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### **Carson Dunlop Partners with Southern Maine Community College for Home Inspection Training**

SOUTH PORTLAND and DES PLAINES, IL - Southern Maine Community College (SMCC) and Carson Dunlop have formed a strategic partnership to offer a home inspection training program.

The comprehensive, 10-course certificate program is available through distance learning. Content is delivered in a highly visual and easy to understand format. The program is focused on practical applied technical knowledge, providing a solid foundation for success in the home inspection field.

The program covers all aspects of the home inspection profession and was created by two leaders in the field – Carson Dunlop and the American Society of Home Inspectors. The 10 courses were developed in collaboration with education design consultants and distance education specialists.

“We are thrilled to be working in partnership with Southern Maine Community College,” commented Alan Carson, President of Carson Dunlop. “The ability to offer our program through a reputable college creates new opportunities for individuals looking to pursue a career in the home inspection field.”

“The partnership enhances Southern Maine Community College’s ability to offer quality, relevant continuing education to our students. The new courses will broaden the variety of topics currently available at the college. SMCC provides professional education courses and certificate programs that will instantly boost your earning potential. It has never been easier for people in greater Portland and Midcoast Maine to gain the skills they need to get ahead in today’s changing economy,” said Brenda Beaulieu, business relations manager at SMCC.

The education program leverages Carson Dunlop's 34 years as a leading consulting engineering firm in the home inspection field. The focus is on practical applied knowledge rather than theoretical discussion. As part of the education program, Carson Dunlop provides students with free access to their cloud-based report writing system, Horizon, to help them develop the necessary report writing skills.

For more information about the home inspection training program now offered by Southern Maine Community College, please visit <http://www.smccme.edu/continuing-studies/professional-development.html>

### **About Southern Maine Community College**

With 45 degree and certificate programs serving 7,500 individuals, SMCC is a comprehensive community college of the highest quality. Additionally, we provide workforce training and non-credit workshops for thousands of people every year. No college enjoys a setting more picturesque than our 80-acre South Portland Campus. At SMCC's Midcoast Campus at Brunswick Landing we offer higher education programs and business partnerships that prepare people for high-demand and high-wage careers.

### **About Carson Dunlop**

Carson, Dunlop & Associates Ltd. has been a leading consulting engineering firm devoted to building inspection since 1978. They are one of the largest independent home inspection companies in North America that leverages their extensive technical knowledge across six integrated business lines - Home Inspection, Commercial Inspection, Report Writing, Energy Audits, Home Inspector Training and Continuing Education.

### **About Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training**

Carson Dunlop launched the Home Inspection Training division in 1990 to provide high quality education to new professionals entering the home inspection industry. The Home Inspection program was developed with education design consultants, and distance education specialists from Memorial University to create a uniquely comprehensive home inspection program. The courses can be taken in a self-study format from Carson Dunlop and are also offered in classroom and distance education formats by more than 20 colleges and universities.

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