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To: Deans, Department Heads, Laboratory/Center Directors
From: Ernest J. Moniz
Subject: Federal Stimulus Funding Opportunities in Energy

Claude Canizares has asked the MIT Energy Initiative to lead the effort to disseminate information about energy research and development funding in the American Recovery & Reinvestment Act of 2009 and to help develop opportunities for interested MIT faculty and senior researchers.

I am attaching a brief overview of energy funding within the stimulus package provided to us by the MIT Washington DC Office. We do not yet have a strong sense of the processes and timelines for the availability of energy stimulus funds but will work to get you this information as soon as it becomes available. We encourage you all to disseminate this information within your departments so that faculty may be prepared to quickly take advantage of research opportunities as they arise.

As soon as we have a fuller picture of both possible opportunities and the process for taking advantage of them, we plan to host a "town hall" meeting for all interested faculty, administrators and senior researchers.

We look forward to engaging with the U.S. Department of Energy and other federal organizations regarding stimulus package funding in a manner that both advances critical energy research and development as well as helps to stimulate our economy.

We will alert you about the town hall as soon as we have sufficient understanding of the process. In the interim, if you have any questions or comments or have faculty who are interested in pursuing funding, please contact Melanie Kenderdine (makender@mit.edu; phone #).

Thank you for your interest and assistance. We look forward to working with you in the days ahead to help meet global energy challenges through research and analysis.

Sincerely,

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

Ernest J. Moniz

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