



# 40 Reasons to Be a CSPE Member

## Governmental Affairs

### **AECC & CJAC**

CSPE's alliances with the Architects & Engineers Conference Committee of California (A&ECC) and the Civil Justice Association of California (CJAC) helps further promote the political voice of Professional Engineers and a fair business environment in CA.

### **An Introduction to P.E. Licensure in California & Other States**

View the full 92-page report (in pdf format) written by Vice President of Governmental Affairs Tom Stout, P.E. for the Joint Legislative Sunset Review Committee's independent consultant at [www.cspe.com](http://www.cspe.com).

### **Contract Documents**

CSPE offers free contract documents that fulfill the mandatory contracts provisions of Assembly Bill 2629 that became law on January 1, 2001. This document can be used to fulfill the requirements of the statute and be used by the client to waive his/her right to a written contract. Additionally, NSPE provides engineering contract documents to cover many standard business practices including procurement and remediation. Visit [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org), click on Shop NSPE, then click on Contract Documents.

### **Legislative E-mail Alerts**

CSPE members can receive periodic updates detailing important topics relating to the engineering profession. Covers legislative requirements from BPE&LS and the California Assembly and Senate.

### **Legislative Positions**

CSPE is a major advocate for obtaining generic registration for Professional Engineers in California. CSPE's Lobbying Coalition sponsors California Legislature that promotes and improves professional engineering in California.

### **Lobbying**

CSPE is the largest member of an engineering lobbying coalition, the California Legislative Council for Professional Engineers. You can look at the recent accomplishments of CLCPE at [www.clcpe.org](http://www.clcpe.org).

### **Qualification Based Selection**

CSPE promotes the use of Qualified Based Selection for governmental agencies to procure engineering services. The QBS Handbook can be downloaded from the CSPE website.

### **Regulatory Issues**

CSPE works to cover regulatory issues that impact both P.E. licensure and Professional Engineering in California. Look up CSPE's recent regulatory actions at [www.cspe.com](http://www.cspe.com).

## Image & Membership

### **E-Week (National Engineer's Week)**

E-Week is celebrated in February annually by thousands of engineers, students, teachers, and leaders in government and business. CSPE joins more than 100 major corporations dedicated to increasing public awareness and appreciation of technology and the engineering profession. NSPE is the founder of this premier engineering image campaign.

### **Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day**

Students throughout California can shadow CSPE engineers serving as workplace mentors as they go through a normal day on the job.

### **Supporting Organizations**

CSPE recognizes those companies and organizations that help support CSPE in our efforts to promote and advance the profession of engineering in California.

### **Virtual Chapter**

Designed to enable members to communicate electronically, the Virtual Chapter website is an area to ask and answer questions pertaining to CSPE and engineering in California.

### **ZOOM Into Engineering**

*ZOOM Into Engineering* is a NSPE project designed to excite kids about engineering by combining enthusiastic volunteers with the fun, kid-tested, engineering activities from the hit PBS television show ZOOM.

## Member Services

### **Chapter Meeting Networking**

Take advantage of free or low cost professional development, legislative, and networking opportunities in a friendly atmosphere close to home.

### **CSPE Member Publications**

*CSPE Online* is CSPE's informational publication that is included free with membership. Members can list two job openings per month free of charge in this publication.

### **Income and Salary Surveys**

Annual publication available free to all members via electronic mail! Compare your salary with other engineers throughout the state. Visit [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org) for more information!

### **Insurance Services and Group Discounts**

- **Dental Insurance** - Choose from three different dental plans at exclusive CSPE group rates. Plans cater to both individuals and businesses, and one plan includes orthodontics.
- **Disability Insurance** - Discounted plans are available for individual disability income protection.
- **Group Worker's Compensation Insurance** - State Compensation Insurance Fund offers CSPE members a 6% upfront discount on their worker's compensation insurance premiums. Save more than your yearly dues with this program.
- **Health Insurance** - CSPE is able to offer members and their firms special rates and exclusive service. A variety of plans are available, including individual, company, and guarantee issue policies.

