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**From:** Meyers, Robert (COE)  
**Sent:** Tuesday, April 27, 2010 2:16 PM  
**To:** 'JOE CHI'  
**Subject:** RE: REQUEST RULING ON POST EMPOWERMENT ZONE REVOLVING LOAN ACCESS

Mr. Chi:

Thank you for your inquiry. The county ethics code prohibits board members from transacting business with their boards or any program wherein your board interfaces with the program in question. If, for example, the EZ Empowerment Zone Strategic Alliance were designated as the board to administer this loan program, you would be precluded from applying for a loan. However, if you seeking a loan from the County after your board sunsets, there would be no prohibition against you applying for a loan.

On the other hand, if you apply for funding before the board ceases to exist and the board has some involvement with your application, there would be a conflict under the county ethics code.

If you need additional information, please contact me at your convenience.

Sincerely,

Robert Meyers, Executive Director  
 Miami-Dade Commission on Ethics and Public Trust

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**From:** JOE CHI [mailto:joechi888@yahoo.com]  
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**Subject:** REQUEST RULING ON POST EMPOWERMENT ZONE REVOLVING LOAN ACCESS

Dear Mr. Robert Meyers,

It was a pleasure talking to Rachelle from your office this morning.

I have a question that I would like the Miami Dade County Commission on Ethics and Public Trust opinion on. I am the Board Chair of the EZ Empowerment Zone Strategic Alliance which will sunset in July 2010.

After the termination of the EZ process, a revolving loan fund will be established and operated by an independent fiscal agent approved by BCC.

I am inquiring as to whether I, in a private capacity and my EZ located business would be eligible for an EZ loan when the revolving loan fund starts. I think I should be eligible because I has no affiliation with the fiscal agent administering the fund and the final approval comes from BCC, which I have no affiliation with as well.

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Anyway I would have to meet all loan criteria available to the general public to be eligible.

I would like to apply for some of the funds needed to open an innovative comprehensive Solar, Wind and Alternative Energy establishment which would help provide employment to revitalize our EZ communities and I wanted to get your opinion before moving forth.

If you need further information about this issue from the county side, you may contact the EZ administrator Mr Kishore Rao.

MD HCD Kishore K. Rao 786-469-2216 <[KKR@miamidade.gov](mailto:KKR@miamidade.gov)>

Please advise,

Thank you

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