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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

Department of State
Division of Corporations
P. O. Box 6327
Tallahassee, FL 32314

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SUBJECT: Northwest Florida Economic Development Coalition, Inc.
(Proposed corporate name must include suffix)

Enclosed is an original and one(1) copy of the articles of incorporation and a check for

☐ \$70.00
Filing Fee

☒ \$78.75
Filing Fee
& Certificate

☐ \$122.50
Filing Fee
& Certified Copy

☐ \$131.25
Filing Fee
Certified Copy
& Certificate

FROM: WILLIAMS, JR.
(Name Printed or Typed)

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FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE

Sandra B. Mortham
Secretary of State

June 4, 1996

O. L. ELLIS, JR.
P. O. BOX 457
CHIPLEY, FL 32428

SUBJECT NORTHWEST FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION,
INC.

Ref. Number: W96000011815

We have received your document for NORTHWEST FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION, INC. and check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned to you for the following reason(s):

The document must contain written acceptance by the registered agent, (i.e. "I hereby am familiar with and accept the duties and responsibilities as registered agent for said corporation"); and the registered agent's signature.

Please return your document, along with a copy of this letter, within 60 days or your filing will be considered abandoned.

If you have any questions concerning the filing of your document, please call (904) 487-6925.

Brenda Baker
Corporate Specialist

Letter Number: 496A00027917

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

OF

**NORTHWEST FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION, INC.
A Non-Profit Corporation**

**ARTICLE I
NAME**

The name of the corporation is the "Northwest Florida Economic Development Coalition, Inc."

**ARTICLE II
ADDRESS**

The initial office of the corporation is 685 7th Street, Chipley, FL 32428. The initial mailing address for the corporation is c/o Washington County Chamber of Commerce, P.O. Box 457, Chipley, FL 32428.

**ARTICLE III
PURPOSE**

The purposes for which the corporation is established are:

- 1 To coordinate efforts and activities of member organizations to enhance the economic development of the Northwest Florida area.
- 2 To encourage and coordinate cooperative efforts among members in such areas as marketing, research and regional database development.
- 3 To engage in such other activities which would assist the individual members of the organization in the accomplishment of their respective goals.

**ARTICLE IV
DIRECTORS**

The affairs of the corporation will be administered by a Board of Directors which shall be selected in the manner set forth in the Bylaws

**ARTICLE V
POWERS**

Powers of the Corporation shall be as outlined in Florida Statutes

**ARTICLE VI
REGISTERED OFFICE/AGENT**

The initial office of the corporation shall be located at 685 7th Street, Chipley FL 32428. The initial registered agent of the corporation shall be O L Ellis, Jr. whose address is 1297 Fairway Drive, Chipley, FL 32428.

**ARTICLE VII
MEMBERSHIP AND INCORPORATORS**

A. MEMBERSHIP - The following organizations shall be members of the corporation and shall be represented by three (3) persons from each organization as set forth in the Bylaws:

Economic Development Council of Okaloosa County
P O Box 4097
Ft. Walton Beach, FL 32549-4097

Pensacola Area Chamber of Commerce/Committee of 100
Economic Development Division
P O Box 550
Pensacola, FL 32493-0550

Santa Rosa County Council for Economic Activity
5988 Hwy 90 - Suite 4231
Milton, FL 32538

Walton County Economic Development Council
95 Circle Drive
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

Bay County Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council
235 W 5th Street
Panama City, FL 32401

Washington County Chamber of Commerce/Economic Development Council
P O Box 457
Chipley, FL 32428

Holmes County Development Commission
201 N. Oklahoma Street
Bonifay, FL 32425

Other organizations having the same basic goals as the initial member organizations may petition for membership by submission of a letter requesting membership and upon an unanimous vote of the current member organizations

B. INCORPORATORS - The names and the street addresses of the incorporators for these Articles of Incorporation are:

David Goelsch
1170 Martin Luther King Blvd. - Bldg. 7
Fort Walton Beach, FL 32547

Bill Greenhut
117 W. Garden Street
Pensacola, FL 32501

Jim Hill
5988 Hwy 90 - Suite 4231
Milton, FL 32538

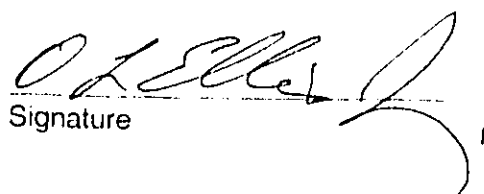
Albert Paris
95 Circle Drive
DeFuniak Springs, FL 32433

Jerry Smithwick
235 W. 5th Street
Panama City, FL 32401

O.L. Ellis, Jr.
685 7th Street
Chipley, FL 32428

C.C. Galloway
201 N. Oklahoma Street
Bonifay, FL 32425

The undersigned incorporator has executed these Articles of Incorporation this
21 day of May, 1996.


Signature

O.L. Ellis, Jr.
Printed Name

**CERTIFICATE OF DESIGNATION OF
REGISTERED AGENT/REGISTERED OFFICE**

PURSUANT TO THE PROVISIONS OF SECTION 617.0501, FLORIDA STATUTES, THE UNDERSIGNED CORPORATION, ORGANIZED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF FLORIDA, SUBMITS THE FOLLOWING STATEMENT IN DESIGNATING THE REGISTERED OFFICE/REGISTERED AGENT, IN THE STATE OF FLORIDA.

1. The name of the corporation is.

NORTHWEST FLORIDA ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COALITION, INC.
(must include suffix)

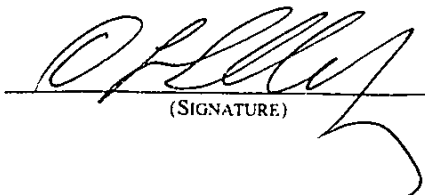
2. The name and address of the registered agent and office is.

O.L. ELLIS, JR.
(NAME)

1297 FAIRWAY DRIVE
(P O Box or Mail Drop Box **NOT** ACCEPTABLE)

CHIPLEY, FL 32428
(CITY/STATE/Zip)

Having been named as registered agent and to accept service of process for the above stated corporation at the place designated in this certificate, 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 relating to the proper and complete performance of my duties, and I am familiar with and accept the obligations of my position as registered agent.


(SIGNATURE)

June 4, 1996
(DATE)