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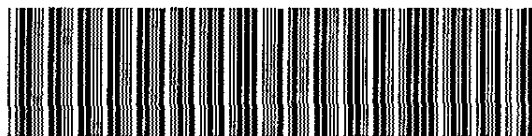
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NAME: ECONOMIC GROWTH COALITION,
INC.

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XX ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

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EXAMINER'S INITIALS: _____

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ECONOMIC GROWTH COALITION, INC.
A Corporation Not For Profit**

I, the undersigned, acting as incorporator of Economic Growth Coalition, Inc., a corporation not for profit under Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes, do hereby adopt the following Articles of Incorporation for such corporation.

ARTICLE I
CORPORATE NAME

The name of this corporation (hereinafter called Corporation) is Economic Growth Coalition, Inc., a corporation not for profit.

ARTICLE II
TERM OF EXISTENCE

The existence of the Corporation will commence upon the filing of these Articles with the Department of State of the State of Florida and shall continue thereafter in perpetuity.

ARTICLE III
PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal office of the Corporation shall be 13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue, Box 123, Fort Myers, Florida 33907 and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be the same.

ARTICLE IV
PURPOSE

The Corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.) No part of the net earnings of the Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, directors, officers or other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of Section 501(c)(3) purposes. No substantial part of the activities of the corporations shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in, or intervene in (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of, or in opposition to, any candidate for public office.

It is the intent and purpose of the corporation to retain and encourage the expansion of existing employers in the Lee County area; to assist in the attraction of new diversified employers to the area; and to work to improve the business environment in Lee County through marketing, events,

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operations, education, newsletters, brochures and fundraising activities. The corporation may engage in any and all lawful activities, not inconsistent with these purposes.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by a corporation exempt from Federal income tax under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code) or (b) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code (or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code.)

ARTICLE V MEMBERSHIP

The corporation shall have a membership distinct from the Board of Directors. The authorized number and qualifications of the members of the corporation, the manner of their admission, the different classes of membership, if any, voting and other rights and privileges of members, and their liability for dues, if any, and the method of collecting dues shall be as regulated in the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VI REGISTERED OFFICE AND AGENT

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is 1833 Hendry Street, City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida 33901. The name of its initial registered agent at that address is Peter J. Gravina.

ARTICLE VII DIRECTORS

The affairs of the Corporation will be managed by a Board of Directors consisting of four (4) members, initially. The number of members constituting the Board of Directors may, from time to time, be increased or decreased by the members, as may be provided in the Bylaws, but shall never be less than three (3), no more than twenty (20).

(a) TERMS OF OFFICE. Directors will generally serve a term of one (1) year each and shall be elected at the annual meeting of the membership. However, the members of the Board of Directors will serve until their successors are elected and qualify and may be re-elected for additional terms. In the case of a vacancy upon the Board of Directors, whether occasioned by the resignation or removal of a member or the creation of a new directorship, the vacancy will be filled by the person elected by the remaining Board of Directors and the newly appointed member will serve until the next election of Directors.

(b) ELECTION BY MEMBERS. Members of the Board of Directors will be elected by the voting membership, except as heretofore provided. Every director elected will be either a member of the corporation, or, in the case of an entity member, an officer, general partner or

trustee of that member, as the case may be. All elections will be by plurality of votes, and the member of the Board of Directors receiving the largest number of votes shall be the Chairman of the Board of Directors.

(c) The names and addresses of the persons who shall serve as Directors until the first election are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ron Inge	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Randy Thibaut	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Neale Montgomery	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Alan Freeman	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907

(d) Any action required or permitted to be taken by the Board of Directors under any provision of law may be taken without a meeting, if all the members of the board individually or collectively consent in writing to the action. Written consent or consents shall be filed with the minutes of the proceedings of the board and any action by written consent shall have the same force and effect as if taken by unanimous vote of the directors. Any certificate or other document filed under any provision of law that relates to action taken in this manner shall state that the action was taken by unanimous written consent of the Board of Directors without a meeting and that the Articles of Incorporation of this corporation authorize the directors to act in this manner. This statement shall be prima facie evidence of the director's authority.

ARTICLE VIII OFFICERS

The Corporation will have a President, a Vice-President, who shall at all times be members of the Board of Directors, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as the Board of Directors may from time to time by resolution create. Two or more offices may be held by the same person, except as may be prohibited by law. Officers will be elected by the Board of Directors for a

term of one (1) year, at the first meeting of the Board of Directors following each annual meeting of the members, but may be removed with or without cause by the Directors at any time.

The names of the officers who are to serve until the first election are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Address</u>
Ron Inge	President	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Randy Thibaut	Vice-President	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Neale Montgomery	Secretary	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
Alan Freeman	Treasurer	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907

ARTICLE IX BASIS UNDER WHICH CORPORATION IS ORGANIZED

The corporation is a not for profit corporation as defined by the Not for Profit Corporation Act in Section 617.01401 of the Florida Statutes. As such, it is not organized for the pecuniary gain or profit of, and its net earnings nor any part thereof is distributable to its members, directors, officers or other private persons except as specifically permitted under the provisions of the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act.

ARTICLE X BYLAWS

Bylaws will be adopted at the first meeting of the Board of Directors. The bylaws may be amended, repealed, in whole or in part, by the Directors in the manner provided in the bylaws. Any amendments to the bylaws shall be binding on all members of this corporation.

ARTICLE XII
DISTRIBUTION OF ASSETS UPON DISSOLUTION

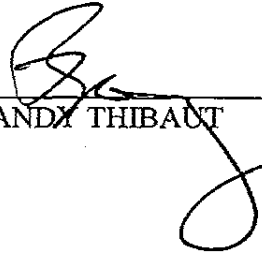
Upon dissolution of this Corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future Federal tax code or shall be distributed to the Federal government or a State or local government, for a public purpose.

ARTICLE XIII
NAME AND ADDRESS OF SUBSCRIBER

The names and address of the subscriber is:

Randy Thibaut	13300-56 South Cleveland Avenue Box 123 Fort Myers, Florida 33907
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I, the undersigned, being the incorporator of the corporation, for the purpose of forming this not for profit corporation under the Laws of Florida, have executed these Articles of Incorporation this 13th day of August, 2003.



RANDY THIBAUT

STATE OF FLORIDA
COUNTY OF LEE

Before me, a Notary Public duly authorized in the state and county named above to take acknowledgments, personally appeared RANDY THIBAUT to me known to be the person described as incorporator in and who executed the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, and he acknowledged before me that he executed and subscribed to these Articles of Incorporation.

Witness my hand and official seal in the county and state named above this 13th day of August, 2003.

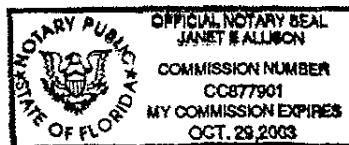
(Notary Seal)

Janet E. Allison

Notary Public, State of Florida

My commission no. is:

My commission expires:



In pursuance of Chapter 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted, in compliance, with said Act:

First--That ECONOMIC GROWTH COALITION, INC. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office, as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, at the City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida, has named PETER J. GRAVINA, located at 1833 Hendry Street, City of Fort Myers, County of Lee, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within this State.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS:

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at place designated in this certificate, I hereby accept to act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

By: 

Peter J. Gravina, Registered Agent

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