Gary Koser was awarded the Susan H. Johnson Endowed Teaching Chair in 2002. He has created a Geographic Information Institute (GII) at IRSC to provide reliable data in a friendly, geographic-related methodology. The Geographic Information Institute began the data collection from the counties, cities, utilities and others within IRSC’s service district.

The data collected serves the following purposes:

- Enhances student experience with more contextual learning and using various learning styles
- Serves as a resource of information for the community
- Centralizes economic and demographic information
- Aids in future development and employment
- Facilitates a base to all students with campus information and maps
- Explores student trends
- Serves as a resource in Emergency Management, Crisis Response, etc.
- Serves as a resource for the Civil Engineering Technology students to gather environmental, bathymetric, wetlands information and other data from the various local, county, district, state and federal agencies, at one source
- Provides and improve information available to IRCC administrators regarding marketing issues, facility usage, class offerings, and degree options