

**THE FIRST WEEK:** Secretary Moniz hit the ground running with a busy schedule of meetings, briefings, and public events during his first week on the job. On Tuesday, after being [sworn in](#) by Deputy Secretary Poneman he made his first public remarks at the [Energy Efficiency Global Forum](#), highlighting the important role that he believes energy efficiency must play in any serious effort to address our climate and energy challenges. On Wednesday, he hosted a [Town Hall meeting](#) with the Department's employees and contractors and on Thursday addressed the [White House Women's Leadership Summit on Climate Change and Energy](#).



**WORTH A THOUSAND WORDS:** Here's a [photo gallery](#) of Secretary Moniz's first day on the job, as well as a [90 second video summary](#) of the day.



**YOUR QUESTIONS ANSWERED:** On Wednesday, Secretary Moniz held a Town Hall meeting with the Department's employees and contractors that was streamed live online. We've also archived it on YouTube in case you weren't able to view it live. S1

took questions from those in the audience as well as questions that were submitted via email from the Department's labs and sites across the country. The entire [town hall](#) is available here, but we've also created quick links below that will jump to a particular question you might be interested in. Click the links below to see Secretary Moniz's answers to your questions.

1. How will you familiarize yourself with the wide variety of DOE programs? <http://bit.ly/13QDvQj>
2. How will you foster a strong safety culture? <http://bit.ly/171YHqn>
3. Will you join the DOE Bike Commuter Team? [http:// bit.ly/133OH9P](http://bit.ly/133OH9P)
4. In an era of low morale, what ideas do you have to reenergize us as employees at the Department of Energy? <http://bit.ly/19aJZvD>
5. Will you meet with the National Treasury Employees Union? <http://bit.ly/171ZhnO>
6. How will DOE support renewable in an era of low natural gas prices? <http://bit.ly/124GV42>
7. How will natural gas and renewables fit into the next quadrennial review? <http://bit.ly/12SRVhB>
8. What experience do you have working with other federal agencies? <http://bit.ly/14ZQLkJ>
9. What are your priorities for DOE internationally? <http://bit.ly/16TShZD>

10. What's the most important thing that employees can take away today?

<http://bit.ly/10tD7mF>

**PAID IN FULL:** Last week, Tesla Motors repaid the entire remaining balance on a \$465 million loan from the Department of Energy nine years earlier than originally required. Tesla employs more than 3,000 American workers and is the latest proof that DOE's portfolio of more than 30 loans is delivering big results for the American economy, while costing far less than anticipated. <http://go.usa.gov/bCvz>



**BEAM US UP SCOTTY!:** LLNL's National Ignition Facility was [a key filming location for the latest Star Trek movie](#), which is bringing attention to the world leading science work being done there. Don't worry: after the shooting wrapped, the film crew made sure that none of their troublesome Tribbles were accidentally left behind.

<http://bit.ly/13QCZ4I>



**BETTER BUILDINGS:** New data submitted by our Better Buildings Challenge partners show that they have improved facility energy efficiency by more than 2.5% per year on average -- equaling about \$58 million in annual energy savings.

<http://go.usa.gov/bCwF>



**KERMIT WOULD BE PROUD:** An international team of scientists at Argonne have recorded the internal structure inside a living frog embryo in greater detail than ever before. The results offer a promising method to find new treatments for genetic diseases. <http://go.usa.gov/bCf3>



...AND FINALLY: <http://bit.ly/133PCY1>

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