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Press Release

GISCI to Consider Public Comments about Proposed GISP Exam

March 1, 2011: Earlier this year GISCI issued a proposal to update GIS Professional (GISP) certification requirements and procedures. Key to the proposed update is development of a competency-based examination to augment existing portfolio-based requirements. Public comments on the proposal were invited during the month of February 2011.

Beginning in March, GISCI's Board of Directors will analyze the hundreds of comments received, and will consider the findings carefully as part of its decision-making process. GISCI will make public a summary of findings soon after its analysis is complete. The Board's decision about which proposed changes to adopt, if any, will follow as soon as consensus among Board members is achieved.

Meanwhile, the "GISP Certification Update" proposal remains available for public review at <http://www.gisci.org>.

GISCI has certified nearly 5,000 GISPs since its founding in 2004. The purpose of GISP certification is to advance the GIS profession by promoting competent and ethical practice. The goal of the GISP Certification Update Initiative is to strengthen GISP certification by increasing its value to individual GISPs, to the profession, and to society.