PALM BEACH COUNTY BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS

AGENDA ITEM SUMMARY

Meeting Date:	December 6, 2011	[] Consent [] Workshop	[X] Regular [] Public Hearing
		[] Workshop	[] Public Hearing

Department:AdministrationSubmitted By:Economic Development Office

I. EXECUTIVE BRIEF

Motion and Title: Staff recommends motion to:

- A) Approve an Energy Efficiency Conservation Loan (Energy Loan) Program Agreement with Scientific Real Estate Holdings, LLC ("the Company") in the amount of \$240,000;
- B) Approve exceptions to the Palm Beach County Energy Loan Program Criteria for the Company to (a) waive the maximum loan amount of \$150,000; and (b) waive the maximum term of ten (10) years in order to match the Small Business Administration (SBA) loan requirement of 20 years; and
- C) Authorize the County Administrator or his designee to sign the loan documents associated with this item.

Summary: This \$240,000 Energy Loan will be for a term of 20 years and will fund energy efficiency retrofits at the Company's nutritional baking products manufacturing facility. The Company has developed a line of certified food products that are sold under three (3) trademarked names and is seeking to expand from an 18,000 to a 25,000 sq. ft. building in Riviera Beach. The approximate total project investment is \$3,126,853 and the projected sources of funding include: \$240,000 Energy Loan; \$473,000 Section 108 Loan; \$1,300,673 from a financing institution; \$1,040,538 from the SBA; and \$72,642 from the Company. The company will create 25 new full time jobs. **These are Federal funds that require no local match.** District 7 (DW)

Background and Justification: On October 20, 2009, the Board of County Commissioners approved the U.S. Department of Energy's (DOE) Assistance Agreement (R2009-1743) for a grant totaling \$6,587,600 to implement the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant Program which included a revolving loan fund for businesses totaling \$1,100,000. This Program was created to assist businesses in carrying out energy efficiency retrofits to effectuate savings in utility costs, reduce fossil fuel consumption, improve energy efficiency, and create and/or retain job opportunities for local residents. The Energy Efficiency Conservation Loan Criteria includes a maximum loan amount of \$150,000 and a term of ten (10) years.

Attachments:

Energy Loan Agreement with Scientific Real Estate Holdings, LLC

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Recommended By:	Samo Adupod	12-1-2011	
, <u> </u>	Economic Development Director	Date	
Approved By:	hann Q Br	12-2-2011	
	Assistant County Administrator	Date	

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II. FISCAL IMPACT ANALYSIS

A. Five Year Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Fiscal Years Capital Expenditures Grant Expenditure External Revenue Program Income (PBC) In-Kind Match (PBC)	2012 <u>\$240,000</u> (\$240,000)	2013	2014	2015	2016
NET FISCAL IMPACT # ADDITIONAL FTE POSITIONS (Cumulative)	0				

Is item included in Current Budget? Yes X No

Budget Account No: Fund 1541 Department 764 Unit 2109 Object 8201

B. Recommended Sources of Funds/Summary of Fiscal Impact:

Source of funds will be from the DOE Energy Efficiency and Conservation Grant Revolving Loan Program.

C. Departmental Fiscal Review: <u>Umander Hugher</u> Economic Development

III. REVIEW COMMENTS

A. OFMB Fiscal and/or Contract Administration Comments:

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C. Other Department Review:

Department Director

This summary is not to be used as a basis for payment.

ENERGY LOAN PROGRAM AGREEMENT BETWEEN PALM BEACH COUNTY AND SCIENTIFIC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC

THIS AGREEMENT is made as of the ______ day of ______, 2011 by and between Palm Beach County, Florida, a political subdivision of the State of Florida, by and through its Board of County Commissioners, herein referred to as COUNTY, and Scientific Real Estate Holdings, LLC, a corporation authorized to do business in the State of Florida, hereinafter referred to as the COMPANY, whose mailing address is 4800 N. Federal Highway, Suite 300B, Boca Raton, FL 33431, and whose Federal I.D. number is 204418257.

