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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
SUNCOAST BUSINESS ALLIANCE, INC.
(A Not For Profit Corporation)**

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The undersigned, acting as Incorporator of the **SUNCOAST BUSINESS ALLIANCE, INC.**, a corporation under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation:

ARTICLE I

NAME

The name of the Corporation shall be the **SUNCOAST BUSINESS ALLIANCE, INC.** The initial principal office and mailing address shall be 201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 2200, Tampa, Florida 33602.

ARTICLE II

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Corporation is to serve as a business league as described in Section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code to promote business opportunities among its members.

ARTICLE III

POWERS

The Corporation shall have the power to acquire, own, maintain and use its assets for the purposes for which it is organized, to raise funds by any legal means for the encouragement of its purposes; to acquire, hold, own, use, and dispose of real or personal property in connection with the purposes of the Corporation; to exercise all powers necessary or convenient to the furtherance of the

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purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and shall have such other powers as are granted to corporations not-for-profit under Florida Statutes and case law.

ARTICLE IV

LIMITATIONS

No earnings of the Corporation shall inure in whole or in part to the benefit of private individuals or any members, except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the Corporation affecting one or more of its purposes.

ARTICLE V

DISTRIBUTION OF SURPLUS ON LIQUIDATION

Upon the liquidation, dissolution or other discontinuance of the charitable activities and operations of the Corporation, any surplus remaining after payment of the just debts and liabilities of the Corporation shall not be distributed to or among the officers or directors of the Corporation, but after making provision for the payment of all of the liabilities of the Corporation, the remaining assets shall be distributed to such other organization or organizations, as selected by the Board of Directors, as are exempt under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

ARTICLE VI

MEMBERSHIP

The Corporation shall have members whose rights shall be as provided in the Bylaws of the Corporation.

ARTICLE VII

INCORPORATOR

The name of the Incorporator of this Corporation is David J. Ottinger, 201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 2200, Tampa, Florida 33602.

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ARTICLE VIIIOFFICERS

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by the Officers of the Corporation, consisting of a President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer and such other Officers as shall be hereafter provided for in the By-Laws of the Corporation. The Officers of the Corporation shall be elected each year by vote of the Board of Directors. The Officers of the Corporation shall have the sole and exclusive right to manage the affairs of the Corporation, except as shall be otherwise provided by law, the By-Laws of the Corporation or these Articles of Incorporation, or as may be otherwise reserved to the Board of Directors or the Members.

ARTICLE IXBOARD OF DIRECTORS

A. The number of persons constituting the initial Board of Directors shall be three (3). The number of members of subsequent Boards shall be determined as provided in the Bylaws, but in no event shall the number be less than three (3). Members of the Board of Directors shall be elected in the manner and having such terms as shall be set forth in the By-Laws.

B. The names and addresses of the initial Board of Directors are as follows:

NAMEADDRESS

Michael A. Cohen

401 E. Jackson St., Suite 2900
Tampa, Florida 33602

David J. Ottinger

201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 2200
Tampa, Florida 33602

Robert Groover

1101 Channelside Drive, Suite 311
Tampa, Florida 33602

C. All powers of the Board of Directors in the management of the affairs of this Corporation shall be exercised by the Officers of the Corporation, except as shall be otherwise

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provided by law, the By-Laws of the Corporation or these Articles of Incorporation, or as may be otherwise reserved to the Members or the Board of Directors pursuant to the By-Laws.

ARTICLE X

BY-LAWS

By-Laws shall be adopted, altered, amended or repealed by majority vote of the Board of Directors and as provided in the By-Laws themselves. The By-Laws may contain any provision for the regulation and management of the affairs of the Corporation not inconsistent with Florida law or these Articles of Incorporation.

ARTICLE XI

INTERNAL REVENUE CODE

All references herein to the "Internal Revenue Code" shall refer to the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and the relevant Treasury Regulations thereunder, as they now exist or as they may hereafter be amended, or any corresponding provisions of any later federal tax laws.

ARTICLE XII

REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the registered office of the Corporation is 201 N. Franklin Street, Suite 2200, Tampa, Florida 33602, and the name of the registered agent of the Corporation at that address is David J. Ottinger.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Incorporator has hereunto fixed her signature this 13 day of March, 2002.



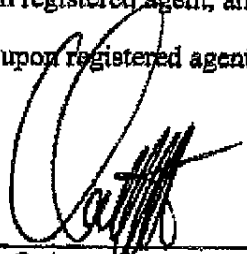
David J. Ottinger, Incorporator

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ACCEPTANCE OF DESIGNATION AS REGISTERED AGENT

The UNDERSIGNED, named as the registered agent in Article XII of these Articles of Incorporation, hereby accepts the appointment as such registered agent, and acknowledges that he is familiar with, and accepts the obligations imposed upon registered agents under the Florida Not For Profit Corporation Act.



David J. OttingerDated: March 13, 2002

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