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# MEDIA RELEASE

## Carson Dunlop Partners with Southwestern College

Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training program now offered by Southwestern College in California

Des Plaines, IL (May 9th, 2013), Carson Dunlop and Southwestern 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 Southwestern 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 Southwestern 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 Steve Tadlock – Director, Continuing Education & Special Projects.

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 6 months free access to their <u>cloud-based</u> report writing system, Horizon when students graduate, 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 Southwestern College, please visit <a href="http://www.swccd.edu/ClassSchedule2/index.asp?CT=NC">http://www.swccd.edu/ClassSchedule2/index.asp?CT=NC</a>

#### About Southwestern College

Established in 1961, Southwestern College is one of 112 public community colleges in the state of California and the only institute of higher education located in the southern portion of San Diego County. Serving approximately 20,000 students every semester, Southwestern College offers more than 320 associate degree and certificate options. A host of noncredit courses designed to enhance personal and professional development are also offered through the College's Continuing Education department. Southwestern College has continuously received accreditation by the Western Association of Schools and Colleges.

### **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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