

Grant awarded toward planned wind turbine

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Webb Research of Falmouth will receive a \$300,000 grant from the Department of Agriculture toward construction of a wind turbine.

The turbine will be installed at the company's plant in the Falmouth Technology Park. Webb Research designs and manufactures scientific instruments for oceanographic studies.

The turbine will be approximately 1.5 megawatts and more than 262 feet tall, according to a press release from the office of U.S. Rep. William Delahunt, D-Mass.

The electricity will be used on-site by Webb Research, and excess electricity will be sold back to the power grid. The project also is supported by the Massachusetts Technology Collaborative, which awarded a design and construction grant of \$575,000.

Webb Research expects to apply to the Falmouth Zoning Board of Appeals this fall for a local permit and is partially through the state and federal processes.

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