Typical Requirements for Licensure

- Graduation from an ABET-accredited engineering curriculum of four years or more, or its equivalent;
- Passing the Fundamentals of Engineering examination;
- Compliance with the experience requirements (typically four years) to sit for the examinations imposed by the licensing board in the state where you wish to become licensed; and
- Taking and passing the Principles and Practice of Engineering examination.

Typical Problems in Being Allowed to Sit For the Principles and Practice of Engineering Examination

- Obtaining and documenting "Qualified Engineering Experience" under the supervision and guidance of a licensed Professional Engineer;
- Lack of consideration by most state licensing boards of "Practical Construction Engineering Experience"; and
- Difficulty in documenting and expressing one's progressive engineering experience in a clear, concise manner deemed acceptable by the state licensing board.
- Also, applicants working in the construction industry are often unaware that most state licensing boards do not license "Construction Engineers" as a separate category. Once they become aware of this fact, many qualified applicants are reluctant to pursue licensure as a Professional Engineer.

To Solve These Problems, NSPE and PEC Have:

- Centralized all NSPE licensure information at www.nspe.org/lc-home.asp*;
- Compiled an overview of information from various state licensing boards regarding experience requirements to sit for the examination, titled *Engineering Licensure Laws Manual and CD, 2002*. The manual offers comments and guidelines on acceptable construction engineering related experience; and
- Developed the "Mentoring For Licensure" program to assist engineers preparing to sit for the Principles and Practices of Engineering Examination. A licensed Professional Engineer mentor in your geographical region will:
  - Assist in presenting your construction engineering experience in a format that will be acceptable to your state licensing board;
  - Give you input regarding experience that qualifies with most boards as acceptable engineering experience; and
  - Assist in a self-evaluation of your construction related engineering experience.

***The NSPE Web site contains information on the licensing process, NSPE products that aid in preparation for the PE exam, and links to other Web sites that have licensure examination information.**