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GISCI Announces New Exam; Exam Signup Nears

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The new *GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam*® for the GISP Certification is coming!

The Exam date will be announced in the next few weeks and a signup procedure will be provided on the GISCI web site (www.gisci.org).

Exam Foundations

The *GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam*® is based on a complete job analysis, guided by the Geospatial Technology Competency Model (GTCM), and informed by the GIS & T Body of Knowledge.

The *GISCI Geospatial Core Technical Knowledge Exam*® is open to all individuals interested in attaining the GIS Professional certification. GISCI will offer the Exam to individuals independent of the application for the portfolio review process. This means that GISP applicants can start the certification process by completing an application and taking the examination any time prior to attaining the professional experience required for the professional portfolio.

Exam content 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 exam will be administered by an exam delivery company providing test locations around the US. The Inaugural Exam will be offered by the end of 2015 and test preparation materials will be available on the GISCI web site several weeks prior to the initial examination date.

About GISCI

The GIS Certification Institute (GISCI) is a tax-exempt, not-for-profit organization, established in 2004, to manage and operate the most overarching 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. 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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