Thank you for subscribing to the Value for High Performance Homes Alert. You may have noticed that CNT Energy is now Elevate Energy: New name, same commitment to helping people do more with less energy. We'll continue to send you updates on how real estate and energy efficiency professionals are working together to remove barriers toward the fair value of energy efficient homes.

**State Energy Efficiency Scorecard Released, Next Step is to Disclose Inventory**

Research from the National Association of REALTORS® Green REsource Council found that nine of the top 10 most energy efficient states (as determined by the American Council for an Energy-Efficient Economy’s [Energy Efficiency Scorecard](#)) have active green fields in the multiple listing service (MLS). These MLS's are in the biggest real estate markets in each state and may cover 50 percent to 90 percent of the listings in that state.

Now that green fields in the MLS are available in the states that are leading the way in energy efficiency policy and programs, Realtors have a ripe environment for documenting the high performance attributes of the housing inventory. [Unlocking the Value of an Energy Efficient Home](#), a report by Elevate Energy and National Home Performance Council, explains the important role green MLS fields play in turning invisible efficiency improvements into visible value during a real estate transaction.

**New Study Shows Solar Does Add Value to Homes**

The Colorado Energy Office released a study reviewed by the Colorado Chapter of the Appraisal Institute supporting the conclusions that photovoltaic (PV) systems typically increase market value and nearly always decrease the time a home is on the market. Step five of the [visible value blueprint](#) reflects the importance of getting data about home energy efficiency to appraisers so it can be incorporated into the appraisal process.

**Appraisal Institute’s New Website**

The Appraisal Institute has a new website featuring green building resources, including professional development opportunities, sustainable development webinars, and links to publications and podcasts. Check it out [here](#).

**RESO Releases Data Dictionary v1.2**
The Data Dictionary defines the terms that more than 900 MLS's can use to ensure data consistency. Industry implementation will speed up the development of new real estate applications. Download the Data Dictionary [here](#).

RESO also launched a [RESO Data Dictionary Migration Starter Kit](#) in 2013. Since Green MLS fields are already defined in the Data Dictionary, those MLS that use the migration starter kit will have a fast-track to implementing compliant Green MLS fields.

**The Institute for Market Transformation on New Data Standards and Greener Home Listings**
BPI-2101-S-2013 Standard Requirements for a Certificate of Completion for Residential Energy Efficiency Upgrades will make home energy efficiency more MLS- and appraiser-friendly and reduce “greenwashing” through the creation of a new national standard. The standard defines a consistent way to describe energy efficiency improvements in an existing home. [Read the complete blog from the Institute for Market Transformation](#).

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