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## Clay County, MN Becomes the Next GISCI Endorsing Employer

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The GISCI is pleased to announce Clay County, Minnesota as a GISCI Endorsing Employer. Clay County becomes the next government organization to receive the GISCI Endorsing Employer designation. The Clay County, Minnesota, GIS Department's goal is to put the right information into the hands of their employees, partner organizations, and their residents. The GIS department consists of 2 full-time and 1 part-time employees who create, maintain, and operate Geographic Information Systems (GIS) and online mapping services to all County departments, other agencies, and citizens.

Clay County Information Services Director Mark Sloan, GISP has the following to say about the GISP Program:

*"I believe that our staff's GISP certification enhances confidence in our GIS program and its data."*

Please visit <https://claycountymn.gov/636/Geographic-Information-System-GIS> for more information about Clay County's GIS Program.

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) has created the GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation Program to help increase the value of GISP Certification for our primary stakeholders and to help facilitate the growth of the GISP Program within the geospatial community. The GISCI will grant the GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation to organizations that meet the criteria established by the GISCI as supportive of GIS Professionals and the GISP Certification process by way of internal activities, programs, and policies. The designation is not only a commitment to GISP Certification for staff but also to uphold the ideals of the GIS Certification Institute.

The GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation is available to all organizations (public, private/commercial) except for GISCI member organizations. Organizations seeking the designation must submit a formal application listing the criteria met as verified by the organization's HR representative. A review committee will evaluate each application and if the organization meets the criteria, the committee will forward the application to the GISCI Board of Directors for approval. Each approved GISCI Endorsing Employer will last for three (3) years, provide the organization with permission to display its organization logo on our website, and provide permission to display the GISCI Endorsing Employer designation on its website.

There is no cost to obtain this designation. A list of GISCI Endorsing Organizations can be found on the GISCI website at: <https://www.gisci.org/Employers/GISCI-Endorsing-Employer/GISCI-Endorsing-Organizations>

**About GISCI** The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a non-profit organization that promotes the advancement of proficient GIS professionals through its international GISP® (Certified GIS Professional) certification program. The Institute fosters rigorous professional and ethical standards, community engagement, and professional mentoring within the GIS industry. GISCI's member organizations include the American Association of Geographers (AAG), National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS), and the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA).

More information about the GISCI is available at [www.gisci.org](http://www.gisci.org)

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