



**PARTNERING AGREEMENT
BETWEEN
THE NAVAL FACILITIES ENGINEERING COMMAND
AND
THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS**

The Naval Facilities Engineering Command (NAVFAC) of the U.S. Department of the Navy and the National Society of Professional Engineers (NSPE) hereby establish this partnering agreement to foster interest in engineering careers and to improve the skills of facilities professionals throughout the industry. This partnering agreement supersedes the agreement executed on 31 July 2000.

NAVFAC and NSPE advocate a shared vision that reinforces and promotes the ethical and competent practice of engineering, professional licensing, and the improvement of professional capabilities of their employees, associates, and members.

By this agreement, NAVFAC and NSPE aspire to create an environment that fosters the specific goals noted below. We will embrace innovative technologies and business methodologies that both encourage and capitalize on the strengths of NAVFAC and NSPE. This partnership will guide our professional behaviors in a manner that reflects strong ethical conduct throughout our professional community, promotes public health, safety and welfare, and reinforces the independence and integrity of our profession. Our initial goals follow:

- o Foster the engineering profession worldwide by promoting engineering licensure, continuing education, cultural diversity, and professional society membership and participation.
- o Assist NAVFAC engineers by providing online web-based continuing education in such areas as project management, sustainable design, ethics, risk management, design/build and licensure preparation, tailored to the needs of NAVFAC to support its facilities engineering community goals and objectives.
- o Establish a strong working strategy to enhance National Engineers' Week and student enrichment programs.
- o Promote sustainable design concepts through educational and outreach initiatives.
- o Establish a strong working dialogue between NAVFAC and NSPE to ensure this partnership constructively and actively promotes professionalism in engineering.
- o Promote pride and professionalism by working together to promote NSPE's Federal Engineer of the Year award program.
- o Participate as exhibitors, co-sponsors, and presenters at local and national conferences sponsored by NAVFAC and NSPE to promote a greater understanding of facilities management and engineering contributions to society during the 21st century.

We agree to work in unison to accomplish the goals established by this partnering agreement at the earliest possible date and will continuously seek opportunities to cooperate in areas of mutual interest in a manner that supports our employees, clients, and fellow members.

Executed this 23rd day of January 2006.

Signed

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