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## Major Takeaways: The University of New Mexico Forum

### **Forum Overview**

- >136 participants from academia (70), national laboratories (25), industry (23), government (15), non-governmental organizations (3) and 5 panels of experts from all these sectors
- Southwest Mountain Region (NM, AZ, CO, UT, ID)
- Keynote comments by DOE Secretary Moniz, US Senators Udall and Heinrich
- Discussed revolutionary new approaches to clean energy production and utilization based on new materials technologies (hydrogen, photovoltaics, energy storage, advanced nuclear energy systems).

### Key Takeaways

- Opportunities & Priorities
  - Transformative, disruptive technologies will be needed to allow Mission Innovation to succeed.
  - Materials research, development, translation and commercialization is the best technological opportunity in transformational clean energy.
- Current Regional Innovation Ecosystem
  - The Southwest Region is uniquely poised intellectually, technologically and geographically, is a national leader in materials research and development for energy applications and is an established hub for energy materials innovation and commercialization.



#### MATERIALS TECHNOLOGIES

#### FOR CLEAN ENERGY



## The University of New Mexico: Key Takeaways (continued)

- Building a Broader Ecosystem
  - The Southwest Region demonstrates a strong presence of existing and well established public/private partnerships that can be leveraged and further enhanced.
- Challenges
  - Determining the promise of proposed technological advances will require linkage to economic models and climate modeling capability.
- Next Steps
  - Regional Summits & Workshops hosted by:
    - US Senator Heinrich's Energy Summit Energy Storage Strategies for Industry & National Security
    - Sandia National Laboratories New Mexico Regional Energy Storage & Grid Integration Workshop
    - Arizona State University Water-Energy Nexus Event
    - Colorado Energy Research Collaboratory North Central / Inter Mountain West Regional Clean Energy Innovation
      Summit
    - Innovate New Mexico Technology Showcase
  - Los Alamos National Laboratory / New Mexico Consortium efforts in clean renewable bioenergy
  - Regional Stakeholders developing concept papers

