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SUBJECT: Central Florida Small Business Assistance Center, Inc.  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

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

☐ \$70.00  
Filing Fee

☐ \$78.75  
Filing Fee &  
Certificate of  
Status

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Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

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& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Olivia L. Crawford  
Name (Printed or typed)

413 SW 4th Avenue  
Address

Gainesville, FL 32601-6551  
City, State & Zip

352-378-6568  
Daytime Telephone number

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
CENTRAL FLORIDA SMALL BUSINESS ASSISTANCE CENTER, INC.**

*A Not For Profit Corporation  
In Compliance with Chapter 617, Florida Statutes*

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation (hereinafter called the corporation) shall be  
Central Florida Small Business Assistance Center, Inc.

**ARTICLE II - PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be  
413 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Gainesville, Florida 32601.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

This Corporation is organized exclusively for one or more of the purposes as specified in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code and the specific purposes include but are not limited to the following services:

1. To provide technical assistance to new and existing small businesses through educational workshops, training seminars, service based programs and micro loans, for the purpose of increasing business existence, expansion and the creation of employment opportunities.
2. To assist small business owners in planning, development, start-up and on-going management assistance.
3. To receive and administer funds exclusively to minority and economically disadvantaged small business owners that cannot obtain funding through conventional lending institutions for business startup and expansion without pecuniary gain or profit, incidental or otherwise to its members.

4. To assist in the promotion and development of projects, undertakings, studies and other activities in cooperation and in coordination with other local agencies for the benefit of economic development and growth.
6. To solicit and receive funds, gifts, endowments, donations, devices and bequests through foundations organized and operated pursuant to the terms of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes.
7. Engage in lawful business practices as allowed by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, as it now exists or is subsequently amended or superseded, and to do and perform such acts and to have such powers as shall be desirable and necessary in the furtherance of any of the powers hereinabove enumerated that are not in derogation of the laws of the State of Florida.

The Corporation is organized exclusively for public purposes as a not-for-profit corporation, within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, and its activities shall be conducted for such purposes, and in such a manner that no part of its net earning shall inure to the benefit of any member or private individual. No member, director, or officer of the Corporation shall receive any pecuniary benefit from the Corporation, except such reasonable compensation as may be allowed for services actually rendered to the Corporation. The Corporation shall not attempt to influence legislation by propaganda or otherwise, nor shall it intervene in or participate in any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.

#### **ARTICLE IV - DURATION**

The duration of the Corporation shall be perpetual.

#### **ARTICLE V - MANNER OF ELECTION**

Officers shall be elected by the Board of Directors, at any time, and each officer shall hold office until he or she resigns or is removed or is otherwise disqualified to serve, or until his or her successor shall be elected and qualified, whichever ever occurs first. The directors are elected as stated in the Corporation By-Laws.

**ARTICLE VI - INITIAL DIRECTORS/OFFICERS**

Allen E. Crawford

3641 West Hwy 316

Reddick, Florida 32686

Rosa B. Williams

423 NW 6<sup>th</sup> Place

Gainesville, Florida 32601

Carmen D. Gordon

P.O. Box 340

Reddick, Florida 32686

**ARTICLE VII - INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

Matrex Corporation

413 SW 4<sup>th</sup> Avenue

Gainesville, Florida 32601

**ARTICLE VIII - INCORPORATOR**

The name and the street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Corporation is:

Carmen D. Gordon

P.O. Box 340

Reddick Florida 32686

**ARTICLE IX - DISSOLUTION**

Upon dissolution or other termination of the Corporation, no part of the property of the Corporation or any of the proceeds shall be distributed to or inured to the benefit of any members of the Corporation, but all such property and proceeds, subject to the discharge of valid obligations of the Corporation, shall be distributed to one or more exempt organizations described on Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code for exclusive public purpose

**ARTICLE X - EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of these Articles of Incorporation shall be February 1, 2002.

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*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.*

Olivia L. Crawford  
Signature/Registered Agent

01/23/2002  
Date

Carmen D. Gordon  
Signature/Incorporator

01/23/02  
Date