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The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) Welcomes New Board Members and Officers Des Plaines, IL – During its Annual Meeting on April 28, 2009, the GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) welcomed new Board members, elected new officers, and recognized the contributions of those who had completed their leadership terms. Each of GISCI's five member organizations have appointed new representatives or reappointed existing representatives to serve on the Board of Directors:

Association of American Geographers (AAG) David DiBiase, GISP, Penn State University; Doug Richardson, GISP, Association of American Geographers

National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) Ed Arabas, GISP, State of Oregon; Michael Vanhook, State of Alabama Geospatial Office

University Consortium of Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Rakesh Malhotra, GISP, North Carolina Central University; Steven Prager, GISP, University of Wyoming

Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) David Hansen, GISP, USGS; Kim McDonough, GISP, Tennessee Department of Transportation

Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA) Robert Austin, GISP, City of Tampa; Ian Fitzgerald, GISP, Truckee Donner Public Utility District

Officers were also elected by the Board to lead GISCI for the next year:

President – David DiBiase, GISP, Penn State University

Vice President – Ed Arabas, GISP, State of Oregon

Secretary – Michael Vanhook, State of Alabama Geospatial Office

Treasurer – Kim McDonough, GISP, Tennessee Department of Transportation

The following Board members concluded their terms on the Board and GISCI recognizes their great contributions to the organization:

Association of American Geographers (AAG) Matthew Koeppel, Association of American Geographers

University Consortium of Geographic Information Science (UCGIS) Francis Harvey, University of Minnesota

Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA) Bruce Joffe, GISP, GIS Consultants (Vice President)

The number of GISPs has grown during the past twelve months, with 4,648 individuals earning the credential since the program's inception. For more information about GISCI, visit www.gisci.org.

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