I'm NASA Kennedy's Ashley Keegan, and I'm taking you Inside KSC.

NASA Deputy Administrator Dava Newman was on site this week kicking off NASA's Agency Innovation Mission, and hosting the NASA Innovation Kick Start competition.

Kennedy and other NASA centers around the country joined forces to pick their favorites and celebrate talent across the entire agency.

Meanwhile, Kennedy's own Innovation Expo featured exciting speakers, innovation activities, networking opportunities and the centerwide KSC KickStart Competition.

Employees presented their innovative ideas for an opportunity to receive up to $5,000 for realization equipment.

Work continues on upgrades to the flame trench at Launch Pad 39B as NASA's Ground System Development and Operations Program prepares for the launch of the Orion.
spacecraft on NASA's Space Launch System

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rocket on Exploration Mission 1 in late 2018.

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About 100,000 heat-resistant bricks, in three different sizes, will be secured to the walls on the north side of the flame trench.

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They will withstand temperatures of up to two thousand degrees Fahrenheit at launch of the rocket's engines and solid rocket boosters.

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