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Dear Ms. Golden:

Thank you for re-faxing us your letter of March 17, 2016, Letter number 316A.00004337, a copy of which is enclosed. The request has been made to your e-filing support department update our account with the correct fax number. This letter seeks to provide further explanation to the response to the requests made in your correspondence.

1. As requested, a new cover sheet with the Articles of Incorporation is enclosed. These documents contain an execution by the incorporator which apparently had not been contained in the documents previously received. Also enclosed is a Statement of Acceptance of Registered Agent which accepts the appointment as the Registered Agent.
2. The new cover sheet contains a handwritten addition to the electronically generated document. Apparently the corporate name was too long to fit the text provided in the electronically generated document and a portion of the name was omitted. This omission is corrected by the handwritten information added to the name indicated in the cover sheet.
3. As also requested the prior filing cover sheet is marked Abandoned and is attached to be subject to this filing.
4. The indication in your March 17, 2016 correspondence that the name is unavailable was the result of the mistaken use of the Department's electronic generation of Articles under Document #W16000014960. When this was discovered, I spoke with someone in the Department and advised that such filing should be abandoned and that the proper Articles would be filed by Facsimile. Attached is a letter confirming this verbal directive to not file / Abandon the filing of Document # W16000014960). The availability of the name should thus no longer be an issue.

Please confirm that all requirements for the filing have been satisfied.

Yours truly,



V. James Dickson

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
GREATER ST. PETERSBURG AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION
(Corporation Not for Profit)**

In order to form a corporation under and in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, I hereby make, adopt and subscribe the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE 1
NAME AND ADDRESS OF CORPORATION**

The name of the corporation shall be:

GREATER ST. PETERSBURG AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION

The principal address and the mailing address of the corporation shall be:

100 Second Avenue North, Suite 150, St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

**ARTICLE 2
PURPOSES**

The corporation is organized on a not for profit basis as a corporation exempt from federal income tax under Section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code"), in order to advance and support the recruitment, formation, expansion and retention of quality jobs and competitive businesses that will foster and maintain a diversified, year-round, and sustainable economy for St. Petersburg and other cities and communities within Pinellas County and the surrounding area.

No part of the net earnings of the corporation shall inure to the benefit of or be distributable to its members, directors, 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 other provisions of this document, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on (a) by an organization exempt from federal income tax under section 501(c), of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or (b) by an organization, contributions to which are deductible under the applicable provisions of the Internal Revenue Code, or any future federal tax code.

**ARTICLE 3
MEMBERSHIP**

The qualification for members, if any, and the manner of their admission shall be as stated in the Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 4
BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

An Initial Board of Directors consisting of not less than three (3) persons shall oversee the affairs of the corporation. The Board of Directors of the corporation shall be elected or appointed as stated in the Bylaws.

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**ARTICLE 5
CORPORATE EXISTENCE**

The existence of this corporation shall be perpetual, unless dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE 6
BYLAWS**

The first Board of Directors of the corporation shall adopt Bylaws consistent with these Articles of Incorporation. Thereafter, the Bylaws may be altered, amended or rescinded by the Directors in the manner provided by such Bylaws.

**ARTICLE 7
REGISTERED OFFICE**

The street address of the initial registered office of the corporation is:

100 Second Avenue North, Suite 150
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

The initial registered agent of this corporation at that address is:

Chris Steinocher

**ARTICLE 8
INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is as follows:

V. James Dickson
Adams and Reese LLP
150 Second Avenue North
Suite 1700
St. Petersburg, Florida 33701

**ARTICLE 9
COMMITTEES**

The corporation may establish such committees as may be necessary to efficiently carry out the general purposes and activities of the corporation.

**ARTICLE 10
DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION**

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c) of the Internal Revenue Code, or corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not 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 11
AMENDMENT**

This corporation reserves the right to amend, alter, change or repeal any provisions contained in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendment hereto, in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by law.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 26 day of February, 2015.

s/ V. James Dickson
V. James Dickson
Incorporator

STATEMENT OF ACCEPTANCE OF REGISTERED OFFICE OR REGISTERED AGENT OR BOTH FOR CORPORATIONS

Pursuant to the provisions of sections 607.0502, 617.0502, 607.1508, or 617.1508, Florida Statutes, this statement of acceptance is submitted for a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Florida in order to confirm acceptance by change its registered office or registered agent, or both, in the State of Florida.

- 1. The name of the corporation: **GREATER ST. PETERSBURG AREA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION.**
- 2. The principal office address: **100 SECOND AVE N., SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33701**
- 3. The mailing address (if different): **Same**
- 4. Date of incorporation/qualification: **March 2, 2016** Document number: **W16000015502**
- 5. The name and street address of the current registered agent and registered office on file with the Florida Department of State: (If resigned, enter resigned).

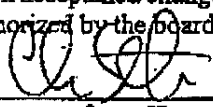
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100 SECOND AVE N.
SAINT PETERSBURG, FL 33701**

- 6. The name and street address of the new registered agent (if changed) and /or registered office (if changed): (P.O. Box NOT acceptable)

There is no change to the Registered Agent specified in the Articles of Incorporation. This document simply confirms acceptance by Resident Agent of such obligations.

The street address of its registered office and the street address of the business office of its registered agent, as changed will be identical.

Such acceptance/change was authorized by resolution duly adopted by its board of directors or by an officer so authorized by the board, or the corporation has been notified in writing of the change.

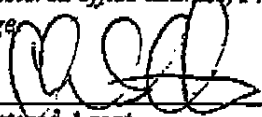


Signature of an officer or director

Chris Steinocher

Printed or typed name and title

I hereby accept the appointment as registered agent and agree to act in this capacity. I further agree to comply with the provisions of all statutes relative to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligation of my position as registered agent. Or, if this document is being filed merely to reflect a change in the registered office address, I hereby confirm that the corporation has been notified in writing of this acceptance/change.



Signature of Registered Agent

03/18/2016

Date

If signing on behalf of an entity:
Typed or Printed Name
NA

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