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Department of State  
Division of Corporations  
P. O. Box 6327  
Tallahassee, FL 32314

**SUBJECT:** Coalition of Veteran-owned American Businesses (COVAB), 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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**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

May 14, 2008

DANA WALKER  
PO BOX 270037  
TAMPA, FL 33688-0037

SUBJECT: COALITION OF VETERAN-OWNED AMERICAN BUSINESSES  
(COVAB), INC.  
Ref. Number: W08000024185

We have received your document for COALITION OF VETERAN-OWNED AMERICAN BUSINESSES (COVAB), INC. and your check(s) totaling \$87.50. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

Entities may file using only the entity's name. Please delete any reference to the "doing business as name" in your document. If you wish to register your fictitious name, you may do so by filing an application and submitting the appropriate fees to this office.

Section 617.0202(d), Florida Statutes, requires the manner in which directors are elected or appointed be contained in the articles of incorporation or a statement that the method of election of directors is as stated in the bylaws.

The article numbers must be listed in sequence.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
COALITION OF VETERAN-OWNED AMERICAN BUSINESSES, INC.**

The undersigned incorporator to these articles of incorporation hereby forms a corporation not for profit (the "Corporation") under the laws of the State of Florida as follows:

**ARTICLE I**

**Name**

The name of the Corporation is: Coalition of Veteran-owned American Businesses, Inc.

**ARTICLE II**

**Principal Place of Business and Mailing Address**

The principal place of business address is: 5824 Montford Dr., Zephyrhills, FL 33541.  
The mailing address is P.O. Box 7202, Wesley Chapel, FL, 33545.

**ARTICLE III**

**Purpose**

The Corporation is organized and shall be operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes, including, but not limited to, promoting American veteran owned businesses through social and professional networking, assisting the veteran in business and providing a collective voice capable of representation, advisement and counsel. Coalition of Veteran-Owned American Businesses, Inc., will pool the resources of all American veteran owned entities in order to improve individual company recognition, increase market penetration and economic potential as well as provide a framework for referrals, alliances and partnerships.

The Corporation shall have all powers now or hereafter granted by law, and in addition thereto shall have all powers lawfully necessary or required to carry out its purposes and objects. All of the assets or earnings shall be used exclusively for the purposes hereinabove set out, including payment of expenses incidental thereto. No part of the net earnings shall inure to the benefit of any individual, and no part of its activities shall be for the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

**ARTICLE IV**

**Members**

The qualifications of members and the manner of admission of members shall be as specified in the bylaws of the Corporation. The qualifications of directors and the manner of admission of directors shall be as specified in the bylaws of the Corporation

**ARTICLE V**

**Officers**

The Corporation shall have three (3) officers initially. The number of officers may be increased or decreased from time to time and their election and appointment shall be as specified in the bylaws of the Corporation, provided that the Corporation shall always have at least three officers. The name and address of each initial officer of the Corporation who shall serve until his successor is duly elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dana Walker, President	5824 Montford Dr. Zephyrhills, FL 33541
Jeff Nance, Secretary	1123 Fennel Green Dr. Seffner, FL 33584
Debbie Helms-Haglund, Treasurer	3009 Hwy. 78 N. Mt. Horeb, WI 53572
Darrin Gurnicz	219 Farmwood Ln. LaPorte, IN 46350

#### **ARTICLE VI**

##### **Initial Registered Office and Agent**

The street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation is 2202 Twinwood Trace, Sanford, FL 32771 and the name of its initial registered agent at such address is Allison Gomez.

#### **ARTICLE VII**

##### **Incorporator**

The name and address of the incorporator signing these articles of incorporation are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Dana Walker	5824 Montford Dr. Zephyrhills, FL 33541

#### **ARTICLE VIII**

##### **Commencement of Existence**

The date when corporate existence shall commence shall be the date of the filing of these articles of incorporation by the office of the Florida Department of State and the Corporation shall have perpetual existence thereafter.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

##### **Bylaws**

The power to adopt, alter, amend, or repeal bylaws shall be vested in the board of directors of the Corporation.

**ARTICLE X**  
**Amendment**


These articles of incorporation may be amended in the manner provided by law.

**ARTICLE XI**  
**Dissolution**


Upon a dissolution of the Corporation, the residual assets of the Corporation will be turned over to one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as organizations described in Sections 501(c)(3) and 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or corresponding sections of any prior or future law, or to the federal, state, or local government for exclusive public purpose.

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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.*

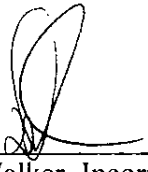
  
Signature/Registered Agent

9 June 2008  
Date

  
Signature/Incorporator

9 JUNE 2008  
Date

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these articles of incorporation this 9<sup>TH</sup> day of JUNE 2008.

  
Dana Walker, Incorporator

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