



**Miami-Dade County
Enterprise Zone Program**

**Enterprise Zone Boundary Modification
Request for Application (RFA)**

Responses to Pre-application Submission - Meeting of February 12, 2008

1. **Question:** Is there a requirement to swap land from the same area (city)?

Answer: *No. The swap could come from any section of the Enterprise Zone (EZ), but it would be easier and more politically efficient if done from the same area where the addition (modification) is being requested. Also, it is recommended that you get support from the district Commissioner.*

2. **Question:** Is a previous commitment with a municipality for affordable housing outside the zone and in excess of the RFA requirements acceptable?

Answer: *Yes. However, be advised any and all previous commitments must also apply.*

3. **Question:** What is the definition of control of the land?

Answer: *Control of land can be defined by having a deed, a mortgage on the land or a contract to purchase.*

4. **Question:** What is the definition of proof of financing?

Answer: *Bank commitment, note, loan agreement or other financing documents showing commitment from a financial institution.*

5. **Question:** Is it the municipality's responsibility to submit the RFA package?

Answer: *No. The project sponsor must submit directly to the Clerk of the Court, but the application package must include a letter of support from the municipality.*

6. **Question:** Do we need anything from a City supporting a swap of the EZ area?

Answer: *The city should support the swap in its letter of support.*

7. **Question:** Are you penalized for making a contribution to the Affordable Housing Trust Fund instead of committing housing units?

Answer: *No. The RFA allows it.*

8. **Question:** Is there a reason for a request being turned down if all conditions are met?

Answer: *Probably not, but it depends on the number of applications, size of land to be swapped and amount of "non-developable" land available.*

9. **Question:** Does the County have an inventory of “non-developable” land completed for the EZ?

Answer: *No.*

10. **Question:** If this application is made now, when will the next boundary modification occur? Do we have to wait three (3) years?

Answer: *The current State legislation of the EZ allows one (1) change once every three (3) years unless the change is introduced through the Florida Legislature.*

11. **Question:** What happens to the application once it reaches the State of Florida?

Answer: *The State of Florida will review and analyze the application for completeness and eligibility requirements and then make a decision on approval.*

12. **Question:** What will be the effective date of the boundary modification?

Answer: *The State of Florida will indicate the effective date in their approval letter.*

13. Will we know the ranking criteria or score of our application?

Answer: *Yes, after the completion of the ranking criteria by the Enterprise Zone Selection Committee, the applicants will be notified of their rank and score by the Office of Community and Economic Development (OCED). The applicants will then have an opportunity to review their score.*

14. **Question:** Will a city resolution be required prior to submission to the State?

Answer: *Yes. Prior to submitting the County application to the State of Florida, all proposals from municipal areas of the Zone will require a resolution.*

15. **Question:** Does the Request for Application have to include a city resolution?

Answer: *The resolution does not need to be included as part of the application to the County by February 29, 2008, however, a resolution is required prior to the County's submission of the application to the State.*