ABSTRACTS IN THIS SESSION

To Certify or Not to Certify: Level of Acceptance by the Industry
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The Development and Future of the GISCI Core Technical Knowledge Exam®
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GISP: The Road To and Through an Exam
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Abstract text: GISCI began providing GIS professional certification in 2003 and launched the GISCI Core Technical Knowledge Exam® as an addition to the GISP certification in 2015. This session will focus on the value and growth of GIS professional certification and where GISCI and the GISP certification will go from here.

NOTE: Each presentation has a title.

1. Title of first presentation (Corbin): To Certify or Not to Certify: Level of Acceptance by the Industry
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3. Title of the third presentation (Hodge): GISP: The Road To and Through an Exam

Learning Objective 1: GISP certification purpose and requirements; how the exam was developed; future directions for GISP certification

Learning Objective II: Overview of acceptance of various GIS certifications.

Skills:
- How to plan and prepare for GISP certification.
- How to evaluate the usefulness of various GIS certifications.

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