WITNESSETH:

WHEREAS, the COUNTY is administering an Energy Loan Program under the Rules and Regulations of the U.S. Department of Energy (hereinafter referred to as "DOE"); and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY has determined that the Energy Loan is an eligible loan to the COMPANY per DOE Assistance Agreement (R2009-1743) for a grant totaling \$6,587,600 to implement the Energy Efficiency and Conservation Block Grant (EECBG) Program which included a revolving loan fund for businesses totaling \$1,100,000, approved by the Board of County Commissioners on October 20, 2009; and

WHEREAS, the COUNTY intends to grant financing to the COMPANY in an amount not to exceed TWO HUNDRED FORTY THOUSAND DOLLARS (\$240,000) subject to the terms and conditions outlined in the Loan Commitment dated ______, 2011 as well as those certain loan documents which include, but are not limited to the Energy Loan Promissory Note, the Loan Agreement, the Mortgage and Security Agreement, the Guaranty Agreement, UCC-1 Financing Statements and all other documents required by the Loan Agreement (collectively the "Loan Documents"); and

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the promises and mutual covenants hereinafter contained, the parties agree as follows:

ARTICLE I GENERAL CONDITIONS

Employee: Bona Fide

COMPANY warrants that it has not employed or retained any company or person, other than a bona fide employee working solely for COMPANY to solicit or secure this Agreement and that it has not paid or agreed to pay any person, company, corporation, individual, or firm, other than a bona fide employee working solely for COMPANY, any fee, commission, percentage, gift, or any other consideration contingent upon or resulting from the award or making of this Agreement.

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Non-discrimination

COMPANY agrees that no person shall on the grounds of race, color, religion, disability, sex, age, national origin, ancestry, marital status, familial status, sexual orientation, gender identity and expression, be excluded from the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under, any activity carried out by the performance of this Agreement.

Worker's Compensation & Employer's Liability

COMPANY shall agree to maintain Worker's Compensation Insurance & Employers Liability in accordance with Florida Statute Chapter 440. COMPANY shall provide this coverage on a primary basis.

Convicted Vendor List; Debarment

(a) As provided in F.S. 287.132-133, by entering into this Agreement or performing any work in furtherance hereof, COMPANY certifies that neither COMPANY, its affiliates nor its principals who will perform hereunder have been placed on the Convicted Vendor List maintained by the State of Florida Department of Management Services within thirty-six (36) months immediately preceding the date of execution of this Agreement by the COUNTY. This notice is required by F.S. 287.133(3)(a).

Florida Department of Management Services, Division of Purchasing 4050 Esplanade Way, Tallahassee, FL 32399-0950 (850) 488-8440 <u>http://dms.myflorida.com/dms/purchasing/convicted_suspended_discriminatory_vendor_lists/convicted_vendor_list</u>

(b) By entering into this Agreement or performing any work in furtherance hereof, COMPANY certifies that neither COMPANY, its affiliates nor its principals who will perform hereunder is presently debarred, suspended, proposed for debarment, declared ineligible, or voluntarily excluded from participation in this transaction by any Federal department or agency, as such terms are defined in Executive Order 12549, nor is any such action pending or proposed,

Inspector General

Palm Beach County has established the Office of the Inspector General in Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, as may be amended. The Inspector General's authority includes but is not limited to the power to review past, present and proposed County contracts, transactions, accounts and records, to require the production of records, and to audit, investigate, monitor, and inspect the activities of the COMPANY, its officers, agents, employees, and lobbyists in order to ensure compliance with contract requirements and detect corruption and fraud.

Failure to cooperate with the Inspector General or interfering with or impeding any investigation shall be in violation of Palm Beach County Code, Section 2-421 - 2-440, and punished pursuant to Section 125.69, Florida Statutes, in the same manner as a second-degree misdemeanor.

Compliance with DOE Regulations

The COMPANY shall be responsible for complying with all DOE Regulations.

Successors & Assigns

All covenants, agreements and conditions of this Agreement are binding upon and inure to the benefit of the COUNTY and COMPANY, and their respective partners, officers, directors, employees, agents, executors, administrators, successors and assigns. Except as otherwise permitted hereunder, neither the COUNTY nor COMPANY shall assign, convey or transfer its rights, interests, benefits, duties or obligations under this Agreement without the prior written consent of the other party. Nothing herein shall be construed as creating any personal liability on the part of any officer, director, employee or agent of the COUNTY, nor shall it be construed as giving any rights or benefits hereunder to anyone other than the COUNTY and COMPANY.

Material Change of Circumstances

COMPANY shall immediately notify the COUNTY of any material change of circumstances of COMPANY'S business operations in Palm Beach County. For the purposes hereof, material change of circumstance shall include, but not be limited to, the failure of COMPANY to diligently and actively pursue fulfillment of the terms hereof, the sale or transfer of all or substantially all of COMPANY's assets; the sale of a controlling interest (i.e., more than 50%) of the stock or other equity interest in COMPANY; the suspension, closing, dissolution, liquidation or cessation of business operations of COMPANY; the voluntary or involuntary filing of any petition in bankruptcy; or an assignment for the benefit of COMPANY'S creditors. In the event of a material change of circumstances, the COUNTY shall have the right to terminate this Agreement, whereupon the COUNTY shall have no further obligation to COMPANY under this Agreement.

