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ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

of

ELEVATE TAMPA BAY, INC.

SECRETARY OF STATE
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The undersigned incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation hereby subscribes these articles and causes them to be filed in the offices of the Florida Secretary of State to form a corporation (the "Corporation") not-for-profit under the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act and other laws of the State of Florida (*Florida Statutes* Chapter 617).

ARTICLE I

Name and Address

The name of the Corporation is **ELEVATE TAMPA BAY, INC.** The street address of the initial principal office is 13104 Leisurewood Place, #102, Tampa, Florida 33612. The mailing address is 13104 Leisurewood Place, #102, Tampa, Florida 33612. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the principal office or mailing address of the Corporation to any other address in the State of Florida.

ARTICLE II

Purposes

The purposes for which the Corporation is formed are exclusively charitable, scientific and educational within the meaning of Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law (the "Revenue Laws") and the purposes of the Corporation are limited exclusively to the charitable, scientific and educational purposes set forth below.

The primary purposes of this Corporation are to provide technology training, education and support to enable senior citizens, economically disadvantaged persons, youth, and micro-businesses to cross the digital divide and avail themselves of the advantages of access to electronic communications, the internet and other technological resources.

ARTICLE III

Powers

The Corporation shall have the power, either directly or indirectly, either alone or in conjunction or in cooperation with others, to do any and all lawful acts and things and to engage in any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, desirable, suitable or proper for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attainment of any or all of the purposes for which the Corporation is organized, and to aid or assist other organizations whose activities are such as to further accomplish, foster or attain any of such purposes. In carrying out its purposes, this Corporation shall have all of the powers and authorities granted by statute and law, including the power and authority to accept gifts, devises and other contributions for charitable and educational purposes, to hold and administer the funds and properties received and to expend, contribute and otherwise dispose of funds or properties for charitable purposes either

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directly or by contribution to other Section 501(c)(3) organizations organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. In particular, the Corporation is empowered to organize and operate educational programs offering technology training to senior citizens, youth, and economically disadvantaged members of the greater Tampa Bay community, to acquire and maintain the necessary software and hardware, and to engage volunteers and paid staff to provide training. Notwithstanding anything herein to the contrary, the Corporation shall exercise only such powers as are set forth in furtherance of the exempt purposes of organizations set forth in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and its regulations as the same now exist or as they may be hereafter amended from time to time.

ARTICLE IV **Board of Directors**

The affairs of the Corporation shall be managed by a Board of Directors, members of which shall be elected annually in accordance with the Bylaws. The number of Directors shall be fixed as set forth in the Bylaws of the Corporation but shall never be less than three (3). The names and addresses of the Board of Directors, consisting of those persons who shall serve until their successors are duly elected and qualified, shall be as follows:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Corkleigh E. White	3104 Leisurewood Place, #102 Tampa, Florida 33612
Ed Neugaard	11629 Carrollwood Drive Tampa, Florida 33618-3713
Ray J. Burrus	12401 N. 22nd St., Apt. F-406 Tampa, Florida 33612-3151
William R. Blount	7209 Hammett Rd. Tampa, Florida 33647

ARTICLE V **Officers**

The officers of the Corporation shall be a President, a Vice President, a Secretary and a Treasurer, and such other officers as may be provided by the Bylaws. Officers shall be elected annually by the Board of Directors at its annual meeting. The names of the persons who are to serve as officers of the Corporation until the first meeting of the Board of Directors are:

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<u>Name and Address</u>	<u>Title</u>
Corkleigh E. White 3104 Leisurewood Place, #102 Tampa, Florida 33612	President
Juan Francisco Romero 3104 Leisurewood Place, #205 Tampa, Florida 33612	Vice President
Ray J. Burris 12401 N. 22nd St., Apt. F-406 Tampa, Florida 33612-3151	Secretary
Ed Neugaard 11629 Carrollwood Drive Tampa, Florida 33618-3713	Treasurer

ARTICLE VI
Incorporator

The name of the incorporator is Vitauts M. Gulbis. The street address of the incorporator is Akerman Senterfitt, 401 E. Jackson Street, Suite 1700, Tampa, Florida 33602.

ARTICLE VII
Initial Registered Office and Agent

The street address of the initial registered office of this Corporation is **515 East Park Avenue, Tallahassee, Florida 32301** and the name of the initial registered agent at such address is **CorpDirect Agents, Inc.**

ARTICLE VIII
Bylaws

The Board of Directors of this Corporation shall provide such Bylaws for the conduct of its business and the carrying out of its purposes as they may deem necessary from time to time.

ARTICLE IX
Amendments

Amendments to these Articles of Incorporation shall be proposed by the officers of the Corporation and approved by the Board of Directors by a two-thirds (2/3) vote of a quorum present at a meeting duly called in accordance with the Bylaws of the Corporation.

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ARTICLE X
Limitations on Actions

All of the assets and earnings of the Corporation shall be used exclusively for the exempt purposes hereinabove set forth, including the payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, trustees, officers or any other private persons, except that the Corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make distributions and payments in furtherance of the purposes set forth in Article 3 hereof. No substantial part of the Corporation's activity shall be for the carrying on of a program of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Corporation shall not participate in or interfere with (including the publication or distribution of statements regarding) any political campaign on behalf of or in opposition to any candidate for public office. Notwithstanding any other provision of these Articles, the Corporation shall not carry on any activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from federal income taxation under Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws) or any organization, contributions to which are deductible under Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws). The Corporation shall have no capital stock, pay no dividends, distribute no part of its net income or assets to any members, Directors or officers.

In particular, but without limitation of the generality of the foregoing paragraph, during such time as the Corporation may be considered a private foundation as defined in Section 509(a) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws) it shall not:

- (i) fail to distribute its income for each taxable year at such time and in such manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by Section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);
- (ii) engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in Section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);
- (iii) retain any excess business holdings as defined in Section 4943(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws);
- (iv) make any investment in such manner as to subject it to tax under Section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws); or
- (v) make any taxable expenditures as defined in Section 4945(d) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or corresponding provisions of any subsequent Revenue Laws).

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ARTICLE XI
Dissolution

Upon dissolution of the Corporation, all of its assets remaining after payment of or provision for all liabilities of the Corporation, including costs and expenses of such dissolution, shall be utilized exclusively for the exempt purposes of the Corporation or distributed to an organization described in Section 501(c)(3) or 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or to the corresponding provisions of any future Revenue Law, as shall be selected by the last Board of Directors. None of the assets will be distributed to any member, officer or Director of this Corporation. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by the circuit court 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 XII
Term of Existence

The Corporation shall have perpetual existence.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator executed these Articles of Incorporation this 22nd day of April, 2008.



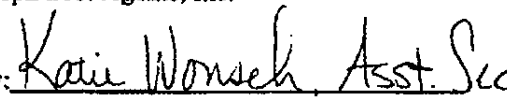
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ACCEPTANCE BY REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the within-named Corporation, at the place designated hereinabove, the undersigned hereby accepts the designation to act in this capacity, and agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of its duties and acknowledges that it is familiar with and accepts the obligations of its position as registered agent.

CorpDirect Agents, Inc.

Date: April 22, 2008

By: 

Registered Agent