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Division of Corporations P. O. Box 6234 Tallahassee, FL 32314

Re: Not-For-Profit Corporation Incorporation

Dear Sir or Madam:

Attached are an original and one copy of Articles of Incorporation for National Council For Economic Development Organizations, Inc. In my capacity as an incorporator, I hereby request incorporation of this entity as a Florida not for profit corporation. Also attached is a check in the amount of \$70.00 to cover applicable fees. Please call or email me if any additional information is required.

Sincerely,

Michael J. Donovan

Incorporator

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# ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION IN GESTATE TAIL AHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator, a natural person over eighteen years of age, adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act:

## ARTICLE I NAME

The name of the corporation:

National Council For Economic Development Organizations, Inc.

#### ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and mailing address of this corporation:

Place of Business

Mailing Address

1051 Paradise Lane Pensacola, FL 32506

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#### ARTICLE III STATUS

The Corporation shall be a domestic State of Florida not for profit corporation as authorized by the general provisions of Florida Statute 617, as amended, and the laws of the United States of America.

#### ARTICLE IV PURPOSE(S)

The specific purposes for which the corporation is organized:

The corporation will dedicate itself to facilitating and enhancing communication between the nation's economic development organizations and their prospects. The corporation will also conduct other tasks deemed necessary or appropriate by its Board of Directors or members. Other activities allowed by Florida Statue 617, the laws of the United States of America and similar statutes or laws of any state in which the corporation is registered or authorized to conduct business may also be pursued.

#### ARTICLE V CORPORATE EXISTENCE

The corporation is to have perpetual existence.

#### ARTICLE VI ENABLING AGREEMENT

The corporation has negotiated an agreement with Creative Consortium which will enable it to commence operations without first having to secure funding from members. Without this enabling agreement, there was no assurance that the corporation could begin operating to accomplish its primary purpose.

#### ARTICLE VII BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall be managed by the Board of Directors, which shall exercise all powers conferred under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America.

## ARTICLE VIII MANNER OF ELECTION AND APPOINTMENT OF DIRECTORS

The Board of Directors shall be elected and appointed in accordance with the corporation's bylaws which reflect conditions in the Enabling Agreement discussed in Article VI.

## ARTICLE IX AMENDMENT AND ALTERATION OF ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

From time to time any of the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation may be amended, altered or repealed by the voting members as authorized by Florida Statute. The definition of voting members and the procedure to be followed for such action shall be in accordance with the corporation's bylaws.

#### ARTICLE X INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and Florida street address of the initial Registered Agent:

Michael J. Donovan 1051 Paradise Lane Pensacola, FL 32506 (8

(850) 453-2696

#### ARTICLE XI INCORPORATOR

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

Michael J. Donovan 1051 Paradise Lane

Pensacola, FL 32506 (850) 453-2696

Signature/Incorporator

<u> 3/25/02</u> Date

## ARTICLE XII REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the Registered Agent:

Michael J. Donovan 1051 Paradise Lane

Pensacola, FL 32506 (850) 453-2696

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 comply with the provisions of all statues 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.

Signature/Registered Agent

Date

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