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## **Abengoa collaborates with the education and training workshops provided by the Mojave Environment & Education Consortium**

- The workshops promote education in the local community to help reduce illiteracy among young people.

Seville, December 21, 2012. Abengoa, the international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainable development in the energy and environment sectors, is helping to organize various activities to promote contact between teachers and students in the High Desert area, California (USA), and to improve young people's education.

Abengoa is constructing the Mojave Solar Project, with a gross capacity of 280 megawatts, some 150 kilometers northeast of Los Angeles, close to Barstow, California. The plant will generate enough energy to supply the equivalent of more than 54,000 homes and will prevent the emission of more than 350,000 tons of CO<sub>2</sub> into the atmosphere every year compared to a natural gas plant. It is expected to come into commercial operation in 2014.

Abengoa has been working with the local community in various activities since construction work began on the Mojave Solar Project, reflecting Abengoa's commitment to promote initiatives that contribute to the growth and enrichment of the communities in which it is present.

Abengoa is a member and a sponsor of the Mojave Environment & Education Consortium (MEEC), which is taking the lead on these activities in the local community through the 'Mojave Desert Air Quality Management District' government agency.

The MEEC has developed a close relationship with the junior, middle and senior schools in High Desert in order to raise awareness of the importance of caring for the environment. The MEEC gives free training workshops and leadership conferences, generating numerous social benefits for the local community.

One of the most recent activities organized by the association was the 'Youth Environment Leadership Conference' at Granite Hills High School in Apple Valley, California, which was attended by 187 students. The students were split into small groups and given the opportunity to develop robotics systems with limited materials, demonstrating the importance of imagination in achieving the proposed objectives.

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Once the conferences are completed, the schools that have participated in the different workshops will continue the environmental education in their classrooms and the results obtained are reported to the MEEC.

## About Abengoa

Abengoa (MCE: ABG) is an international company that applies innovative technology solutions for sustainable development in the energy and environment sectors, generating electricity from the sun, producing biofuels, desalinating sea water and recycling industrial waste. ([www.abengoa.com](http://www.abengoa.com))

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