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GISCI Announces the Selection of the Test Development Contractor

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The GISCI Board is pleased to announce that they have selected and contracted with a professional test development contractor, Human Resources Research Organization (HumRRO), to assist in creating the exam component for the GIS Professional Certification. HumRRO, headquartered in Alexandria, Virginia, has extensive experience in certification and assessment for a wide variety of occupations. HumRRO will provide expertise and services in job analysis, test development, and psychometrics. Their work on the Exam Blueprint began in August.

Rebecca Somers GISP, of Somers-St. Claire GIS Management Consultants, continues to lead the GISCI Exam Development effort, and is currently managing HumRRO and a group of nearly 400 GISPs who will be creating the exam under HumRRO's guidance. GISCI will also select a professional test delivery company to administer the exam, expected to debut in early 2015.

In previous meetings, the Board affirmed its plan to update the Certification process to align with the US Department of Labor's Geospatial Technical Competency Model by adding an exam component to the current program format, a peer-reviewed portfolio. In August of 2012, the Board selected Somers to generate the Exam Development Plan. That phase of the project was completed in the First Quarter of 2013, and we are now moving into the second phase of the three year plan.

The certification process will continue with the current, peer-reviewed portfolio process and, when the new exam is finalized, it will be implemented in addition to the current program.

About GISCI

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, established in 2004, to manage and operate the premier professional certification program for the GIS Profession and to promote ethical conduct among GISPs. GISCI offers participants from the first years on the job until retirement, a positive method of developing value for professionals and employers in the GIS profession.

Its member organizations include the Association of American Geographers (AAG), Geospatial Information & Technology Association (GITA), Geographic Land and Information Society (GLIS), National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC), University Consortium for Geographic Information Science (UCGIS), and Urban and Regional Information Systems Association (URISA).

The organization is now developing an exam component for the GISP Certification to be implemented in early 2015 and has certified over 5,400 GISPs, worldwide

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