



David T. Shuey, GISP Director of Information Systems & Analytics, OKI Regional Council of Governments, Cincinnati, OH

Year of Initial GISP Certification: 2006

Education / Other Professional Licenses or Certifications

- Master of Community Planning, University of Cincinnati, College of Design, Architecture, Art and Planning
- B.A., Geography, University of Cincinnati, College of Arts and Sciences
- FAA Part 107 Remote Pilot Certificate

Professional Experience

- Director of Information Systems & Analytics, OKI Regional Council of Governments, 2018 to Present
- GIS Division Manager, OKI Regional Council of Governments, 2002 to 2017
- Adjunct Instructor, University of Cincinnati, 2005 to 2014
- Senior Planner II and Supervisor, Hamilton County Regional Planning Commission, 2000 to 2002
- Vice President, Data and GIS Services, Project Market Decisions, 1994 to 2000

Professional Activities / Organizations

- GISP (Geographic Information Systems Professional) since 2006
- Kentucky Association of Mapping Professionals (KAMP), Member and Scholarship Committee Member, 2013 to Present
- Greater Cincinnati GIS User Group, since 2006

- Cincinnati AI Catalyst, 2025 to Present
- Three Rivers Local School District, Board of Education, 2006 to 2017
- Village of Cleves Planning Commission, 2013 to 2018
- Colerain Township Zoning Commission, 2000 to 2003
- Cleves Three Rivers Kiwanis, 2006 to 2018

Statement of Interest:

One of the things I love most about this profession is the moment when someone realizes what GIS can do. I have watched it happen in classrooms at the University of Cincinnati, where I taught undergraduate and graduate GIS courses for nearly a decade. I have watched it happen in my office at OKI, when a new staff member suddenly sees how a map can tell a story that a spreadsheet never could. That moment never gets old and chasing it has been the thread running through my entire career.

My earliest professional years were spent in the private sector at Project Market Decisions, where I led the Data and GIS Services division. Working with clients across industries taught me early on that GIS is not just a technical tool but a professional discipline that earns trust through rigor and credibility. That is when the idea of certification first resonated with me deeply. When I moved into the public sector and joined OKI Regional Council of Governments, I carried that conviction with me.

At OKI, I have spent 23 years building something I am genuinely proud of. I built the GIS division from scratch, grew it into a regional resource that supports transportation planning and infrastructure decisions across three states, and along the way hired, mentored, and watched a lot of talented people find their footing in this profession. Some of them have gone on to lead GIS programs of their own. That is the part of the job that feels the most meaningful to me, and it is the same instinct that drew me to teaching at UC as an adjunct professor.

Right now, I am spending a lot of time thinking about where the profession is headed. Artificial intelligence and automation are changing what GIS work looks like in practice, and I have been fortunate to lead those changes firsthand at OKI, deploying AI-powered workflows, drone operations, and automated geospatial tools in a real-world public agency setting. It has been exciting and a little humbling. It has also made me more convinced than ever that GISCI has an important role to play in making sure the GISP credential keeps pace with how the work is being done.

That is why I want to serve on this Board. Not to add a line to a resume, but because I genuinely care about what the GISP credential means to the people who hold it and the people who are working toward it. I would be honored to bring my experience, my perspective, and my enthusiasm for this profession to the table on behalf of my fellow GISPs. I hope you will give me that opportunity.