

Piersol Earns Rare Certification

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Fort Myers, Fla.— Bryan J. Piersol, a Geographic Information System (GIS) Specialist based in WilsonMiller's Fort Myers office, has earned the Certified GIS Professional (GISP) designation from the GIS Certification Institute. He follows another WilsonMiller GIS professional, Regional Manager Jim Hunt, who received GISP certification in 2005.

Piersol and Hunt are in select company. Only 128 GIS professionals in Florida and only 1,167 worldwide have received the GISP designation.

GIS technology is used at WilsonMiller to design, model, develop, integrate, manage, analyze, and present spatial data and applications using specialized computer hardware and software to solve complex spatial problems and support better decision-making. GISP certification helps to assure the public, government agencies and private business that the appropriate application of GIS technology is used to improve daily lives.

To obtain his certification, Piersol demonstrated advanced education in GIS-related coursework and training, experience in GIS application, contributions to industry associations and professional standards of ethics.

"Bryan's commitment, integrity, and expertise have been widely recognized by our company, our clients, and Bryan's co-workers," said Adam Carnow, a WilsonMiller Vice President and manager of the firm's GIS Corporate Business Unit. "This GISP certification serves as confirmation of his professional capabilities and dedication."

Piersol holds Bachelor and Master of Science degrees from Western Carolina University and Florida State University, respectively. He has served as a key team member in several statewide GIS implementation programs for the Florida Department of Environmental Protection, South Florida Water Management District, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, and numerous municipal agencies. He lent his expertise to the Comprehensive Everglades Restoration Project (CERP), the South Miami-Dade Watershed Study and Plan (SMDWSP), and to GIS mapping covering all of South Florida.

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