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Re: **OCALA/MARION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION**  
**OCALA/MARION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION**

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find:

- a. Original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and the original and one (1) copy of the Certificate of Designation of Registered Agent/Registered Office of Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Commission, Inc.;
- b. Check No. 11097 in the amount of \$78.75 made payable to the Department of State, Division of Corporations for filing fees and certified copy fees;
- c. Original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and the original and one (1) copy of the Certificate of Designation of Registered Agent/Registered Office of Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Corporation; and
- d. Check No. 11098 in the amount of \$78.75 made payable to the Department of State, Division of Corporations for filing fees and certified copy fees.

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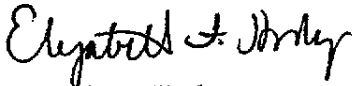
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Please expedite the filing of these documents and return the certified copies to 408 W.  
University Avenue, Suite 500, Gainesville, FL 32601.

Thank you for your assistance. Should you have any questions, please call.

Sincerely,



Elizabeth F. Hodge  
EFH/tc  
enc

cc: Pete Tesch, w/enclosures

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION FOR  
OCALA/MARION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, INC.,  
A FLORIDA NOT FOR PROFIT CORPORATION**

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

**ARTICLE I  
NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be Ocala/Marion County Economic Development Commission, Inc.

**ARTICLE II  
PRINCIPAL OFFICE**

The principal place of business of this corporation shall be 1515 East Silver Springs Boulevard, Suite 201, Ocala, Florida 34470. The mailing address of this corporation shall be P.O. Box 459, Ocala, Florida 34478.

**ARTICLE III  
PURPOSE**

The specific purpose for which the corporation is organized is to attract new industries and businesses to Ocala and Marion County, to help expand existing businesses located in Ocala and Marion County, and to work with public and private sector entities to create a favorable business climate in Ocala and Marion County.

**ARTICLE IV  
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed shall be as provided for in the by-laws of the corporation. Members shall be admitted to membership from time to time as provided for in the by-laws.

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**ARTICLE V**  
**INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name of the initial registered agent is Elizabeth F. Hodge whose Florida street address is 121 N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ocala, Florida 34475.

**ARTICLE VI**  
**INCORPORATOR**

The name and address of the incorporator of these Articles of Incorporation is Elizabeth F. Hodge, 121 N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, Ocala, Florida 34475.

**ARTICLE VII**  
**INITIAL DIRECTORS**

The initial directors of the corporation shall be:

Charles Dassance  
1515 E. Silver Springs Boulevard  
Suite 201  
Ocala, Florida 34470

Ron Ewers  
1515 E. Silver Springs Boulevard  
Suite 201  
Ocala, Florida 34470

Steve Mahan  
1515 E. Silver Springs Boulevard  
Suite 201  
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Susan Roberts  
1515 E. Silver Springs Boulevard  
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Hank Ehlers  
1515 E. Silver Springs Boulevard  
Suite 201  
Ocala, Florida 34470

Lynette Vermillion  
1515 E. Silver Springs Boulevard  
Suite 201  
Ocala, Florida 34470

Date: May 22, 2002

Elizabeth F. Hodge  
ELIZABETH F. HODGE, Incorporator

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF  
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

Pursuant to the provisions of Sections 617.0501 and 617.0503, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Florida not for profit corporation submits the following statement to designate a registered agent and registered office in the state of Florida.

1. The name of the Florida not for profit corporation is OCALA/MARION COUNTY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION, INC.

2. The name and the Florida street address of the registered agent and office are:

ELIZABETH F. HODGE  
121 N.W. 3<sup>rd</sup> Street  
Ocala, Florida 34475

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated Florida not for profit 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 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.

Date: May 22, 2002

Elizabeth F. Hodge  
ELIZABETH F. HODGE  
Registered Agent

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