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/.

At RESO PlugFest, Energy Efficiency Plays Well With Real Estate
Stakeholders around the country are developing ways to make home energy information more accessible to potential home buyers. One way to get involved is at the Real Estate Standard Organization’s (RESO) 2015 Fall Conference & PlugFest in Austin, Texas on October 27. It’s a hands-on event to talk about the ways we can make computer real estate standards work. Consider joining the "open sandbox" at the PlugFest to explore, innovate, and generate ideas on how we can expand the availability and use of reliable home energy information at relevant points in the residential real estate process. See the registration flyer for more details and tips on making the most of PlugFest.

Increasing Homeowners’ Borrowing Power for Energy Efficiency
The U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development (HUD) and the Department of Energy (DOE) are launching a program to provide potential homeowners with an easy way to measure and improve the energy efficiency of their homes. Under the new HUD and DOE Home Energy Score partnership, in areas where the Home Energy Score is available, single family households will be able to increase their access to financing tools for energy efficiency improvements. Read the announcement here.

A Missing Link: The New HPwES Certificate Template
A new link between real estate and energy efficiency is now available. DOE’s Home Performance with ENERGY STAR (HPwES) program recently released a standard template so that local sponsors of this program around the country can document work done in a standardized, consumer-friendly way, while adhering to the latest QA requirements. The template is also HPXML-compliant, creating the option for automated data sharing.

The HPwES template is based on the Building Performance Institute (BPI) standard BPI-2101-S-2013, which is defined as a recommended drop-
down choice in the Green MLS Implementation Guide, and is based on the RESO Data Dictionary field called “Green Verification Program.”

**RESO Releases Data Dictionary v1.4**
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.

If you have any questions, please contact us at [Info@ElevateEnergy.org](mailto:Info@ElevateEnergy.org).

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