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Colorado Energy Office Partners with BPI to Advance the Home Energy Score

Malta, NY, November 3, 2014 -Today the Building Performance Institute, Inc. (BPI), the nation's premier home performance credentialing, quality assurance and standards setting organization, announced a partnership with the Colorado Energy Office to advance the Home Energy Score in Colorado.

"The Colorado Energy Office has worked over the last three years to develop infrastructure to provide home owners and home buyers low cost energy information at the point of purchase," says Colorado Energy Office Residential Program Manager Peter Rusin. "BPI's partnership fills a quality assurance gap, helping to ensure that homes throughout Colorado are properly rated for energy efficiency."

BPI will act as the primary Department of Energy (DOE) Home Energy Score partner for Home Energy Score Assessor applicants within Colorado, process qualified candidates as BPI Raters, and ensure quality assurance while supporting the efforts of the Colorado Energy Office to provide expanded rating services to the entire state of Colorado.

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In return, the Colorado Energy Office will help facilitate BPI Raters in the Colorado housing market by subsidizing the first 2,000 official Home Energy Scores submitted in Colorado, subsidizing the first 150 candidate applications, and promoting the program and the Home Energy Score to its robust networks of consumers, home inspectors and stakeholders.

DOE's Home Energy Score is like a vehicle's mile-per-gallon rating, only for homes. This federally recognized asset score allows homeowners to compare the energy performance of their home to other homes nationwide. The beauty of the score is in its simplicity - on a scale of 1 to 10, a 10 shows excellent energy performance and 1 means the home needs serious energy improvements. Unlike other rating systems tied to a specific building code, the Home Energy Score evaluates homes based on their expected performance, even if they were built before building codes existed, and shows how they can improve their score with prioritized energy conservation measures.

To become a BPI Rater, candidates may fill out an application at www.bpi.org/rater. Candidates must be BPI certified as either a Building Analyst, Envelope Professional, HEP Energy Auditor or HEP Quality Control Inspector. BPI plans to also accept the BSP Certificate of Knowledge in the near future. Candidates may hold a RESNET HERS Rater certification during their first year in the program. After their first year, BPI Raters will be required to hold a BPI credential.

Candidates must also pass DOE's Home Energy Score Assessor exam. This is a one-time online exam that can be taken at participating BPI Test Centers. [Find a BPI Test Center near you](#). If you cannot find a test center convenient to you, BPI will make alternate arrangements. Contact BPI at rater@BPI.org.

For more information on BPI's Rating Program go to www.bpi.org/rater.



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BPI is the nation's premier building performance credentialing, quality assurance and standards setting organization. BPI develops technical standards using an open, transparent, consensus-based process built

on sound building science. From these standards, we develop professional certifications for individuals, companywide credentials for BPI GoldStar Contractors, home energy rating systems and quality assurance services that help raise the bar in home performance contracting. BPI is approved by the American National Standards Institute, Inc. (ANSI) as an accredited developer of American National Standards and as a certifying body for personnel credentials.

For more information on BPI, visit www.bpi.org.

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