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## **MEDIA RELEASE**

# Carson Dunlop Partners with Monroe County Community College

Carson Dunlop Home Inspection Training program now offered by Monroe County Community College in the State of Michigan

Des Plaines, IL (August 6th, 2013), Carson Dunlop and Monroe County Community College have formed a strategic partnership to offer a career home inspection training program through the non-credit division of the college.

The comprehensive 10-course certificate program is available through distance learning via MCCC's Office of Lifelong learning, which is housed in the Corporate and Community Services Division. 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 Monroe County 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 Monroe County Community College's ability to offer quality, relevant, non-credit lifelong learning programs to our students, said Tina Pillarelli, director of lifelong learning at MCCC. "The new courses will broaden the variety of topics currently available at the college."

The education program leverages Carson Dunlop's 35 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 six months free access to their <u>cloud-based report writing system</u>, <u>Horizon</u> 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 Monroe County Community College in the State of Michigan Please visit <u>http://www.monroeccc.edu/ccs/lifelong.htm</u>.

#### About Monroe County Community College

Founded in 1964, Monroe County Community College is a public, two-year institution supported by tax monies from Monroe County, educational funds from the State of Michigan, and student tuition.

It's 210-acre Main Campus is centrally located in Monroe County with easy access to Detroit and Toledo. The Whitman Center, located in Bedford Township near the Michigan-Ohio border, was established in 1991.

Monroe County Community College is accredited by the Higher Learning Commission and is a member of the North Central Association.

#### **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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