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May 20, 2013

#### Via Hand Delivery

Department of State Division of Corporations Clifton Building Executive Center Circle Tallahassee, Florida 32301

Re: The Southern Project, Inc.

Enclosed please find an original and one (1) copy of the Articles of Incorporation for The Southern Project, Inc., as well as, a check for \$87.50 for the Filing Fee, Certified Copy, and Certificate. Please send all documents and future notifications to the following:

Loranne Ausley
The Southern Project, Inc.
118 North Gadsden Street
Tallahassee, Florida 32301
(850) 459-1469
loranne@projectnewamerica.com

Should you have any questions concerning the enclosed, please feel free to contact me.

Respectfully,

Kevin A. Forsthoefel

Enclosure



May 21, 2013

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SUBJECT: THE SOUTHERN PROJECT, INC.

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#### ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE SOUTHERN PROJECT, INC.

Pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the undersigned Incorporator hereby files these Articles of Incorporation to form a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida.

#### ARTICLE I Name

The name of the corporation is THE SOUTHERN PROJECT, INC.

## ARTICLE II Purpose

The corporation shall be a corporation not-for-profit pursuant to Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The purpose of the corporation is to further the common good and general welfare of the American people by engaging in research, education and advocacy in efforts to promote responsible and efficient government and to encourage citizen participation in the shaping of laws and regulations. The corporation may engage only in activities that may be carried on by a corporation exempt from Federal income taxes under Section 501(c)(4) of the Internal Revenue Code or any section of any statute adopted in succession thereof. No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of any member, except that the corporation may pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and may make payments or distributions in furtherance of the purposes set forth herein.

## ARTICLE III Members

This corporation shall have no members.

ARTICLE IV Directors

The initial Directors of the corporation are:

Burns Strider 1901 N. Fort Myer Drive Arlington, VA 22209

Scott Arceneaux 4026 Corrientes Court East Jacksonville, FL 32217 TI3 JUN -6 PM 1: 49
SECULTARY OF STATE

Loranne Ausley 826 Washington Street Tallahassee, FL 32302

Additional Directors of the corporation shall be elected as set forth in the corporation's by-laws and shall serve until their successors are elected. Until by-laws have been adopted, additional directors shall be elected as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any statute adopted in succession thereof.

## ARTICLE V Amendments to Articles

These articles may be amended as set forth in the by-laws of the corporation. Until by-laws have been adopted, these articles may be amended as provided in Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, or any statute adopted in succession thereof.

#### ARTICLE VI Principal Office

The principal office and mailing address of the corporation is The Perkins House at 118 North Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

## ARTICLE VII Incorporator

The name and street address of the Incorporator of this Corporation are as follows:

Loranne Ausley 826 Washington Street Tallahassee, FL 32302

## ARTICLE VIII Address of Registered Office and Registered Agent

The street address of the initial Registered Office of this Corporation in the State of Florida shall be 118 North Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301. The name of the initial Registered Agent of the Corporation at the above address shall be Loranne Ausley. The Board of Directors may from time to time change the Registered Office to any other address in the State of Florida or change the Registered Agent.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned, being the original subscribing Incorporator to the foregoing Articles of Incorporation, has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 20 day of May, 2013.

Loranne Ausley, Incorporator

#### STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF LEON

I HEREBY CERTIFY that on this day personally appeared before me, the undersigned authority, Loranne Ausley, who is personally known to me and who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged before me that the executed the same freely and voluntarily for the uses and purposes therein set forth and expressed.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and official seal on this day of May, 2013.

Vojary Public

State of Florida at Large My Commission Expires:

JUDY L MICKEE

MY COMMISSION # EE 176306

EXPIRES: June 16, 2016

Bonded Thru Notary Public Underwriters

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### CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING REGISTERED AGENT AND REGISTERED OFFICE

In compliance with Florida Statutes Section 617.0501 and 48.091, the following is submitted:

The Southern Project Inc., desiring to organize as a corporation not-for-profit under the laws of the State of Florida, has designated 118 North Gadsden Street, Tallahassee, Florida 32301 as its initial Registered Office and has named Loranne Ausley, located at said address as its initial Registered Agent.

Loranne Ausley, Incorporator

Date:  $\frac{5/20/13}{}$ 

Having been named registered agent and to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, the undersigned hereby accepts said appointment and agrees to act in this capacity. The undersigned further agrees to comply with the provisions of all statutes relating to the proper and complete performance of his duties and is familiar with and accepts the obligations of his position as registered agent.

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Date: 5/20/13

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