Philosophy behind and goals of the NSPS CST Program

- To promote and recognize the importance of technicians to the surveying and mapping profession and to support the NSPS mission.
- The Survey Technician Certification Board encourages and supports the development of competent technicians

Benefits to technicians and firms

- Offers a career path for survey technicians who might not be eligible for licensure
- Identify those technicians who have achieved specific technical competencies.
- Provide a career ladder for technicians.
- Provide employers with a way to evaluate applicants and an opportunity to promote the quality of their technical staff.

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Recent CST Board Activity:

- **New CST WEBSITE created** :http://cstnsps.com/ (Thanks to Trish Milburn!)
- **YEAR LONG REVIEW/UPDATE/EDITING OF 3600 QUESTION DATABASE COMPLETED**
- **LEVEL I, II, III SAMPLE EXAMS AND SOLUTIONS REVISED/UPDATED**
- **INVESTIGATING POSSIBLE ASSISTANCE TO MINING AND PIPELINE SURVEYORS**
- **MEETING MINUTES AVAILABLE ON CST WEBSITE**
  [http://cstnsps.com/board-minutes](http://cstnsps.com/board-minutes)

State Coordinator’s **Critical role** in supporting and facilitation program

- NSPS encourages state affiliates to create a CST network to help employers and technicians understand and use the CST program.
- CST coordinator at the state level is needed who can visit local chapters and make presentations.
- NSPS State director fills that position if no one else is appointed
CST Population by State as of June 2018