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NCEES honors Wyoming professional surveyor Sonja Sparks for service

Sonja Sparks, P.L.S., of Cheyenne, Wyoming, has been awarded the NCEES Distinguished Examination Service Award for her dedicated service to NCEES and the surveying profession. Sparks received this award at the organization's 98th annual meeting, held August 14–17, 2019, in Washington, D.C.

As an NCEES exam development volunteer for the past 12 years, Sparks has displayed a continuing commitment to the advancement of surveying licensure. Her contributions to the Fundamentals of Surveying (FS) exam include developing new exam items, participating in studies to update the exam's specifications, and serving as committee chair. She has striven to develop an exam that is uniform, thorough, and fair in determining if exam candidates meet the minimum standards to become a surveyor intern.

Sparks was chair of the FS Exam Development Committee from 2014 to 2017. She led the committee during a pivotal time in the exam's history, as NCEES completed the transition of the FS exam to computer-based testing in 2014. The FS exam was one of the first two NCEES exams to move to the computer-based format, and Sparks' leadership and dedication helped ensure that the exam transition was effective and efficient.

In addition to supporting the surveying profession through her work with NCEES, Sparks is a member and past president of Professional Land Surveyors of Wyoming. She currently serves as a member of its Publications Committee and director of the Southeast Chapter.

ABOUT NCEES

The National Council of Examiners for Engineering and Surveying is a nonprofit organization made up of engineering and surveying licensing boards from all U.S. states, the District of Columbia, Guam, Puerto Rico, the Northern Mariana Islands, and the U.S. Virgin Islands. Since its founding in 1920, NCEES has been committed to advancing licensure for engineers and surveyors in order to safeguard the health, safety, and welfare of the U.S. public.

NCEES helps its member licensing boards carry out their duties to regulate the professions of engineering and surveying. It develops best-practice models for state licensure laws and regulations and promotes uniformity among the states. It develops and administers the exams used for engineering and surveying licensure throughout the country. It also provides services to help licensed engineers and surveyors practice their professions in other U.S. states and territories. For more information, please visit ncees.org.