE issued a new slate of 15 free webinars on January 15.

1. Climate Action for Engineers Series: ACC Overview\*
2. Climate Action for Engineers Series: Categories of Action\*
3. Cyber Security Essentials\*
4. Emotional Intelligence at Work
5. Engineering Ethics – Objectivity and Truthfulness, Public Health and Safety, Signing and Sealing of Engineering Drawings and Misrepresentation\*
6. Engineering Ethics – Conflicts of Interest, Licensure, Confidentiality and Public Criticism\*
7. Engineering Ethics – Disclosure, Payment, Expert Testimony and Conflicts of Interest\*
8. Engineering Leadership Success by Design
9. Ethics in our Changing World\*
10. Fire Protection Engineering in Property Risk Management\*
11. Negotiate It! How to Crush Your Fears, Develop Your Negotiation Muscle, and Gain Power in the Workplace
12. The Physics of the Yellow Traffic Signal\*
13. Too Many Crashes at Your Roundabout? Learn Design Technique\*
14. Tools to Ensure Effective Litigation Preparation
15. Turn Your Ideas Into Gold

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*Engineering*

NSPE's 15 free webinars for 2022 are posted [here](#).

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