# RURAL ENTERPRISE ZONES
# BUSINESS EQUIPMENT SALES TAX REFUND

**FORM EZ-E (Business Equipment Sales Tax Refund Application for Eligibility) (R. 07/01)**
**FORM DR-26S (Florida Department of Revenue Application for Refund) (R. 01/06)**
**(s. 212.08 (5)(h), F. S.)**

Business Eligibility:

-Must be located within a Rural Enterprise Zone.
-**Starting July 1, 2001, business equipment purchased must have a sales price of at least $5,000 per unit.**
-**Equipment purchased must be used exclusively in an Enterprise Zone for at least three years** (exception: business equipment purchased for commercial fishing vessels, fishing and ecotourism guideboats which leave and return to a zone).
-Eligible purchase must be new or used property defined as "recovery property" in s. 168(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 as amended, **NOT including the following:**
* 3-year property under s. 168(c)(2)(A) of Internal Revenue Code;
* industrial machinery/equipment (receiving a capital equipment sales tax exemption under s. 212.08(5)(b), F. S.); and
* building materials eligible for E.Z. sales tax refund incentive.

Refund Calculation:

-97% of the state sales tax (6%) paid on Business Equipment.

Minimum Refund:

$291.00 (Purchase amount: $5,000.00)
(Example: $5,000.00 (business equipment purchased))
x .06 (state sales tax)
$300.00
x .97
$291.00 (amount of sales tax refund)

Maximum Refund:

-If 20% or more of the permanent, full-time employees of the business are **residents of an enterprise zone**, the maximum refund per application will be no more than the lesser of $10,000 or 97% of the state sales tax paid.

-If less than 20% of the permanent, full-time employees of the business are **residents of an enterprise zone**, the maximum refund per application will be no more than the lesser of $5,000 or 97% of the state sales tax paid.

Processing Time:

**-Forms must be filed with the Department of Revenue within six months after the business equipment is purchased.**
-EZDA has 10 business days to process and certify forms.

Copies:

-Form EZ-E (when approved by EZDA Coordinator) is given to business who will submit original with Form DR-26 (and supporting documentation) to the Department of Revenue.
-One copy for EZDA files.