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SUBJECT: The Sout	heast Region Community Ed		
	(PROPOSED CORPORAT	E NAME – <u>MUST INCLU</u>	DE SUFFIX)
Enclosed is an original	and one (1) copy of the Artic	les of Incorporation and	a check for :
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·	1657 West 7th Street	dress	

Jacksonville, Florida 32209

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'Articles of Incorporation

Of

The Southeast Region Community Economic Development Association Incarrage OF STATE

We, the undersigned, hereby associate ourselves together for the purpose of becoming an Association, not for profit under chapter 617, laws of the State of Florida, providing for the formation, liability, rights, privileges and immunities of a corporation not for profit.

Article I: Name

The name of the Association is The Southeast Region Community Economic Development Association, Inc.

Article II: Principal Office

The street address of the principal office is 1344 North Davis Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209, but the Association may maintain offices and transact business in such places, within or without the State of Florida, as may from time to time be designated by the Board of Directors. The Mailing address of The Southeast Region Community Economic Development Association, Inc. is 1657 West 7th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

Article III: Duration

This Corporation shall exist perpetually. The date on which the Association existence shall begin is the date on which these Article of Incorporation are filed with the Secretary of the State of Florida.

Article IV: Purpose

The purpose for which this Association is formed is exclusively charitable, educational, and methodical which consist of the following:

- A. To raise the economic, educational and social levels of the residents of moderate, low-, and very low-income distressed communities of the Southeast Region. This includes significantly unemployed, underemployed, or residents whose income is below federal poverty guidelines. Also, to foster and promote community wide interest and concerns for the problems of said residents such as: (a) educating and training of the people within the community; (b) providing economic opportunities that can be expanded by reducing poverty, crime, and environmental issues; and (c) eliminating economical exclusion and access to resources.
- B. To expand the opportunities to said residents, groups and organizations to own, manage, and operate business enterprises in economically depressed areas; to assist said residents, groups and organizations in developing entrepreneurial and management skills, necessary for the successful operation of business enterprises; and to assist said residents, groups and organizations in obtaining financial support from available resources.
- C. To expand opportunities to said residents, groups and organizations to obtain adequate low cost housing accommodations by constructing, rehabilitating, and providing decent, safe and sanitary housing in distressed communities in the Southeast Region for persons and families of moderate, low-, and very low-income who otherwise would not be able to find or afford a suitable place to live. It is the purpose of the Association to empower the poor, distressed, underprivileged, disabled and indigent by enabling them to secure the basic human needs of decent shelter and thus lessen the burdens of government and promote self-sufficiency. To provide such housing through rehabilitation of existing substandard buildings and construction of new facilities in the place of blighted structures or blighted vacant sites for the purpose of combating the deterioration of the community and contributing to its physical improvement.
- D. To aid, support, and assist by contributions, or otherwise, other corporations, philanthropic foundation funds and foundations organized and operated exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. No part of the net earnings of which inures to the benefit of any private shareholder or individual, and no substantial part of the activities of which is carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation.

- E. To do any and all lawful activities which may be necessary, useful, or desirable for the furtherance, accomplishment, fostering or attaining of the foregoing purpose, either directly or indirectly, and either alone or in conjunction or cooperation with others, whether such others be persons or organizations of any kind or nature, such as corporations, firms, association, trust, institutions, foundations, or governmental bureaus, departments or agencies.
- F. All of the foregoing purposes shall be exercised exclusively charitable and educational in such a manner that the Association will qualify as an exempt organization under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue law.
- G. ASSOCIATION PURPOSES: Notwithstanding any other provisions of these articles, this organization shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by an organization exempt from Federal and state income tax under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 or the corresponding provisions of any future United States Revenue law.

