



## **THE NATIONAL SOCIETY OF PROFESSIONAL ENGINEERS (NSPE)**

### **Who We Are and What We Do**

The National Society of Professional Engineers, established in 1934, was founded with the goal of creating an inclusive, nontechnical organization dedicated to the interests of licensed professional engineers (PEs) regardless of practice area. The organization would protect both engineers and the public from unqualified practitioners, build public recognition for the profession, and stand against unethical practices and inadequate compensation. Today, NSPE stands as the only national association committed to addressing the professional needs of licensed engineers across all disciplines.

## **NSPE CORE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES**

### **Diversity**

It is the policy of NSPE to create a diverse and welcoming environment for everyone interested in the licensed practice of engineering. NSPE recognizes the benefits of a diverse population of licensed engineers in shaping the future of engineering. Diverse backgrounds foster unique contributions and capabilities and create an inclusive community ultimately leading to a more creative, effective, and technically respected community. NSPE will continue to promote literacy in STEM education by supporting policies and opportunities for under-represented students.

### **Emerging Technologies**

NSPE supports emerging technologies in a manner that protects the health, safety, and welfare of the public through rigorous development, testing, and deployment of emerging technologies involving licensed professional engineers at each step of development. NSPE recognizes the benefits of continued research and development that safely advances emerging technology while minimizing risk.

### **Infrastructure**

NSPE believes that engineered infrastructure supports and enhances livable communities. NSPE recognizes the benefits to public health, safety, and welfare when licensed professional engineers are engaged in creating, maintaining, and updating infrastructure that enhances revitalization and economic competitiveness. NSPE advocates for the inclusion of licensed professional engineers in all engineering aspects related to infrastructure. Additionally, NSPE will continue to advocate for infrastructure funding to ensure the public's health, safety, and welfare.

## **NSPE CORE LEGISLATIVE ISSUES (continued)**

### **Professional Licensing**

NSPE believes in a world where the public can be confident that engineering decisions affecting their lives are made by qualified and ethically accountable professionals. Our protection and promotion of the PE license is an integral part of NSPE's vision. Professional licensing is an important indicator of a baseline level of qualification, which sets a standard that the public can rely on and trust.

### **Sustainability and Resiliency**

NSPE recognizes the importance of sustainability and believes licensed professional engineers have an ethical obligation to "adhere to the principles of sustainable development" to protect the environment and promote sustainable and resilient communities for future generations. NSPE advocates for the inclusion of professional engineers in all engineering applications related to the environment.

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