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MEDIA RELEASE

Carson Dunlop Partners with Northwestern Michigan College

Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training program now offered by Northwestern Michigan College

Des Plaines, IL (November 30th, 2012), Carson Dunlop and Northwestern Michigan College have formed a strategic partnership to offer a career 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 comprehensive education program covering all aspects of the home inspection profession 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 Northwestern Michigan College" commented Alan Carson, President of Carson Dunlop. The ability to offer our program through reputable Colleges creates new opportunities for individuals looking to pursue a career in the home inspection field."

"The partnership enhances Northwestern Michigan College ability to offer quality, relevant continuing education to our students. The new courses will broaden the variety of topics currently available at the college. Economic development, job training, and retraining continue to be top priorities for the College through collaboration with business and community organizations." said Bill Queen – Program Coordinator, Extended Educational Services.

The education program leverages Carson Dunlop's 34 years as a leading consulting engineering firm in the home inspection field. Carson Dunlop have considerable experience on the education side of home inspection, including classroom teaching, published textbooks, online courses, conference presentations, webinars, papers and articles. The program uses a consistent methodology across the 10 textbooks and CD-ROMs. 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 <u>cloud-based report</u> writing system, Horizon, to help them develop the necessary report writing skills.

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For more information about the Home Inspection training program now offered by Northwestern Michigan College, please visit http://www.nmc.edu/resources/extended-education/certificates/index.html

About Northwestern Michigan College

Northwestern Michigan College is a publicly funded community college that serves people, organizations and businesses. We serve more than 50,000 learners annually throughout the Grand Traverse region and beyond. NMC offers associates and professional certificates and, through our University Center, nine partner universities grant baccalaureate, graduate and doctoral degrees. Further, Northwestern Michigan College's extensive Extended Education program offers a wide array of non-credit classes to more than 10,000 local residents annually.

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. <u>The Home Inspection program</u> 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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