

Welcome to Plugged In!

S1 AND CO. ON DIVERSITY: Secretary Chu, Associate Deputy Secretary Williams and DOE leadership held a Workforce Diversity Town Hall Meeting on Tuesday, where S1 told us he was nicknamed “Chu-stein” in graduate school. Find out more @ <http://go.usa.gov/5S7>



MADE IN AMERICA: In a recent speech at MIT, S1 made the case that America could once again produce significant growth in domestic manufacturing jobs, while addressing global problems of energy supply and climate change. Read: <http://goo.gl/JLAFD> or watch: <http://goo.gl/Ia8iP>

HOLIDAY CHEER!: The Secretary is hosting a holiday party from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. on Dec. 14 in the Forrestal Cafeteria. Photos with the Secretary available between 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m.

BEDBUGS BEWARE: Scanning technology developed at PNNL to screen airplane passengers could soon be used to target bedbugs. Check it out @ <http://goo.gl/e018Q>



MAJUMDAR GETS NOMINATED: ARPA-E Director Dr. Arun Majumdar has been [nominated](#) by the President as Under Secretary of Energy for the Energy Department. Watch Arun in action @ <http://goo.gl/pGnSi>

CFC: Donate to the charity of your choice through the CFC. The fastest way to donate? Paperless payroll deduction: <http://go.usa.gov/I5u>

STATE GETS INTO ENERGY BUSINESS: The State Department has created a new Bureau of Energy Resources: <http://go.usa.gov/5hP> More from *Reuters*: <http://goo.gl/go3Ca>

DON'T YOU...FORGET ABOUT ME: Send us your tips, news and views: <http://energy.gov/news-blog/give-us-your-feedback>

INNOVATION NATION: Office of Science Director Bill Brinkman writes an op-ed about the important role that research funding plays in helping the U.S. innovate and remain competitive during a time of budget constraints: <http://goo.gl/MJf39>

TRIBAL ENERGY: The Department launched the Strategic Technical Assistance Response Team to advance clean energy generation in Indian Country: <http://go.usa.gov/5fQ> Learn about how the Tribes approach clean energy @ <http://goo.gl/77y1i>

THE RADIO SHACK OF BIOFUELS: The folks at the Joint Bioenergy Institute talk with *Fast Company* about their work to become the "Radio Shack of biofuels": <http://goo.gl/Qe7S5>

WHAT'S NEW ON POWERPEDIA: Get plugged in with Wi-Fi @ <http://go.usa.gov/5Ga>

HEAVY HYBRIDS = FEWER FATALITIES: People who have hybrid cars are significantly less likely to be injured in an accident because their heavy batteries make the vehicles safer than traditional cars, according to an insurance industry report covered in *The Washington Post*: <http://goo.gl/d2te2>

A HAVEN FOR SOLAR: Brookhaven National Lab now hosts the largest solar power plant in the eastern U.S. Its 164,000 solar panels can provide up to 32 megawatts of alternating current electricity. More @ <http://goo.gl/l7pqn>



THE NEXT BIG THING: What is the next big thing in energy technology? That's the question blogger Jon Weiner and his team at Lawrence Berkeley National Lab will tackle with each post on the lab's new blog TechStream. New Media Specialist Michael Hess has it covered @ <http://go.usa.gov/5fU>

AND FINALLY: <http://goo.gl/zlW2s>

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