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**BCSE Support for Partnership Between DOE and CoStar Group, Inc.**

Washington, DC - The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) released the following statement from BCSE President Lisa Jacobson regarding the Department of Energy's partnership with CoStar Group, Inc. to expand visibility of energy efficient buildings in the U.S. real estate marketplace.

"The Council applauds the partnership announced today between DOE and CoStar Group, Inc. as a significant step towards expanding the visibility of energy efficient buildings in U.S. property markets. The online availability of building efficiency information such as ENERGY STAR scores, whole building usage intensity, and annual greenhouse gas emissions will promote transparency and create benefits for commercial real estate consumers.

"According to the BCSE-Bloomberg New Energy Finance 2016 *Sustainable Energy in America Factbook*, energy efficiency investment by utilities and energy savings performance contracts together totaled \$13.1 billion in 2014. These investments continue to pay dividends for the U.S. economy, with American energy productivity increasing by 13 percent from 2007 to 2015. As the largest information platform for the commercial properties market, CoStar has the ability to drive increased opportunities for energy service companies and building efficiency technology providers.

"Public-private partnerships are key to driving clean energy deployment. This partnership announced today between the Department of Energy and CoStar group will expand awareness and increase investment building efficiency, expand market opportunities for energy efficient products and services and create jobs."

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*The Business Council for Sustainable Energy (BCSE) is a coalition of companies and trade associations from the energy efficiency, natural gas and renewable energy sectors, and also includes independent electric power producers, investor-owned utilities, public power and commercial end-users. Established in 1992, the Council advocates for policies that expand the use of commercially-available clean energy technologies, products and services. For more information on the Council, please visit: [www.bcse.org](http://www.bcse.org) and download [Sustainable Energy in America Factbook](#) 2015 edition for the latest industry information.*