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VSI Certified Installer Course Now Available Online

March 28, 2016 – WASHINGTON, D.C. – To accommodate the time constraints on an increasingly busy construction workforce, the Vinyl Siding Institute now offers its VSI Certified Installer course online.

"Currently, more than 2,500 vinyl siding installers in the U.S. and Canada know the value of having their experience and skills independently certified, but there is a large number of installers who are unable to attend a class," said VSI President Kate Offringa. "Through the VSI Certified Installer online course, they'll be able to take the course from their homes or offices, at their own pace—wherever and whenever is most convenient."

Information and registration on the course can be found at www.vinylsiding.org/how-to-become-a-c-i/.

The online course is based on the same materials as the current in-person class that has been taught for more than a decade – the VSI Installation Manual, Installing Vinyl Siding videos, and the presentation that VSI Certified Trainers use in classrooms. All materials are based on ASTM D4756, "Standard Practice for Installation of Rigid Polyvinylchloride (PVC) Siding and Soffit."

Individual chapters are: Tools and Materials; Initial Preparation; Cutting and Fastening Siding; Installing Accessories Before Siding; Installing Horizontal Siding; Installing Vertical Siding; Installing Soffit and Fascia; Safety Basics; and Basic Performance, Care, and Rules.

As with the classroom course, online certification is good for three years, after which time the installer must recertify. Installers must have two years of experience before taking the course.

Vinyl siding, including insulated vinyl siding, is the only exterior cladding with a product certification program administered by an independent, accredited quality control agency that ensures products and colors meet or exceed industry standards and a certified installer program with validation by an independent, third-party administrator to ensure that installers demonstrate knowledge of industry-accepted application techniques.

About the Vinyl Siding Institute

The Vinyl Siding Institute, Inc., located in Washington, D.C., is the trade association for manufacturers of vinyl and other polymeric siding and suppliers to the industry. VSI is the sponsor of the *VSI Product Certification Program* and the *VSI Certified Installer Program.* For more information, visit www.vinylsiding.org, Facebook (www.facebook.com/aswv.vsi) and Twitter (www.twitter.com/vinylsidinginfo).

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