

**Floor Statement of Rep. John Garamendi**  
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This is a program that EDF Renewable Energy, which operates Wind Turbines between Rio Vista and Fairfield and Sassoon City in my district, we have a big wind farm there, they are funding a program at Rio Vista High School, this year, as a way to promote job training in green industry.

Jim Bard is the instructor in the renewable energy class which emphasizes wind energy. So it's exactly what you said: this private company, that has these numerous wind turbines, I think several hundred wind turbines in this big wind farm needs workers, so they've gone to the local high school and they're creating what is, I suppose at one time we would call a vocational education class. But it's getting the kids educated and prepared to take jobs in their own neighborhood.

And so here you see the green technology – wind energy – coupling up with education to provide middle class jobs. It's a great example.

My congratulations to EDF and their renewable energy program, to Jim Bard, and to the folks in Rio Vista at the Rio Vista High School, which I proudly represent.