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TO: All Building Officials in Miami-Dade County

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DATE: March 25th, 2009

SUBJECT: Interpretation of Section 8-6 of the Code of Miami-Dade County

At their meeting of March 19, 2009, the Board of Rules and Appeals rendered an interpretation of Section 8-6 of the Code of Miami-Dade County. The Board ruled that the incentive relating to the expedited review and approval of permit applications is applicable and must be afforded to building integrated systems utilizing solar, wind and other forms of renewable energy.

The applicable section of the Code is provided, below:

Sec. 8-6. Expedited permit program for green buildings.

It is the intent of Miami-Dade County to promote environmentally sensitive design and construction. To that end, the Building Official shall implement a program to expedite the review and approval of permit applications for green buildings. As used in this Section a green building shall mean one whose design, construction, and operation promote the preservation of resources and environmentally sensitive construction practices, systems and materials. In making the determination of whether the structure is a green building, the Building Official shall rely on the review, evaluation and where available registration or certification of the design by recognized environmental rating agencies including the Florida Green Building Coalition, the National Home Builder Association and the U.S. Green Building Council. The green buildings program shall be implemented through administrative order to be approved by the Board of County Commissioners. (Ord. No. 05-115, § 1, 7-7-05)

If you have any questions, please contact Mr. Michael Goolsby at (305) 375-4496.