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Press Release

# Free Home Buyer’s Seminar

## Save Time and Money by Pre-Inspecting a Home Before You Hire a Professional

Gahanna, OH, March 25, 2013: “Learning the basics of what a home inspector looks for will help home buyers eliminate houses with major problems before entering into a contract,” said Art Wickerham, Professional Engineer, with Criterium Liszkay Engineers. Wickerham will teach home buyers those basics in a free seminar offered in May. The seminar is presented in two parts. Part one will be presented on two dates, May 7th and 9th; part two being offered on two dates, May 14th and 16th. (Attendees will choose one date for each, part one and part two.) Each session begins at 7:00 PM and lasts one and a half hours. The seminars will be held in the East Main Professional Building, 5300 East Main Street., Suite 203, Columbus, OH 43213. The seminar is free, but seating is limited. Call Miriam at 614-418-7200 to make a reservation.

“The worst part of my job is when I inspect a house with so many problems that the buyer decides not to purchase the home. Those buyers have already mentally moved in and it is very upsetting for them to find out that the home of their dreams was really a nightmare. The good news is that they find out about the problems before they have made their purchase. The bad news is they have to start the process all over again,” said Wickerham. “If a home buyer knows how to pre-inspect a home, looking for indicators of major issues, they can simply walk away and go on to look at another home before becoming emotionally invested. Then when they call a professional home inspector to look at the house they have in contract, it lowers the chance that there will be major problems found.”

Many people are hesitant to pay for one home inspection, let alone multiple inspections. Yet that is what people do. Wickerham says his personal policy is that the 13th home inspection is free. He has yet to have anyone get to that point, but it is not uncommon that he performs inspections on multiple houses before a buyer finds a home that is acceptable; so, being able to perform a pre-inspection can save home buyers money as well. Attendees at the seminar will also receive a copy of Wickerham’s book *Home Inspections for the Non-Professional* to help them in their search for the right home.

Criterium Liszkay Engineers is the oldest engineering firm in the central Ohio area specializing in pre-purchase home and building inspections, staffed solely with licensed Professional Engineers and Registered Architects. The company has been in business since 1970 and is located in Gahanna.