Abstract Descriptions

GIS Professional Certification: The GISP Exam and Evolving Standards

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Abstract text: For more than a decade, GISCI has provided a portfolio-based GIS Professional (GISP) Certification. Now, to strengthen the GISP Certification, GISCI is adding an exam component in 2015. The decision to add an exam and the process for doing so have been very carefully developed.

This presentation will explain the rationale for adding an exam and describe the exam development process. It will explain what current, renewing, and prospective GISPs should expect and how to prepare for the enhanced criteria and process.

In addition, since the original inception and implementation of the GISP Certification Program, there have been significant developments in the rapidly growing field of professional certification. This presentation will describe how the update of the GISP Certification program aligns it with professional certification standards. It will also discuss how these professional certification standards, criteria, and procedures are affecting the value and development of GIS-related professional certification.
GIS Certification: To certify or not to certify

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Abstract text: In this economy, GIS Professionals and practitioners are looking for ways to build their resumes to increase their chance of getting a job or to win projects. One of the ways to do this is with certifications. But which certification should they get? Do they actually provide any benefit? What does it take to earn one? This presentation will try to help answer many of those questions.
GISP: the Road to an Exam

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Abstract text: The GIS Certification Institute has administered the GISP Certification program for the past 10 years. They are now creating an exam to be added to the GISP process by early 2015.

This presentation will provide a short history of the organization, review its current position, and examine the exam and the part it will play as an addition to professional geospatial certification as GISCI moves into its second decade of existence.