

The Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA) is very pleased to announced its official membership in the GIS Certification Institute. The two organizations have signed a memorandum of understanding and will begin working together to certify more geospatial professionals.

Details on using GITA programming to earn GISP points are outlined on GITA's Web site at http://www.gita.org/membership/gisp_cert.asp. A GISP is a certified geographic information systems (GIS) professional who has met the minimum standards for ethical conduct and professional practice as established by the GIS Certification Institute (GISCI). For a full explanation of the program visit the [GISCI page](#).

"We are excited to have GITA involved. GITA's support of and involvement in GISCI is a clear indication of the need for GISPs in the utilities and infrastructure-oriented industry," said Sheila Wilson, GISCI Executive Director. "The strength of multiple GIS organizations working together towards this common goal will enhance the GIS profession and strengthen the role of GIS through all sectors of our economy."

"GISCI provides clear direction for a successful geospatial career path, and GITA is committed to supporting that direction with our educational programs," said Robert M. Samborski, GITA Executive Director. "This is an important development for our members and constituents who are interested in obtaining certification as a geospatial professional, as well as for the geospatial industry as a whole. We look forward to contributing to the continued evolution of the GISP program through the increased involvement of GITA members in utilities and infrastructure-oriented organizations."

The minimum number of points needed to become a GISP as detailed in the three point schedules given below, is 150 points. The minimum points in each category are:

- Education: at least 30 Points
- Experience: at least 60 Points
- Contributions: at least 8 Points

As a nonprofit association for the geospatial industry, a GITA membership provides several ways to earn necessary points in the Contributions area to become a GISP. GITA's geospatial industry network also connects individuals to companies, organizations, and educational institutions that provide the education and experience points needed. In addition, GITA conference attendance counts toward points in the education component, and GITA half-day seminars offer continuing education units (CEUs), which can be used toward fulfilling your education points to become a GISP.

About GITA

The Geospatial Information & Technology Association, or GITA, is the professional association and leading advocate for anyone using computerized mapping for the extraction of data to own, operate, maintain, and protect the infrastructure. GITA is the source for professional best practices, education, and employment.

About GISCI

The GIS Certification Institute, or GISCI, provides the geographic information systems (GIS) community with a complete certification program. GISCI offers participants from the first early years on the job until retirement a positive method of developing value for professionals and employers in the GIS profession.