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ARTICLE I - NAME

The name of the corporation shall be African-American Businesses and Contractors Association, Inc.

ARTICLE II – PRINCIPAL OFFICE

The principal place of business and the office of the corporation shall be 5872 Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208 with the privilege of establishing branch offices at other places within or without the State of Florida.

ARTICLE III - PURPOSE

The undersigned incorporator(s) for the purpose of forming a non-profit corporation under The Florida Business Corporation Act hereby adopts the following for the purpose of assisting African-American businesses and contractors with all aspects of Government contracting. These aspects consisting of contracting with Federal, State, and Local Governmental agencies as well as large companies that do business with the government. The purpose is also to address the challenges facing African-American businesses and contractors.

ARTICLE IV – INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name and address of the initial registered agent is Jacquelyne Brown, 5872 Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208-5013

Designation of Registered Agent:

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.

Registered Agent: Jacquelyne Brown 03/01/04
Print Name Signature Date

ARTICLE V - INCORPORATORS

The name and street address of the incorporators to these Articles of Incorporation are:

- 1. Jacquelyne Brown, 5872 Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208-5013
- 2. George Dixon, P.O. Box 62309, Jacksonville, FL 32208-2309
- 3. Ronald N. Evans, P.O. Box 62309, Jacksonville, FL 32208-2309
- 4. Willie J. King Jr., P.O. Box 28655, Jacksonville, FL 32226-8655

ARTICLE VI -POWERS

Section 1: Without in any particular limiting or restricting any of the objects and powers of the corporation, it is expressly declared that the business or the powers of the organization shall be from time to time to do any one or more of all the acts and things set forth here, and all other acts, things and business or businesses in any manner connected therewith, or necessary, incidental, convenient or auxiliary thereto, or calculated directly or indirectly to promote the interests of the corporation or enhance the value of or render profitable and of its property or rights, as such a corporation may lawfully do; and in carrying on its business, or for the purposes of attaining or furthering any of its objects, to do all acts and things, and to exercise all other powers which a copartnership or natural person could do and exercise, and which now or hereafter may be authorized by law, and either as, or by and through principals, agents, attorneys, trustees, businesses, contractors, factors, lessors, lessees, or otherwise, either alone or in conjunction with others and in any part of the world; and in addition to have and exercise all the rights, powers and privileges now or hereafter belonging to or conferred upon corporations organized under the provisions of the law authorizing the formation of such corporations.

Section 2: In furtherance and not in limitation of the general powers conferred by the State of Florida, and the objects and purposes set forth here, it is expressly provided that this corporation shall also have the following powers: to join or consolidate with, and enter into agreements and cooperative relations, not in contravention of law, with any person, firm, association or corporation in and about the carrying on of all or any part of the purposes of this organization; to enter into, make, perform, and carry out contracts of every sort and kind, not prohibited by law, with any person, firm, association or corporation,

private, public or municipal, or body politic; to issue bonds, debentures or other obligations of the organization, and to contract indebtness without limit as to amount for any of the objects and purposes of the organization, and to secure the same by mortgage or mortgages, deed or deeds of trust, or pledge or lien on any or all of the real and/or personal property of the organization subject only to the provisions of the laws of Florida.

Section 3: This corporation shall have all of the powers granted by law to non-profit corporations and to carry out any of the business, objects and purposes herein enumerated, either within or without the State of Florida. The recitation of the stated particular powers shall not be deemed to be an inclusive list of powers to be possessed by the corporation, but shall be deemed in addition to all other lawful powers not inconsistent with them and shall be conferred upon this corporation by the Statutes of Florida.

Section 4: Any power attempted to be conferred by the articles of incorporation, which is in conflict with a governing statute, is void.

<u>ARTICLE VII – AMENDING ARTICLES</u>

The corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change, or repeal any provision contained in this certificate of incorporation, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law, and all rights and powers conferred herein on directors and officers are subject to this reserved power.

ARTICLE VIII - OFFICERS/DIRECTORS

The initial officers/directors are:

- 1. President Jacquelyne Brown, 5872 Norwood Avenue, Jacksonville, FL 32208-5013
- 2. 1st Vice-President George Dixon, P.O. Box 62309, Jacksonville, FL 32208-2309
- 3. 2nd Vice-President Ronald N. Evans, P.O. Box 62309, Jacksonville, FL 32208-2309
- 4. Parliamentarian- Willie J. King Jr., P.O. Box 28655, Jacksonville, FL 32226-8655

ARTICLE IX - IDEMNIFICATION OF OFFICERS

The officers, directors, of this corporation shall be indemnified as outlined within the bylaws of this corporation.

ARTICLE X – ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The officers of this corporation shall be appointed for a term as outlined in the By-Laws of this corporation.

ARTICLE XI – DISSOLUTION

Upon dissolution of the corporation, any assets after paying or making provisions for the payment of the liabilities of the corporation shall be distributed to such organization or organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable, educational, religious, or scientific purposes which, at the time of such disposition, qualify as an exempt organization or organizations under section 501 (c)(3), section 170 (c)(2), and section 509 (a)(1) or (2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any future Internal Revenue Code by reason of such organization or organizations providing public purpose. A court of competent jurisdiction shall dispose of any assets not so disposed of exclusively for such charitable purposes, as said court shall determine.

ARTICLE XII – LIMITATION OF ACTIVITIES

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, any director or officer of the corporation or any other private individual (except that reasonable compensation may be paid for services rendered to or for the corporation effecting one or more of its purposes), and no officer or director of the corporation, or any other private individual, shall be entitled to share in the distribution of any of the corporate assets on dissolution of the corporation; provided however, the corporation may confer benefits in the form of distributions, in the dissolution or otherwise, upon any non-profit corporation described in Section 501 (c)(3) and Section 170 (c)(2) of the Code and specified in Article XI—Dissolution above. No substantial part of the activities of the corporation shall be the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate in or intervene in any political campaign (including the publication or distribution of statements) on behalf of any candidate for public office.

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ARTICLE XIII - EFFECTIVE DATE

JEUNETARY OF STATE TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned incorporator(s) have executed these Articles of Incorporation

this __1st __day of __March ____, 2004 .

I HEREBY AM FAMILIAR WITH AND ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND RESPONIBILITIES OF THE REGISTERED AGENT.

Jacquelyne Brown

INCORPORATOR/ REGISTERED AGENT

George Dixon

Ronald N. Evans

Willie King Jr.