The Value for High Performance Homes Campaign is a group of real estate and energy efficiency professionals working together to remove barriers toward the fair value of energy efficient homes. We’ll use this regular alert to keep you up-to-date on the latest news and developments. For more, visit the campaign website at http://www.elevateenergy.org/value-high-performance-homes-campaign/home/.

**Home Energy Score Policy Adopted by Portland City Council**
Portland, Oregon’s City Council voted to approve Portland’s Home Energy Score Policy. The policy requires sellers of single-family homes to obtain a home energy performance report, including a Home Energy Score, before a home is listed for sale in the City of Portland. Sellers will be required to include the home energy score and the accompanying report in any real estate listings and provide a copy of the home energy performance report to prospective buyers who visit the home while it is on the market. The policy will go into effect on January 1, 2018.

**Bringing Energy Efficiency Knowledge to the Real Estate Market**
Home Energy Information Accelerator partner Build it Green (BIG) is working with the real estate community to increase the number of homes with energy efficiency information and decrease the knowledge gap around this topic. BIG’s innovative solution to reach the real estate community is documented in a new case study featured on the Home Energy information Accelerator’s webpage.

The Home Energy information Accelerator is working to make reliable home energy information available in the market place so that a home’s energy performance is visible and can be valued appropriately at time of sale.

**The Health Benefits of Home Performance**
Evidence in a new U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) report, Home Rx: The Health Benefits of Home Performance, shows that home performance upgrades can improve the quality of a home’s indoor environment by reducing the prevalence of harmful indoor air pollutants and contaminants. Until recently, however, no systematic review of this evidence had been conducted, limiting full understanding of the link between home performance and health.

If you have any questions, please contact us at Info@ElevateEnergy.org.

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