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Kerry serves as the first Director of the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) office and Energy Attaché at the U.S. Embassy in South Korea. He is responsible for advancing U.S. energy, science and technology, and nuclear security and nonproliferation interests in South Korea, representing DOE programs and initiatives, fostering deeper cooperation, and supporting the Chief of Mission and the Embassy.

Prior to his current post, Kerry served as a Program Manager and Strategist for DOE's Office of Electricity (OE). In this role, he established new programs and initiatives to address critical research gaps, managed \$15-\$20 million in projects annually, and stimulated small business innovation and technology transfer. Kerry also led various strategic planning and evaluation activities for OE, enhanced coordination and collaboration across the DOE, and represented the Department in meetings with domestic, international, and interagency stakeholders.

Before joining DOE officially in 2013, he was an American Association for the Advancement of Science, Science and Technology Policy Fellow working in OE. As a Fellow, he helped lay the foundation for the \$220 million Grid Modernization Initiative launched in 2016 and completed a 6-month detail to the U.S. Senate where he advised on a variety of energy issues spanning natural gas, nuclear waste, energy efficiency, hydropower, the electric grid, and innovation.

Kerry has a Bachelor's degree in Applied and Engineering Physics from Cornell University, a Master's degree in Electrical Engineering and Computer Science, and a Doctorate in Electrical Engineering, both from the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Kerry grew up in New York City and is an avid traveler, taking at least one international trip per year. He enjoys hiking, photography, snowboarding, puzzles, and spending time with friends and family, especially his two nephews. He is also passionate about promoting diversity and inclusion in public service and advancing leadership in the Asian American and Pacific Islander community.