



Oumer Bhat, MSc. Geospatial Manager & Regional Technical Practice Lead for Geospatial Solutions, Middle East, Jacobs

Year of Initial GISP Certification: 2015

Education / Other professional licenses or certifications:

- Master of Science - Geology (Specialization GIS & Remote Sensing), 2007
- Bachelor of Science - Earth Science, 2005
- Certified Geomatics Specialist (Geomatics Manager), 2021
- Certified Project Manager, 2020

Professional Experience:

- Geospatial Manager & Regional Technical Practice Lead - Geospatial Solutions) - Jacobs
February 2018 – Present
- Database, GIS and Software Engineering Expert - Ital - Consult April 2017 – January 2018
- Digital Solutions Lead | Senior Geospatial & Systems Specialist - Jacobs (Ch2m) March 2016 -
April 2017
- Digital Delivery Solutions | Senior GIS Analyst - Atkins March 2012 - February 2016
- GIS Specialist - Mirrikh Contracting (Seconded to Ashghal, Engineering Information Section)
November 2009 - March 2012
- GIS & Remote Sensing Team Lead - Spageo Technologies Pvt Ltd August 2007 - September
2009
- Academic Associate (GIS, GPS & Remote Sensing) - Bundelkhand University December 2005
– June 2007

Professional Organizations / Activities:

- GISP Certified Professional, since 2015
- Registered Consultant, CMS/DICON No. 041670, Asian Development Bank, since 2009
- Certification Committee Member of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics, Canada, since 2020
- Member of the Canadian Institute of Geomatics, since 2021
- Member of International Society for Photogrammetry and Remote Sensing (ISPRS), since

2020

Statement of Interest:

I am writing to express my interest for the position of GISP-Elected Member of the GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) Board of Directors. As a GISP certified geospatial professional with nearly two decades of experience delivering and leading geospatial and digital solutions across regional and international contexts, I am strongly motivated to contribute to the continued strength, relevance, and global credibility of the GISP program.

I currently serve as Geospatial Manager and Regional Technical Practice Lead – Geospatial Solutions for the Middle East at Jacobs, where I lead multidisciplinary teams delivering geospatial and surveying solutions for complex infrastructure and planning programs. My professional experience spans the full project lifecycle from strategy and planning through design, construction, operations, and asset management, and covers a wide range of sectors including transportation, aviation, rail, water and drainage, utilities, telecommunications, urban development, environmental studies, and smart city initiatives. This breadth of experience has provided me with a practical understanding of how GIS standards, ethics, and professional competency directly influence decision making, data integrity, and long-term project outcomes.

Throughout my career, I have focused on advancing GIS as both technical discipline and professional practice. I have led the development of enterprise geospatial platforms, spatial data governance frameworks, advanced analytics, 3D modeling, automation, and web-based decision support systems for public sector and private sector clients. In parallel, I have served in advisory and mentoring roles, supporting capacity building, quality assurance, and professional growth across diverse, multicultural teams. These experiences have reinforced my belief in the importance of certification as a mechanism for promoting accountability, ethical conduct, and lifelong learning.

My interest in serving on the GISCI Board of Directors is rooted in a desire to help guide the evolution of the GISP certification in response to a rapidly changing geospatial landscape. As GIS becomes increasingly integrated with digital engineering, data science, and enterprise transformation, it is critical that certification frameworks remain rigorous, inclusive, and forward-looking. I am particularly interested in contributing to initiatives that strengthen examination credibility, enhance continuing education pathways, and expand global engagement with GIS professionals working outside traditional markets.

I bring to the Board a balanced perspective that combines operational GIS expertise, strategic business insight, and governance level thinking shaped by work across the Middle East and internationally. Serving as a GISP-Elected Director would be both an honor and a responsibility that I take very seriously. I am fully committed to dedicating the time, expertise, and professional judgment required to advance GISCI's mission and represent the interests of certified professionals with integrity and professionalism.