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## American Society of Home Inspectors' Certified Inspector Program Receives Re-Accreditation ASHI has the only home inspectors' program accredited by an independent source

(May 11, 2015) —The American Society of Home Inspectors (ASHI) received re-accreditation for its Certified Inspector program, which ensures the program maintains quality professional standards. The National Commission for Certifying Agencies (NCCA) has re-accredited the program through June 2019.

Homeowners should be aware that even in states regulating home inspectors, no state certifies inspectors. ASHI's third-party certification through the NCCA helps protect homeowners against unqualified and sometimes fraudulent home inspections.

"We believe that accreditation by a well-known and respected organization is an important step in maintaining our reputation for excellence in the home inspection profession," said Alden Gibson, president of ASHI. "Accreditation is a signal to homeowners that our ASHI Certified Inspectors (ACI) are held to the highest standards."

In order to renew its accreditation, ASHI had to demonstrate compliance with the NCCA's *Standards for the Accreditation of Certification Programs*. Since 1977, the NCCA has accredited certifying programs in a wide range of professions and it sets the highest quality standards in professional third-party certification.

ASHI has been accredited by the NCCA since 2009. There are currently more than 3,100 ASHI ACI members nationwide. Home inspections can help homeowners and buyers protect their financial assets and identify necessary home repairs to keep homes safe. Homeowners can find an ASHI inspector by visiting the ASHI website at <u>www.ashi.org</u>. ASHI's "<u>Find a Home Inspector</u>" directory allows homeowners to locate an inspector in their area, by language or by services provided.

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## About the American Society of Home Inspectors

Founded in 1976 and with more than 5,000 members, ASHI is the oldest and most respected non-profit, professional organization of home inspectors in North America. Its Standard of Practice and Code of Ethics is the industry standard. For more information, visit <u>ASHI online</u>. To stay connected to ASHI news and updates, please visit the association's <u>Facebook Fan Page</u> and <u>Twitter</u>.