



# National Society of Professional Surveyors

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Dean Lakshmi Reddi  
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RE: NMSU Surveying Engineering Program

Dear Dean Reddi:

I am contacting you on behalf of the National Society of Professional Surveyors (NSPS) to emphasize the importance of the preservation of the Surveying Engineering program at NMSU.

The laws of New Mexico related to professional licensing recognize that those individuals seeking to protect the property rights, and preserve the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of New Mexico as licensed Professional Surveyors must have obtained a four-year degree. The Surveying Engineering program at NMSU is the only program in New Mexico focused specifically on providing that prerequisite education for such licensure.

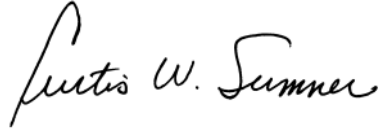
Another factor regarding the importance of the NMSU Surveying Engineering program is the fact that for many years, the pathway to licensure as a Professional Surveyor focused almost completely on experience; however, in a world of ever-expanding technologies, licensing laws recognize that one is required to understand the underlying principles related to that technology in order to utilize it in conjunction with acquired evidence analysis skills to appropriately fulfill their mission of the protecting the public. The NMSU program provides the critical combination of course work and laboratory experience that allows one to be able to immediately bring value to employers while enhancing evidence analysis skills in preparation for pursuing licensure.

The importance of preserving the Surveying Engineering program at NMSU is further illustrated by the fact that it is one of only seven (7) four-year degree surveying-specific programs in the country which are accredited under the Engineering Accreditation Commission (EAC) criteria through the organization known as ABET (formerly Accreditation Board for Engineering and Technology). As the Lead Society within ABET for the evaluation of surveying-related programs, NSPS provides the Program Evaluators for schools pursuing accreditation and re-accreditation.

On behalf of NSPS, I urge you to work with the New Mexico Professional Surveyors (NMPS) and others to insure that the Surveying Engineering program at NMSU is maintained.

I, along with the elected leadership of NSPS, would be pleased to converse with you and others regarding the importance of this program which is so critical for serving the citizens of New Mexico.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Curtis W. Sumner". The signature is written in black ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Curtis W. Sumner, LS  
Executive Director