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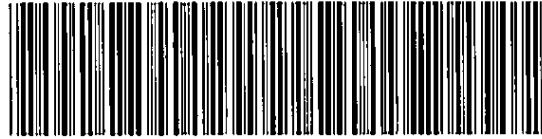
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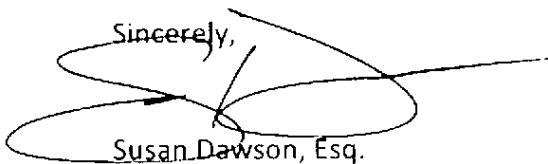
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Re: Filing for Florida Non Profit

Please except this filing for the **Big Bend Manufacturers Association, Inc.**, to be a Florida nonprofit corporation. Please find enclosed a check for \$87.50 made payable to the Department of State. Please contact me at 850-219-1068, if you have any questions regarding this filing.

Thank you.

Sincerely,



Susan Dawson, Esq.

**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION OF THE
BIG BEND MANUFACTURERS ASSOCIATION, INC.**

ARTICLE I

Name

The name of this corporation shall be the **Big Bend Manufacturers Association, Inc.** (hereinafter the "Corporation").

ARTICLE II

PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The street address of the principal office and the mailing address of the Corporation shall be 315 South Calhoun Street, Suite 110, Tallahassee, Florida 32301.

ARTICLE III

PURPOSES

The purpose of the Corporation is to generally promote the business interests of the manufacturing industry as a business league as provided in section 501(c)(6), Internal Revenue Code, and the applicable Rules and Regulations thereunder, together with all other activities permitted by Chapter 617, Florida Statutes, the Florida Not-for-Profit Corporation Act, which further the Corporation's exempt purposes, including, but not limited to, uniting individuals and any others engaged in the manufacturing industry within the Big Bend area of North Florida to promote, advance and protect the mutual interests of the Corporation's members and the industry at large, to provide a forum for sharing of solutions and knowledge gained by its members in the Big Bend area of North Florida, to promote manufacturing interests and careers to schools, the public and otherwise, and in general to promote and advance the image and identity of the manufacturing industry in North Florida.

The Corporation is a not-for-profit corporation under Chapter 617, Florida Statutes. The Corporation is not formed for profit. No part of the earnings of this Corporation shall inure to the benefit of, or be distributable to, its members, directors, officers, or other private persons, except that this 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 these Articles, under law, and under section 501(c)(6), Internal Revenue Code. No member of the Corporation shall have any vested right, interest or privilege in or to the assets, income or property of the Corporation, and no part of the income or assets of the Corporation shall be distributable to or for the benefit of its members, except to the extent permissible under these Articles, under law and under section 501(c)(6), Internal Revenue Code.

The Corporation shall not engage in any activities or exercise any powers, whether express or implied, unrelated to the Corporation's exempt purposes, so as to disqualify the Corporation from exemption from federal income tax under section 501(a) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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ARTICLE IV
MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The manner in which the Directors of the Corporation are and will be elected or appointed will be as set forth in the By-laws of the Corporation, as amended from time to time.

ARTICLE V
INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS

The name and street address of the registered agent of the Corporation is Susan Dawson, Blueprint Attorney, 315 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 450, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

ARTICLE VI
DISSOLUTION

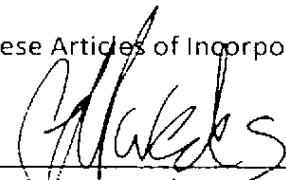
Upon the dissolution of the corporation, assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes within the meaning of section 501(c)(6) of the Internal Revenue Code, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such assets not so disposed of shall be disposed of by a Court of Competent Jurisdiction 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 VII
NAME AND STREET ADDRESS OF THE INCORPORATOR

The name and street address of the incorporator for these Articles of Incorporation is Cristina Paredes, Director, Office of Economic Vitality, 315 S. Calhoun Street, Suite 110, Tallahassee, Florida, 32301.

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation on ____ day of ____ 2020.

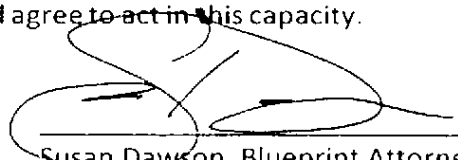
Dated: 10/15/20


Cristina Paredes, Director OEV

CERTIFICATE OF ACCEPTANCE AS REGISTERED AGENT

Having been named as the Registered Agent to accept service of process for the above-stated Corporation at the place designated in these Articles of Incorporation, I am familiar with and accept the obligations of Registered Agent and agree to act in this capacity.

Dated: 10/15/2020


Susan Dawson, Blueprint Attorney