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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of  
The Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Date of Report (Date of Earliest Event Reported):  
April 17, 2006**

**EZCORP, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE**  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**0-19424**  
(Commission File  
Number)

**74-2540145**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1901 CAPITAL PARKWAY**  
**AUSTIN, TEXAS**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**78746**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(512) 314-3400**

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
  - Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 2.02. RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION**

This information set forth under “Item 2.02. Results Of Operations And Financial Condition,” including the Exhibit attached hereto, shall not be deemed “filed” for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934 (the “Exchange Act”) or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Exchange Act, regardless of any general incorporation language in such filing.

On April 17, 2006, EZCORP, Inc. issued a press release announcing an increase in its expected earnings for the second fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2006. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

99.1 Press release dated April 17, 2006, issued by EZCORP, Inc.

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**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

**EZCORP, INC.**  
(Registrant)

*Date: April 18, 2006*

By: /s/ Daniel N. Tonissen  
*(Signature)*  
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and  
Director

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**EXHIBIT INDEX**

99.1 Press release dated April 17, 2006, issued by EZCORP, Inc.

**EZCORP RAISES EARNINGS GUIDANCE FOR SECOND QUARTER**

**AUSTIN, Texas (April 17, 2006)** — EZCORP, Inc. (Nasdaq/NM: EZPW) announced today that it expects earnings for its second fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2006 to be in the range of \$0.54 to \$0.56 per share, significantly higher than its previously announced guidance of \$0.40 to \$0.43. During the quarter, the Company realized stronger than expected growth in sales gross profit and signature loan contribution. These two factors are the primary reasons for the stronger than expected performance.

The Company will release earnings for its second fiscal quarter, following the close of market, on Tuesday, April 25, 2006. You are invited to listen to a conference call discussing these results at 3:30 pm Central Time on the 25th. The conference call can be accessed over the Internet (or replayed at your convenience) at the following address.

<http://www.videonewswire.com/event.asp?id=33261>

EZCORP is a lender and provider of credit services to individuals who do not have cash resources or access to credit to meet their short-term cash needs. In 281 EZPAWN locations, the Company offers non-recourse loans collateralized by tangible personal property, commonly known as pawn loans. At these locations, the Company also sells merchandise, primarily collateral forfeited from its pawn lending operations, to consumers looking for good value. In 263 EZMONEY locations and 83 EZPAWN locations, the Company offers short-term non-collateralized loans, often referred to as payday loans, or fee based credit services to customers seeking loans.

This announcement contains certain forward-looking statements regarding the Company's expected performance for future periods including, but not limited to, new store expansion and expected future earnings. Actual results for these periods may materially differ from these statements. Such forward-looking statements involve risks and uncertainties such as changing market conditions in the overall economy and the industry, consumer demand for the Company's services and merchandise, changes in regulatory environment, and other factors periodically discussed in the Company's annual, quarterly and other reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

For additional information, contact Dan Tonissen at (512) 314-2289.