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October 24, 2001

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Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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**RE: Articles of Incorporation
Regional Cooperative Alliance, Inc.**

Dear Mr. Secretary:

Enclosed please find filing fees for the above referenced corporation in the amount of Seventy-eight Dollars and Seventy-five Cents (\$78.75) for the following items:

Nonprofit Corporation Filing Fee	\$ 35.00
Registered Agent Designation	35.00
Certified Copy	<u>8.75</u>
	<u>\$ 78.75</u>

Request the certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation be returned to Roger Tucker, Esq., 9455 Koger Boulevard, Suite 219, St. Petersburg, FL 33702.

Sincerely,

Roger Tucker
General Counsel

Enclosures

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE
Katherine Harris
Secretary of State

October 30, 2001

ROGER TUCKER, GENERAL COUNSEL
9455 KOGER BLVD, STE 219
ST PETERSBURG, FL 33702-2491

SUBJECT: REGIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE, INC.
Ref. Number: W01000025044

We have received your document for REGIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

Please indicate Directors are appointed by whom or elected by whom.

Please return the original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (850) 245-6933.

Dale White
Document Specialist
New Filings Section

Letter Number: 101A00059353

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF THE
REGIONAL COOPERATIVE ALLIANCE, INC.
(A Nonprofit Corporation)**

The Articles of Incorporation of the undersigned, a majority of whom are citizens of the United States, desiring to form a corporation not for profit pursuant to the laws of the State of Florida, do hereby agree as follows:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of this corporation is Regional Cooperative Alliance, Inc.

ARTICLE II

ADDRESS

The initial principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation shall be 9455 Koger Boulevard, Suite 219, St. Petersburg, Florida 33702. The address and location of the corporation may be changed from time to time by the Board of Directors.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSE

This corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code. The specific

purpose of the corporation is to research, identify, develop and disseminate strategy to regional issues.

To perform only those activities permitted to be carried out by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law).

ARTICLE IV

MEMBERS

The sole class of members of this corporation shall be the members of the Board of Directors, whose qualifications shall be as provided in the Bylaws based primarily on an interest in Regional Economic, Government and Civic cooperation. Members of the Board of Directors shall be individuals elected or appointed to the Board of Directors from persons residing or employed within West Central Florida. The term of service and election process will be as stated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE V

LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers, or other private persons, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3 hereof. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf

intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements), any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of the corporation.

ARTICLE VI

INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Commissioner Harriet Crozier
City of Largo
P. O. Box 296
Largo, FL 33779-0296

Commissioner Chris Hart
Hillsborough County Board of County
Commissioners
P. O. Box 1110
Tampa, FL 33601

Councilman Jerry King
City of Temple Terrace
6209 Soaring Avenue
Temple Terrace, FL 33617

Commissioner Mary Maloof
City of Treasure Island
10 Paradise Lane
Treasure Island, FL 33706-1129

Commissioner Steve Simon
Pasco County Board of County
Commissioners
7530 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34654

Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd
Pinellas County Board of County
Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, FL 33756

Commissioner Jane W. von Hahmann
Manatee County Board of County
Commissioners
P. O. Box 1000
Bradenton, FL 34206

Mayor Pat Whitesel
City of Palmetto
P. O. Box 1209
Palmetto, FL 34220

ARTICLE VII

CORPORATE OFFICERS

The affairs of the corporation shall be run by a President, Vice President and Secretary/Treasurer and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time elect.

Election of officers shall be at an annual meeting of the Board Directors.

The names of the initial officers who are to serve until the earlier of (i) the first annual officers election or (ii) the election of their respective successor, are:

President:	Mayor Pat Whitesel
Vice President:	Councilman Jerry King
Secretary/Treasurer:	Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd

Multiple offices may be held by the same person. The duties of the respective officers and the manner of filling vacancies in the offices of the corporation shall be provided in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII

INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

Mr. Manny L. Pumariaga

Executive Director

Tampa Bay Regional Planning Council

9455 Koger Boulevard, Suite 219

St. Petersburg, Florida 33702

ARTICLE IX

INCORPORATORS

The name and residence of the persons signing these Articles of Incorporation, not for profit,
as the incorporators are:

Mayor Pat Whitesel, President
City of Palmetto
P. O. Box 1209
Palmetto, Florida 34220

Councilman Jerry King, Vice President
City of Temple Terrace
6209 Soaring Avenue
Temple Terrace, Florida 33617

Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd, Secretary/Treasurer
Pinellas County Board of County Commissioners
315 Court Street
Clearwater, Florida 33756

ARTICLE X

DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are operated exclusively for such purposes.

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ARTICLE XI

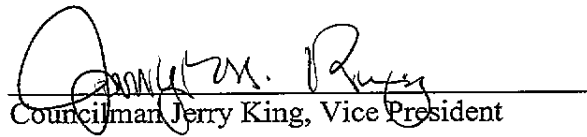
DURATION

This corporation shall have a perpetual existence or until such time as the Board of Directors may decide to dissolve the corporation in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida. The perpetual existence is to commence at the time of filing of the Articles of Incorporation with the Secretary of State of the State of Florida.

We, the undersigned, being the original organizers and subscribers to the Corporation, for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit, in pursuance of the general laws of the State of Florida, do make and file this Certificate of Incorporation, hereby declaring and certifying that the facts stated herein are true. We do hereby agree to and do agree to become the initial subscribers and accordingly have hereunto set our hand and seals effective the 8th day of October, 2001.



Mayor Pat Whitesel, President




Councilman Jerry King, Vice President



Commissioner Barbara Sheen Todd, Secretary/Treasurer

Having been named as registered agent to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I am familiar with and accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity.



Manny L. Pumariega, Registered Agent

10/11/01

Date