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GISCI Announces Exam Application Period!

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The Inaugural *GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam*[®] for the GISP Certification has been scheduled, and the Exam application period will start on Monday, September 21. The Exam application form will be available on the GISCI web site starting Monday, September 21. www.gisci.org/ExamInfo

Application Period: September 21 through October 9, 2015 (COB)

Exam Dates: Nov 12-17, 2015 (You will be authorized to schedule your specific Exam date and time after you have successfully applied with GISCI)

GISCI is looking for qualified individuals to take the Inaugural Exam (those who are able to meet the Portfolio Review requirements at the time of the exam). For those qualified individuals who pass the exam and complete their Portfolio Review, either prior to or within one year of the exam, GISCI will reimburse the \$ 100 Application Fee and the \$ 100 Portfolio Review Fee. Although any non-GISP can sign up to take the Inaugural Exam, preference will be given to qualified individuals when assigning test seating dates. Existing GISPs will not be able to take the Exam, now or in the future.

GISCI will offer the *GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam*[®] to individuals independent of the application for the portfolio review process. The exam will cover the following knowledge areas:

- Conceptual Foundations
- Cartography and Visualization
- GIS Design Aspects and Data Modeling
- GIS Analytical Methods
- Data Manipulation
- Geospatial Data

The Inaugural Exam will be administered by PSI, an exam delivery company with test facilities across the US. Detailed information and test preparation materials will be available on the GISCI site.

We encourage all applicants to sign up early to ensure obtaining the most convenient location and time!

About GISCI

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, established in 2004, to manage and operate the most wide-ranging professional certification program for the GIS Profession and to promote ethical conduct among GISPs. GISCI offers a positive method of developing value for professionals and employers in the GIS profession. GISCI has certified over 7,000 GISPs, worldwide, and the GISP is increasingly viewed as a preferred certification in job descriptions.

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

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