

Anthony Spicci **Executive Director, GISCI**



Tony Spicci has been active in the geospatial community for almost 30 years. He began his professional career with the Missouri Department of Conservation (MDC) in 1992 where he built the geospatial program from a one-person shop to an enterprise program. During his career with the Department Tony's role evolved into building a team of research specialists that included technology, geospatial, biometrics and social science professionals to support science within the Department. He recently retired and became the Executive Director of the GIS Certification Institute.

Tony was instrumental in the establishment of the Missouri GIS Advisory Committee (MGISAC) and remains active on the MGISAC as its only original member. Tony has been an active member of the National States Geographic Information Council (NSGIC) since 1996 and has served on the Board for three terms and served as the President in 2005-2006. Tony currently serves as NSGIC's co-lead on the Pandemic GIS Taskforce. Tony also serves as an appointee to the Missouri Geographic Names Board and served two three-year terms on the National Geospatial Advisory Committee. Recognizing the need for better coordination among geospatial professionals, Tony helped lead the effort to create the Coalition of Geospatial Organizations (COGO). Regionally, Tony participates with the MidAmerica GIS Consortium (MAGIC). He currently serves at MAGIC's representative to COGO.

In addition to working for the GISCI, Tony is a member of Missouri Task Force 1, a FEMA Urban Search and Rescue Team and a volunteer with the Boone County Fire Protection District. During his thirty-one years in the emergency response community, Tony has seen the need for implementing geospatial information programs and coordination across a wide spectrum of response groups. He continues volunteering within the response community to promote the use of geospatial technologies.