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The California Society of Professional Engineers (CSPE) announced today that it is taking positive steps to assist refugee Vietnamese engineers in this State. Support for the refugee Vietnamese engineers was officially given last weekend at the organization's annual convention in Las Vegas, Nevada.

William J. Schimandle, President of the Sacramento Valley Chapter of CSPE, said the state organization approved a resolution to help refugee engineers assimilate into the American society as quickly as possible.

He said the CSPE is contacting federal and state officials to determine the number of engineer Vietnam refugees, and what actions can be taken by the engineering society to assist them.

Schimandle said CSPE will also serve as liaison with the National Society of Professional Engineers to determine if the national headquarters, other state societies and local chapters can assist the refugee engineers in their resettlement efforts. A task force has been established between the Sacramento Valley Chapter and the San Diego Chapter and is contacting California and federal agencies on this matter.

Robert J. Kuntz, Executive Director of CSPE, said the society wishes to lead the way for other professions to aid the Vietnamese refugees in the United States. He said professional engineers recognize that the employment situation for engineers is not at its best, but it is in the best interest of this nation to recognize the plight of the refugees and lend a helping hand to the many engineers who have fled their homes in South Viet Nam.

Kuntz, said he is certain the refugee engineers will contribute greatly to the nation's progress.

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