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## Outsourcing Cancer Spreads

*Are we giving up on the creation of “green” and high-tech manufacturing jobs in the U.S.?*

Just over a week ago, Rapid Response sent out news of a planned wind farm in Texas that expects to receive more than \$425 million in U.S. taxpayer-provided stimulus funds. The developers anticipate creating over 2,000 jobs in China since they will be buying the wind turbines there.

We have recently learned that AES, a massive U.S.-based power-generating company, is selling part of its stock – including a third of its wind-generating business – to the Chinese government through their China Investment Corp. AES plans to move forward on U.S. wind projects with the revenues. Not only will this transaction result in a foreign country owning part of our infrastructure, it will also very likely result in the manufactured items for the wind projects to **AGAIN** come from overseas.

These green jobs are supposed to be part of the plan for U.S. economic security going forward. But, the outsourcing continues. . .

### *Why does this matter?*

The U.S. has lost more than two million manufacturing jobs since December 2007. Many of those jobs were lost at facilities that will not be reopening their doors. The jobs that people get after they've lost a manufacturing job generally pay less and provide fewer benefits. The need for quality jobs is dire.

Meanwhile, we have a growing consensus in the United States that something must be done about our future energy demands and the volume of pollution we are producing. Moving to a “green” economy can mean creating millions of new jobs, particularly in manufacturing, driven by the need for everything from steel for wind turbines to glass for solar panels.

But, none of this will matter if we don't have policies that ensure the jobs are created here – especially those created and supported by American tax dollars!

### *What does the future hold?*

China has invested tremendous resources into supporting their domestic manufacturers, even when that has meant not playing by the rules. As a result, we're losing out in a big way. It's time to stop the hemorrhaging of jobs and get our country – and our economy – back on track.

Rapid Response will soon take action on this issue. Get ready to act and to tell our elected officials that it's time for them to start creating and protecting Good, Green & American jobs!