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#### **COVER LETTER**

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

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# **Articles of Incorporation**

Of

# **Best Chance Employment Services, Inc.**

I, the undersigned incorporator, hereby make, subscribe, acknowledge and file with the Secretary of State of Florida these Articles of Incorporation for the purpose of forming a corporation not for profit in accordance with the laws of the State of Florida.

#### **ARTICLE I**

#### <u>Name</u>

The name of the corporation shall be: Best Chance Employment Services, Inc.

#### **ARTICLE II**

#### **Principle Address**

The address of the principle place of business shall be:

9835 Delaware Street Bonita Springs, Florida 34135

The mailing address of this corporation shall be:

P.O. Box 367506 Bonita Springs, FL 34136

#### **ARTICLE III**

#### **Purposes**

Best Chance Employment Services, Inc., is a non-profit corporation and shall operate exclusively for educational and charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future Federal tax code. Best Chance Employment Services, Inc.'s purpose is to provide unemployed persons with a disability, or other support needs, the education, skills and assistance to gain successful employment outcomes.

The aforementioned will be accomplished through any combination of the following: one-on-one mentoring, classroom instruction, skills assessment, individualized skills training, job coaching, on the job training and other methods that prove beneficial to successful employment outcome.

To maximize our impact on current efforts, we may seek to collaborate with other non-profit organizations which fall under the 501(c) (3) section of the internal revenue code and are operated exclusively for educational and charitable purposes.

At times, per the discretion of the board of directors, we may provide internships or volunteer opportunities which will provide opportunities for involvement in said activities and programs in order to have a greater impact for change.

#### **ARTICLE IV**

#### **Non-Profit Nature**

Best Chance Employment Services, Inc., is organized exclusively for charitable and educational 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 corresponding section of any future federal tax code. No part of the net earnings of Best Chance Employment Services, Inc., 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 the purpose clause hereof.

Notwithstanding any other provision of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on

- (a) by any organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code, corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or
- (b) by any organization, contributions to which are deductible under section 170
   (2) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code.

Best Chance Employment Services, Inc., is not organized and shall not be operated for the private gain of any person. The property of the corporation is irrevocably dedicated to its educational and charitable purposes. No part of the assets, receipts, or net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to any individual. The corporation may, however, pay reasonable compensation for services rendered, and make other payments and distributions consistent with these Articles.

Best Chance Employment Services will have the option to hire employees. Employees may be hired for clerical, bookkeeping, job placement specialist and other positions as the organization finds need

#### **ARTICLE V**

#### **Manner of Election**

The Initial Board of Directors has been appointed by the Incorporator listed in Article IX.

Subsequent Directors will be elected or appointed by the Initial Directors listed in Article VI.

#### **ARTICLE VI**

#### **Initial Directors/Officers**

The names and addresses of the members of the Initial Board of Directors, who, subject to these Articles, the bylaws of this corporation and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold

office for the first year of this corporation's existence, and until their successors have been duly elected or appointed are:

Patricia A. Hillegass (P,S) 9835 Delaware Street Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Freddy B. Partin (VP, T) 9835 Delaware Street Bonita Springs, FL 34135

Vicki Lyn Davis 18566 Tulip Road Fort Myers, FL 33967

#### **ARTICLE VII**

#### **Term of Existence**

The term for which this corporation is to exist shall be perpetual.

## **ARTICLE VIII**

#### **Initial Registered Agent**

The Initial Registered Agent of this corporation shall be Freddy B. Partin, and the initial registered office of this corporation shall be 9835 Delaware Street, Bonita Spring, FL 34135.

#### **ARTICLE IX**

## **Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is:

Patricia A. Hillegass

## 9835 Delaware Street Bonita Springs, FL 34135

#### **ARTICLE X**

#### **Bylaws**

The Bylaws of this corporation may be made, altered, amended or repealed and new By-Laws may be adopted by majority vote of the Directors.

# **Acceptance of Service as Registered Agent**

Having been named as registered agent to accept services 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

Date

Signature/Incorporator

Date