Article V: Limitation of Activities

- A. EXCLUSIVITY: The Association is organized exclusively for charitable and educational purposes.
- B. NO PRIVATE INUREMENT: The Association is not organized nor shall it be operated for the primary purpose of generating pecuniary gain or profit. The Association shall not distribute any gains, profits or dividends to the Directors, Officers, or Members thereof, or to any individual, except as reasonable composition for services actually performed in carrying out the Association's charitable and educational purposes. The property, assets profits and net income of the Association are irrevocably dedicated to charitable and educational purposes no part of which shall inure the benefit of any individual.
- C. LOBBYING AND POLITICAL CAMPAIGNS: No substantial part of the activities of the Association shall consist of the carrying on of propaganda or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the Association shall not participate in, or intervene in, any political campaign on behalf of any candidate for public office.
- D. DISSOLUTION: The Association may be dissolved with the assent given in writing and signed by not less that one-hundred percent (100%) of the directors. Upon winding up and dissolution of the Association, the assets of the Association remaining after payment of all debts and liabilities shall be distributed to an organization recognized as exempt under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to be used exclusively for charitable and educational purposes. If the Association holds any assets in trust, such assets shall be disposed of in such a manner as directed by decree of the Circuit Court of the district in which the Association's principle office is located, upon petition thereof by the Attorney General or by any person concerned in the liquidation.
- E. "PRIVATE FOUNDATION" PROVISIONS: In the event this Association is considered to be a "Private Foundation" by the U.S. Internal Revenue Service under provisions of the United States Code the following provisions apply:
- I.) The Association will distribute its income for each tax year at a time and in a manner as not to become subject to the tax on undistributed income imposed by section 4942 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- II.) The Association will not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in section 4941(d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code.
- III.) The Association will not retain any excess business holdings as defined in section 4943 (c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.
- IV.) The Association will not make any investments in a manner as to subject it to tax under section 4944 of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

V.) The Association will not make any taxable expenditure as defined in section 4945 (d) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future tax code.

Article VI: Election/Appointment of Directors

A. <u>Number</u>: The Association shall have (3) directors initially. The affairs of this Association shall be managed by a Board of Directors. The Association shall be not less then three (3); provided however that the Board of Directors may, from to time, increase or decrease the number of Directors, so long as the number of directors do not exceed eleven (11). The method of election of directors shall be stated in the Association by-laws.

B. <u>Initial Board of Directors</u>: The names and the addresses of the initial directors who shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the members is as follows:

First name

Glorious J. Johnson 1657 West 7th Street Jacksonville, FL 32209

Second name

James D. Alford, III 2046 College Circle, South Jacksonville, FL 32209

Third name

Maggie F. Alford 2046 College Circle, South Jacksonville, FL 32209

Article VII: Bylaws

The initial bylaws of this Corporation shall be adopted by the directors. Bylaws shall be adopted, altered, amended or repealed from time to time by either members of the board of directors.

Article VIII: Amendments

The Association reserves the right to amend or repeal any of the provisions contained in these Article of Incorporation or any amendments hereto. Written notice setting forth the proposed amendment or a summary of the change to be effected by the amendment must be given to each director between 15 and 30 days before the decision on the amendment. Such amendment shall require a one-hundred percent assent vote of all directors.

Article IX: Initial Registered Agent Name and Address

The name of the initial registered Agent of this Association is Glorious J. Johnson, and the street address of the initial registered Agent is 1657 West 7th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209.

Article X: Incorporators

The name and address of the incorporators are:

First name - Glorious J. Johnson, 1657 West 7th Street Jacksonville, Fl. 32209 Second name - James D. Alford, III 2046 College Circle, South Jacksonville, FL 32209 Third name - Maggie F. Alford 2046 College Circle, South Jacksonville, FL 32209

	IN WITNESS WHEREOF, We, the Incorporations, have made, signed and hereby acknowledge these				
	articles of Incorporation as of this 23 day of				
	Hamil Whoma Kines Dalford IF				
/	Glorious J. James D. Alford, III, Incorporator				
	In the state of th				
	Maggie F. Alford, Incorporator				
	STATE OF FLORIDA] COUNTY OF DUVAL				
	I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day, before me, an officer duty authorized in Duval County, Florida to take acknowledgments, personally appeared Glorious J. Johnson, James D. Alford, III, Maggie F. Alford, who has produced a Florida driver license as identification and who did not take an oath.				
	WITNESS my hand and official seal in the County and State last aforesaid this 23 day of 2010.				
/	ANTOINETTE JONES				
	NOTART PUBLIC STATE OF FLORIDA Commission # DD 870833 Expires March 16, 2013 Bonded Tru Trey Pain Insurance 800-385-7019				
	Print Name: Andorse Dres				
	My Commission Expire: Mach 16, 2013				
	CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF PLACE OF BUSINESS				
	OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA				
	NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.				
	In compliance with Section 48.091, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted:				
	The Southeast Region Community Economic Development Association, Inc. desiring to organize or qualify				
	under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business in the City of Jacksonville, County of Duval, State of Florida, has name Glorious J. Johnson, 1657 West 7th Street, Jacksonville, Florida 32209, as its agent				
	of accept/service of process within Elorida.				
	Agricus fr frame				
	(glariaus J. Johnson				
	(Print name)				
	Director				
	(Date) 1/23/2010				
	Having been named to accept service of process for the above stated corporation, at the place designated in the certificate. I agree to act in this capacity and I further agree to comply with the provision of all statutes relative to				
	the proper and complete performance of my duties.				
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	(Print name)				
	(Date) 1/83/2010				