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**CSG AWARDED GRANT TO DEVELOP MLS ENERGY EFFICIENCY LISTINGS FROM
DORIS DUKE CHARITABLE FOUNDATION**

**Plan to provide home performance information will put more
power in the hands of consumers before buying a home**

WESTBOROUGH, Mass., Oct. 28, 2010 – Conservation Services Group (CSG), a non-profit firm based near Boston, today announced a grant from the Doris Duke Charitable Foundation to promote residential energy efficiency. The award will fund a program to establish a Multiple Listing Service (MLS) category for the residential real estate market, enabling homeowners to evaluate a home's energy performance before it is purchased.

CSG edged out more than 350 proposals, submitted last April, from organizations in 44 states on how to develop scalable approaches for spurring energy efficiency retrofits of existing buildings in the U.S. The national energy services firm is one of nine winners receiving grants from the foundation that total \$2.7 million. Proposals were evaluated by a panel of experts in real estate, finance, construction, government policy and energy efficiency technologies. Projects will break down barriers that prevent building property managers, owners, investors and lenders from undertaking retrofits in commercial and residential buildings.

Ed Henry, president of the foundation, said, "We launched this competition to learn what kind of innovative ideas are being incubated that can help spur energy efficiency retrofits. We were astonished by the positive response and are delighted with the results."

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