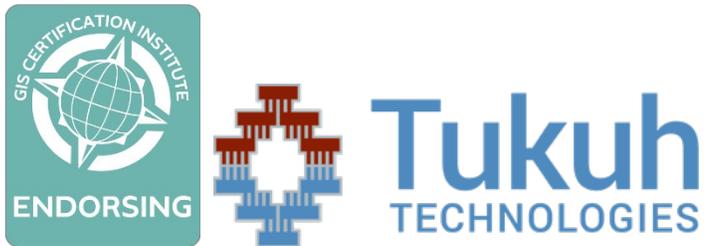


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GISCI Announces Tukup Technologies as a GISCI Endorsing Employer

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The GISCI is pleased to announce Tukup Technologies as an organization designated as a GISCI Endorsing Employer. Tukup Technologies, LLC, is a tribally owned 8(a) small business that delivers a full range of geospatial technology, unmanned aircraft systems (UAS) mapping and reality capture/indoor mapping services to governmental and commercial clients nationwide. With more than 200 years of combined technology experience, they bring an extraordinary depth of knowledge and expertise to each project, allowing Tukup to create targeted solutions that meet - and exceed - today's evolving requirements. Tukup is one of the individual businesses that make up the Tewa Companies, owned by the Paskenta Band of Nomlaki Indians.

Here is what a Tukup Technologies Employee had to say about the GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation:

"It is crucial for Tukup Technologies, a Tewa company, to show organizational support for the professional development of our geospatially-focused staff," Bridget Perry, PMP, GISP, Operations Manager, said. "The GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation provides the benefit of broad industry recognition showing our support of the GIS professional certification."

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) has created the GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation Program to help increase the value of GISP Certification for our primary stakeholders, and to help facilitate the growth of the GISP Program within the geospatial community. The GISCI will grant the GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation to organizations that meet the criteria established by the GISCI as supportive of GIS Professionals and the GISP Certification process by way of internal activities, programs, and policies. The designation is not only a commitment to GISP Certification for staff, but also to uphold the ideals of the GIS Certification Institute.

The GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation is available to all organizations (public, private/commercial) apart from GISCI member organizations. Organizations seeking the designation must submit a formal application listing the criteria met as verified by the organization's HR representative. A review committee will evaluate each application and if the organization meets the criteria, the committee will forward the application to the GISCI Board of Directors for approval. Each approved GISCI Endorsing Employer will last

for three (3) years, provide the organization with permission to display their organization logo on our website and provide permission to display the GISCI Endorsing Employer designation on their website. There is no cost to obtain this designation. A list of GISCI Endorsing Organizations can be found on the GISCI website at: <https://www.gisci.org/Employers/GISCI-Endorsing-Employer/GISCI-Endorsing-Organizations>

About GISCI The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a non-profit organization that promotes the advancement of proficient GIS professionals through its international GISP® (Certified GIS Professional) certification program. The Institute fosters rigorous professional and ethical standards, community engagement, and professional mentoring within the GIS industry. GISCI's member organizations include the American Association of Geographers (AAG), National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS), and the Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA).

More information about the GISCI is available at www.gisci.org and <https://www.tukuh.com/>

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