Entire Agreement Between Parties

The COUNTY and COMPANY agree that this Agreement and all attachments hereto, including but not limited to the Energy Loan Documents, sets forth the entire agreement between the parties, and that there are no promises or understandings other than those stated herein. None of the provisions, terms and conditions contained in this Agreement may be added to, modified, superseded or otherwise altered, except by written instrument executed by the parties hereto.

Invalid or Unenforceable Terms

If any term or provision of this Agreement, or the application thereof to any person or circumstances shall, to any extent, be held invalid or unenforceable, the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such terms or provision, to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid or unenforceable, shall not be affected, and every other term and provision of this Agreement shall be deemed valid and enforceable to the extent permitted by law.

Remedies

In the event of a default or breach by the COMPANY hereunder, under the Energy Loan Documents, the COUNTY shall consult with DOE as to the appropriate remedy, which may include acceleration of the principal balance due under the Energy Loan, including defeasance provisions if applicable. The COMPANY recognizes the authority of DOE to direct and establish appropriate remedies in connection with any such default or breach.

Law and Remedy

This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Florida and the laws of the United States and the Rules and Regulations of DOE. Any and all legal action necessary to enforce the Agreement shall be held in Palm Beach County or such other jurisdiction as is directed by DOE. No remedy herein conferred upon any party is intended to be exclusive of any other remedy, and each and every such remedy shall be cumulative and shall be in addition to every other remedy given hereunder or now or hereafter existing at law or in equity or by statute or otherwise. No single or partial exercise by any party of any right, power, or remedy hereunder shall preclude any other or further exercise thereof.

Indemnification and Hold Harmless

The COMPANY hereby protects, defends, reimburses, indemnifies and holds the COUNTY and DOE, its agents, employees, directors and officers (whether elected or appointed) and each of them, free and harmless at all times from and against any and all claims, liability, expenses, losses, costs, fines and damages, including attorney's fees, and suits, proceedings and causes of action of every kind and character which may arise out of this Agreement. COMPANY recognizes the broad nature of the indemnification and hold harmless provisions set forth in this Section, voluntarily makes this agreement and covenant and expressly acknowledges

the receipt of good and valuable consideration provided by COUNTY and DOE in support of this clause in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. This Section shall survive the termination of the Agreement.

Assignability

It is recognized by the COUNTY and the COMPANY that this Agreement is part of the Loan Documents respecting the closing of the Energy Loan and such Loan Documents are held in trust by the Palm Beach County Clerk and Comptroller, for the benefit of DOE, and DOE has the final discretion as to its enforcement.

Amendment: No Waiver

This Agreement may not be amended or the terms or provisions hereof waived unless such amendment or waiver is in writing and signed by the parties. No delay or failure by the COUNTY to exercise any right, power, or remedy shall constitute a waiver thereof by the COUNTY, and no single or partial exercise by the COUNTY of any right, power, or remedy shall preclude other or further exercise thereof or any exercise of any other rights, powers, or remedies.

Counterparts

This Agreement may be executed in any number of counterparts, all of which together shall constitute one agreement.

Further Actions

The COMPANY shall execute and deliver such documents and instruments, and shall take such other actions as the COUNTY deems necessary to more fully carry out the terms of this Agreement.

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Notice

All notices required in this Agreement shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, and if sent to the COUNTY shall be mailed to:

Sherry Howard, Director Palm Beach County Economic Development Office P.O. Box 1989 West Palm Beach, FL 33402-1989

With a copy to:

Dawn Wynn, Senior Assistant County Attorney Palm Beach County Attorney's Office 301 N. Olive Ave. 6th Floor West Palm Beach, FL 33401

And if sent to the COMPANY shall be mailed to:

Dr. Sasson E. Moulavi Scientific Real Estate Holdings, LLC 4800 N. Federal Highway, Suite 300B Boca Raton, FL 33431

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Board of County Commissioners of Palm Beach County, Florida has made and executed this Agreement on behalf of COUNTY, and COMPANY has hereunto set its hand the day and year above written.

ATTEST: SHARON R. BOCK CLERK AND COMPTROLLER

PALM BEACH COUNTY, FLORIDA **BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS:**

By:

Deputy Clerk

Signature

WITNESS:

By:

Shelley Vana, Chair

COMPANY:

SCIENTIFIC REAL ESTATE HOLDINGS, LLC

By:

Dr. Sasson E. Moulavi

Name (type or print)

(company seal)

Title

APPROVED AS TO FORM AND LEGAL SUFFICIENCY

By:_

Dawn Wynn Senior Assistant County Attorney

APPROVED AS TO TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

By:

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