



The Secretary of Energy  
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Dear Mr. Hoffman:

Congratulations on being named a recipient of the 2013 Interagency Partnership Award by the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC). This award recognizes laboratory employees and private collaborators who accomplished outstanding work in transferring technology developed in the Federal Laboratory to the commercial marketplace.

This year, only one recipient-team was recognized among the works of more than 250 Federal Laboratories, research centers, and facilities represented by the congressionally-chartered FLC, indicating a selective process and a contribution of the highest caliber.

I want to commend the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL) for their collaborative work on *ForWarn*, a satellite-based monitoring and assessment tool that helps natural resource managers rapidly recognize and track potential forest disturbances, across the conterminous United States, caused by known and unexpected intrusion by insects, diseases, wildfires, extreme weather, and other natural or man-made events. Initially developed through collaborative efforts led by the Department of Agriculture Forest Service Eastern Forest Environmental Threat Assessment Center and the Western Wildland Environmental Assessment Center, the success of *ForWarn* is the result of significant and substantive ongoing contributions from National Aeronautics and Space Administration's Stennis Space Center, the Department of Energy's Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL), and the United States Geological Survey.

Your contributions are commendable and reflect well upon you, your colleagues, the ORNL and the U.S. Department of Energy along with the many other agency partners,

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Ernest J. Moniz".

Ernest J. Moniz

