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#### **MEDIA RELEASE**

# Carson Dunlop Partners with Iowa Central Community College

Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training program now offered by Iowa Central Community College

Des Plaines, IL (April 10th, 2013), Carson Dunlop and Iowa Central Community 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 Iowa Central Community 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 Iowa Central Community 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. Strong community partnerships, customized employer training, and other workforce development initiatives continue to be top priorities for the College through collaboration with business and community organizations," said Sue Heistand – Business/Industrial Technology Department Non-Credit Coordinator.

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 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 Iowa Central Community College, please visit <a href="http://www.iowacentral.edu/academic programs.asp?tab=Non-Credit">http://www.iowacentral.edu/academic programs.asp?tab=Non-Credit</a>

## **About Iowa Central Community College**

lowa Central Community College promotes intellectual discovery, physical development, social and ethical awareness, and economic opportunities for all through an education that transforms lives, strengthens community, and inspires progress.

Iowa Central Community College is the learning College of choice, meeting the needs of all we serve in a changing regional and global environment. Iowa Central Community College will continue to provide programs that foster economic vitality to all members of our region.

It is the philosophy of Iowa Central Community College, as a comprehensive community college, to aid in developing our citizens 'capabilities to the maximum. Iowa Central provides a flexible program to satisfy the needs of the individual and the needs of the community. An educational environment is planned to provide experiences for those who desire preprofessional courses, improvement of educational or technical skills, or developmental programs for self-enrichment.

### **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 <u>Home Inspection Training</u> 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 50 colleges and universities.

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