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Prosper, Texas is the Newest GISCI Endorsing Employer

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The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is pleased to announce the Town of Prosper, Texas as the newest GISCI-designated Endorsing Employer. The Town of Prosper, Texas is home to over 35,000 residents located just 30 miles north of Dallas. Prosper has a small-town charm and a big sense of community remaining true to its motto, “A Place Where Everyone Matters.” The Town of Prosper is an ideal place to live, work and play.”

The Town of Prosper has made a strong commitment to investing in their geospatial staff and helping them maintain their GISP Certification. Listen to what some of their employees had to say:

“The GISP is a reliable and prestigious measure of geospatial knowledge and skill, whereas job title alone is not: The scope and technical rigor of GIS Technician and GIS Analyst vary between organizations.”

- Abigail Burns, GIS Analyst

“Our designation as a GISCI Endorsing Employer shows our citizens that the Town of Prosper is committed to hiring and training staff at the highest professional and technical levels. This is a standard that our organization expects from and provides its employees with the tools and support structures to achieve. We’re excited to publicly show our support for a program that shares our values for excellence.”

- Jordan Carmona, GISP, Senior GIS Analyst

“The Town of Prosper GIS team has worked diligently to build a best-of-breed program here. The GISCI Endorsing Employer designation is a clear validation of those high standards and will facilitate attracting exemplary talent to the team. It will demonstrate to the GIS community, Town leadership, and the community at large that this organization values excellence and innovation.”

- Leigh Johnson, CGCIO, Director of IT

The GIS Certification Institute created the GISCI Endorsing Employer Designation Program to help increase the value of GISP® Certification for our primary stakeholders and 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 about WGI at www.prospertx.gov

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