- **Life Insurance** - Simplified issue plans are available for CSPE members. Up to \$500,000 in coverage can be purchased.
- **Long Term Care Insurance** - One of the newest programs offered by R.L. Wells, discounts are available to members. Make sure that your assets are protected in case the unexpected occurs to you or a member of your family.
- **Professional Liability Insurance** - IOA Insurance Services offers Professional Liability Insurance that is ideal to protect you against lawsuits that might arise over your engineering and design work with a CSPE membership discount rate.
- **Estate Planning and Coordination Information** - R.L. Wells and Associates offers expert help and advice for all your needs.
- **Retirement Plan Administration** - R.L. Wells provides advice and service for your personal and business retirement needs, including coordination of 401(k) plans.

### **NSPE Membership Benefits**

In addition to CSPE's benefits, members also enjoy a wide variety of services through NSPE, including discounted rental cars, *Engineering Times*, and member-only access to the NSPE web site, [www.nspe.org](http://www.nspe.org).

### **Shipping & Postage Discounts**

Discount express shipping through UPS. Members receive \$1.50 off each UPS next day air letter, 10% off UPS next day air package rates, 20% off UPS Worldwide Express rates, and 10% off second day a.m. letters.

## **Professional Development**

### **CSPE Career Center**

CSPE has partnered with Careerbuilder.com to bring you the best in job searching, resume posting, and online recruiting all at a discounted rate for our members.

### **Continuing Education Seminars**

Members have the ability to receive 4 free Professional Development Hours (PDH's) from NSPE via the web.

### **Licensure Comity**

CSPE helps members by providing them the information to obtain additional P.E. licenses in California and other states. Information on obtaining a comity license is at [www.cspe.com](http://www.cspe.com).

### **Other Professional Development Seminars**

A partial list of continuing education opportunities being offered to engineers in California from sources other than CSPE or NSPE is available at [www.cspe.com](http://www.cspe.com). They are also listed in the monthly enewsletter *CSPE Online*.

### **Professional Directory**

Members can list themselves and their firms in the online CSPE Professional Directory at no cost. Establish contacts for use in your professional life the general public searching for your services has access to this online directory.

### **P.E. Exam Review Materials**

Prepare for the FE/PE exam using the only exam review course with these unique features -- self-paced study in your own home or office, one-on-one guidance from your personal instructor, and a 100% money back guarantee if you do not pass. Members receive a special discounted rate.

### **State Education Requirements**

Depending on the state of a P.E. license, there are different Continuing Education requirements. CSPE provides a state-by-state summary, as well as methods to obtain more information.

## **Student & Youth**

### **CSPE Education Foundation**

The CSPE Education Foundation (CSPEEF) is the fundraising arm of CSPE. As a fully-operational 501c(3) organization, CSPEEF helps sponsor MATHCOUNTS, the Ingersoll EIT Grants, and advocates construction and career technical education (CTE) in the classroom.

### **Ingersoll EIT Grants**

CSPE provides grants to students interested in taking the California Engineer-in-Training (EIT or FE) examination, the first step on the road to becoming a Professional Engineer.

### **JETS**

JETS provides programs and resources that let students explore, assess, and experience engineering first-hand. From exciting student competitions to assessment tools and career exploration materials, JETS helps students plan for rewarding futures by showing them how engineering can help them pursue their dreams.

### **MATHCOUNTS**

CSPE is committed to helping the profession of engineering through the sponsorship of California MATHCOUNTS, a junior high mathematics competition intended to increase the technical skills of California's youth. CSPE sponsors 25 local competitions and two statewide competitions, influencing over 20,000 middle schoolers every year.

### **NCEES**

The CSPE website has links to useful sections of the NCEES website for students. You can visit this page at [www.cspe.com](http://www.cspe.com).

### **P.E. Review Courses**

CSPE provides a complete resource of companies and institutions that provide review courses and materials for taking either the EIT or PE examination in California. Many of these companies also offer discounts to CSPE members.