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## HIF Website Release

After months of hard work, we are happy to inform all of our members that the website for the Home Inspection Foundation is up and running.

Now you can constantly stay updated with everything related to your association.

We will keep adding relevant information as well as new features that will facilitate your job.

Go visit our website and let us know what you think. We'd love some feedback.



<http://www.hif-assoc.org/>

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### From the ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership

[Association Members See Light at the End of the Tunnel. Study Show More Optimism as Economy Remains a Concern](#)

09/16/09

Association members from across the country are now more optimistic about the impact of the economy on their involvement in the association community, according to a new survey released by ASAE & The Center for Association Leadership at its Annual Meeting & Exposition, August 13-15. The results show that professionals who belong to associations believe their employment outlook will improve in the coming year.

### News from the NAHB

[Housing Industry Groups Agree On Need To Reform Appraisal Process](#)

09/21/09

The National Association of Home Builders (NAHB) today hosted a Residential Real Estate Appraisal Summit with federal regulatory agencies and the major housing and financial institution stakeholder and appraisal organizations to discuss constructive solutions to appraisal problems.

[Builder Confidence Continues Upward in August](#)

08/17/09

Builder confidence in the market for newly built, single-family homes rose one point in August to its highest level in more than a year, according to the latest reading of the National Association of Home Builders/Wells Fargo Housing Market Index (HMI), released today. Building on a two-point gain in July, the HMI reached 18 this month, its highest point since June of 2008.

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### EPA Press Releases

#### [EPA Joins Global Call-to-Action on Radon Cancer Dangers](#)

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WASHINGTON -- The U.S. Environmental Protection Agency is joining the World Health Organization's first global call-to-action on cancer risk from radon in homes. EPA is the U.S. representative in this initiative. Radon inhalation accounts for up to 14 percent of lung cancers worldwide, and is the world's second-leading risk of lung cancer, next to smoking.

#### [EPA Tightens Air Emissions for Hospital, Medical and Infectious Waste Incinerators](#)

09/16/09

WASHINGTON – EPA is setting new limits that will affect most existing hospital, medical, and infectious waste incinerators. This final action will reduce about 390,000 pounds of several pollutants each year including acid gases, nitrogen oxides, and metals such as lead, cadmium, and mercury. EPA is also finalizing additional testing, monitoring, and inspection requirements.

### U.S. Census Bureau News

#### [Detailed census numbers show rates for construction spending](#)

09/1/09

For professionals needing information in their marketing, continuing education, or pursuing credentials to expand their knowledge and services can review statistics on construction trends to meet the demands.

Updated statistics posted 10/01/09.

### Contact Us

We'd love to hear from you!

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