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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

**SUBJECT:** Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for :

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\$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certificate

\$122.50  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

\$131.25  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

**ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED**

**FROM:** Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, Inc. by Robert L. Howard, Incorporator  
Name (Printed or typed)

P.O. Box 3168  
Address

Sarasota, FL 34230  
City, State & Zip

(941) 377-4333  
Daytime Telephone number

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**NOTE:** Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
FOR  
GULF COAST BUILDERS EXCHANGE INC.**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation:

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**Article I: Name**

The name of the Corporation shall be Gulf Coast Builders Exchange, Inc.

**Article II: Principal Office and Mailing Address**

The principal place of business shall be 5922 Cattlemen Lane, Suite 202, Sarasota, Florida, 34232. The mailing address shall be P.O. Box 3168, Sarasota, Florida, 34230.

**Article III: Purpose**

The specific purposes for which the Corporation is organized are:

1. To promote fellowship within the membership with the purpose of strengthening relationships between all construction trades to foster members-working-with-members for their mutual gain.
2. To provide a communication tool for the construction industry for the dissemination of important information and training through meetings, seminars, forums, publications and other media.
3. To operate a program to maximize the positive impact and/or to minimize the negative impact of the actions of local elected officials, public administrators and other regulatory agencies on the construction industry.
4. To foster civic involvement to enhance the public image of the construction industry and organization and to improve the quality of life within the community.
5. To operate programs which provide valuable services to the membership and/or to generate income to fund other efforts of the organization.
6. To transact any or all lawful businesses for which corporations may be incorporated under Chapter 617 Florida Statutes (1998).

**Article IV: Bylaws**

The initial bylaws of the Corporation shall be adopted by the incorporator or the board of directors. The power to alter, amend, or repeal any bylaw shall be vested in the board of directors of the Corporation.

**Article V: Manner of Election of Directors**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as provided in the bylaws.

**Article VI: Initial Registered Agent and Street Address**

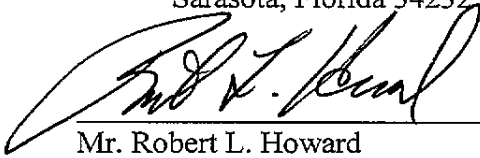
The name and address of the initial registered agent is:

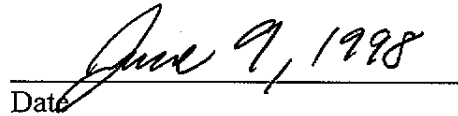
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5514 Rollingwood Drive  
Sarasota, Florida 34232

**Article VII: Incorporator**

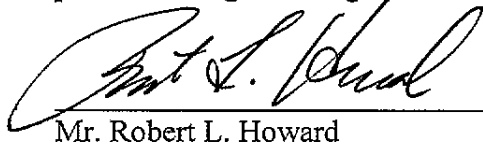
The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

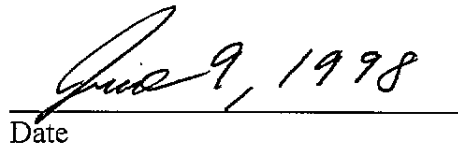
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Mr. Robert L. Howard

  
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Date

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to company with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.

  
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Mr. Robert L. Howard

  
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