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Continuing Education Courses Help Realtors(R) Stay on Track



WASHINGTON, DC, Jan 09, 2012 (MARKETWIRE via COMTEX) -- To provide its members with the tools and expertise to build their business and better serve clients, the National Association of Realtors(R) and The CE Shop, Inc. have entered into a partnership to provide continuing education for Realtors(R) taking online designation and certification courses at REALTOR(R) University's School of Professional Development & Continuing Education.

Continuing education is now available in 20 states across the country for several courses including some of NAR's most popular certifications and designations, which include ABR(R), GREEN, SRES(R), AHWD, BPOR, e-PRO(R), SFR, and RPR(TM). These programs help Realtors(R) serve the unique needs of their clientele, including first-time home buyers, seniors, consumers interested in green building practices, and buyers and sellers involved in foreclosures and short sales. The CE Shop and NAR are currently in the process of securing continuing education for additional states in the U.S.

"Realtors(R) bring value to their clients, and continuing education is just one example of how they do that," said NAR President Moe Veissi, broker-owner of Veissi & Associates Inc., in Miami. "These courses encourage Realtors(R) to strengthen their skills while offering them a chance to stay up-to-date with their designations, certifications and state-mandated continuing education hours. Meanwhile, home buyers and sellers can rest assured they are working with a professional who has exceptional real estate knowledge and experience."

As an added member benefit, the courses being offered are approved for continuing education credit at no additional cost. The REALTOR(R) University School of Professional Development & Continuing Education offers over 400 hours of online education and professional development courses through Learning Library Inc. and is the exclusive provider of courses leading to NAR's official designations and certifications.

REALTOR(R) University also has received approval to operate from the Illinois Board of Higher Education and has submitted an application for degree-granting authority to the Board. REALTOR(R) University will be applying for candidacy for accreditation from the Higher Learning Commission of the North Central Association of Colleges and Schools.

The CE Shop is the nation's leading provider of online real estate continuing education. The CE Shop proudly offers courses certified by the Association of Real Estate License Law Officials (ARELLO(R)) and approved by real estate regulatory agencies across the United States.

Learning Library Inc. is the leading North American provider of integrated education e-store, automation and management systems primarily supporting compliance education with a core focus on servicing the real estate industry and the NAR family for 10 years.

The National Association of Realtors(R), "The Voice for Real Estate," is America's largest trade association, representing 1.1 million members involved in all aspects of the residential and commercial real estate industries.

Information about NAR is available at www.realtor.org. This and other news releases are posted in the News Media section.

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