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HOME INSPECTORS UPDATE SKILLS ON NEW CONSTRUCTION INSPECTIONS

St. Petersburg, FL, April 12, 2005 – Home inspections on behalf of buyers of existing homes has almost become the standard in this hot real estate market. Because many homeowners have already experienced the value of hiring a professional home inspector, they are now using these same experts when deciding to build a new home. New home buyers have a higher comfort level for the quality of construction with a professional reviewing the construction progress on their behalf. This service does not take the place of code inspections performed by local building departments but instead assures the home is being built according to the plans and contract.

Recognizing the need for more inspectors trained in new home construction inspections as well as continuing education for all inspectors, the Suncoast Chapter of the American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) will hold their annual regional SUNTECH Spring Conference, titled “**Spring Training for Home Inspectors**” on April 29 – May 1, 2005, at the Radisson Tampa Riverwalk Hotel, located in downtown Tampa, FL. The highlight of the conference will be a seminar for building inspectors on new home construction inspections. The seminar will be offered twice, in a two-part format, and limited to 45 people per session. All participants spend a half-day inspecting a 6,200 square foot home currently in the pre-drywall phase. The home located at 17256 Breeders Cup, Odessa, Fla is being built by Rocky Strassberg’s construction company, United Dream Builders. Experienced ASHI Inspectors, Tom Tafelski of Thomas Inspection Services, and Fred Cook of Professional Building Inspections, will provide participants with the hands-on training covering the proper inspection of framing and the rough-in stage of plumbing, electrical and HVAC (heating, ventilation and air-conditioning). After inspecting the home, participants will return to the conference site for classroom instruction. The goal of the seminar is to teach building inspectors about new home construction inspections requested by the home owner.

Other seminar topics will include: Back to Basics, an all day seminar conducted by Michael Conley, covering client relations, pre-inspection agreements and technical information; Moisture Intrusion and Stucco Finishes; Inspecting Waterfront Homes; Technology and the Home Inspector; Builder and Inspector Relations; and Continued Case Study of Legal Disputes Involving Home Inspectors.

Suncoast ASHI is a not-for-profit professional association, and one of over 80 chapters of the national organization, American Society of Home Inspectors, Inc. The Society, founded in 1976, is the largest professional organization of independent home inspectors in the U.S. Its Standards of Practice and Code of Ethics are benchmarks of professional performance in the field. All certified ASHI members are annually required to obtain 21 hours of continuing education to upgrade their knowledge base to keep pace with our fast-changing world.

For more information on ASHI, SunTech 2005 or to make arrangements to observe the hands-on training, contact Cheryl Harris, Suncoast ASHI Public Relations Liaison at 727-578-1962 or email at PR@ASHISuncoast.com. Pictures of the home under construction may be viewed on the website.