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SUBJECT: Central Economic Development Center, Inc.
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation and a check for :

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☐ \$78.75
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& Certified Copy

☒ \$87.50
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ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Sherod Halliburton
Name (Printed or typed)

2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue East
Address

Bradenton, FL 34208
City, State & Zip

(941) 744-2362
Daytime Telephone number

NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

Article I – Corporation Name:

The name of the Corporation shall be **CENTRAL ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER, Inc.**

Article II – Principal Address:

The mailing address of the Corporation is 2002 Martin Luther King Jr Avenue, Bradenton, FL 34208.

Article III – Purpose for Organizing:

Said corporation is organized exclusively for charitable, religious, educational, and scientific purposes, including, for such purposes, the making of distributions to organizations that qualify as exempt organizations under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code. Specifically, the purpose of the Corporation is to combat community deterioration by assisting local residents develop and grow small businesses; by providing training and workshops; by developing an environment where businesses will want to locate within the community; and where community residents will have the resources needed to ensure an improved quality of life.

Article IV – Manner Of Election:

The initial Board of Directors will be appointed to facilitate the establishment of the Corporation. Hereafter, the composition of the board will be governed by the by-laws of the Corporation.

Article V – Identification of Directors:

Steve Lezman, President, _____
Stephen A. Thompson, Vice President, _____
Irene Ingram, Secretary/Treasurer, _____

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Article VI – Limitations:

- a. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to its members, trustees, 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 the purposes set forth in Article Third hereof.
- b. 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 (including the publishing or distribution of statements) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office.

- c. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (i) by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (ii) by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- d. Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, this corporation shall not, except to an insubstantial degree, engage in any activities or exercise any powers that are not in furtherance of the purposes of this corporation.

Article VII – Dissolution:

Upon the dissolution of the 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 the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction of the county in which the principal office of the corporation is then located, exclusively for such purposes or to such organization or organizations, as said Court shall determine, which are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

Article VIII - Registered Agent:

The **name and Florida Street Address** of the registered agent is:

Sherod Halliburton
2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Bradenton, FL 34208

Article IX - Incorporator:


The **name and address** of the Incorporator is:

Sherod Halliburton
2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Bradenton, FL 34208

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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.



Sherod Halliburton/ Registered Agent
2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Bradenton, FL 34208

6/12/2007

Date



Sherod Halliburton/Incorporator
2002 Martin Luther King Jr. Avenue
Bradenton, FL 34208

6/12/2007

Date