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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

**FOR**

The undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation pursuant to chapter 617, Florida Statutes, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

**ARTICLE I NAME**

The name of the corporation shall be:

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER INC.

**ARTICLE II PRINCIPAL PLACE OF BUSINESS AND MAILING ADDRESS**

The principal place of business and the mailing address of this corporation shall be:

6700 West Flagler St.  
Miami, Fl. 33144

**ARTICLE III PURPOSE(S)**

The specific purpose(s) for which the corporation is organized is (are):

Provide assistance and guidance in the commercial facade rehabilitation program to help businesses that serve the low and moderate income resident of the target area.

**ARTICLE IV MANNER OF ELECTION OF DIRECTORS**

The manner in which the directors are elected or appointed is as follows:

By election for (1) year for the board of Directors

Prepared by: Andres Manso  
1998 N.W. 6th St.  
Miami, Fl 33125  
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In accordance with our goals and our work plans, we are programming a series of community activities, to be performed simultaneously with the activities of the institution.

It is our aspiration to contribute not only to the economic development of the area, but to participate in programs, campaigns, conferences and seminars that will be aimed towards improving the quality of life in a peaceful and family oriented society.

This is what we propose; to strengthen an anti-drug program which will include conferences aimed at crime prevention. Also, organize Community Talks in different sectors of the population to offer orientation to families as the basic nucleus for strengthening society.

**OBJECTIVES:** Provide technical assistance in the attraction, retention and or expansion of the businesses of that provide services to the low and moderate income residents of the target area.

Rehabilitation and Preservation Activities.

Special Economic Development Activities.

Elimination of slum or blighted areas.

Job creation and job retention.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- a. Help businesses with loan applications
- b. Help businesses with equipment lease-purchase option negotiations
- c. Assist Businesses in zoning matters
- d. Assist businesses in obtaining and filling out required permits and licenses.
- e. Assist in the development of business flows.
- f. Assist in the development of in house bookkeeping systems
- g. Assist in the development of advertisement and marketing strategies.
- h. Assist in the development of improved security measures.
- i. Assist in the preparation of tax forms.
- j. Assist existing businesses to relocate within the area.
- k. Help potential new businesses with site location.
- l. Help potential new businesses with site lease negotiations
- m. Provide workshops in matters of common need.

**OBJECTIVE # 2;** Provide assistance and guidance in the commercial facade rehabilitation program to help businesses that serve the low and moderate income residents of the target area. improve their appearance and thus help them increase their services to these residents.

**ACTION STEPS:**

- a. Identify business that qualify for commercial facade rehabilitation work

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- b. Contact business owners and explain the program to them.
- c. Contact contractors interested in participating in the project.
- d. Follow guidelines issued by community development in the approval and realization of the project.

All these plans and projects require the effort and sacrifice of the institution, but we are counting on our dedicated group of men and women who we are sure will succeed in this endeavor to shape a better future.

We are acquainting you with our objectives. We know that you are personally and deeply interested in realizing them.

This corporation is organized and shall operate exclusively for religious, charitable, educational, literary, and scientific purposes but limited to exempt purposes described in Section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 (or the corresponding provision of any future United States Internal Revenue Law); and this Corporation may engage in only such activities permitted under the laws of the State of Florida and the United States of America as shall constitute furtherance of such exempt purposes. In furtherance of such exempt purposes, it may promote, establish, conduct and maintain activities on its own behalf and it may contribute to or otherwise assist other corporations, organizations and institutions that qualify as exempt organizations under said Section 501(c)(3).

In the event of the partial or complete liquidation or the dissolution of the corporation, the residual assets of the corporation will be turned over to (a) one or more organizations which themselves are exempt as described in Section 501(c)(3) and Section 170(c)(2) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1954, or corresponding sections of any prior or future Internal Revenue Code, or (b) to any Federal, State or local government for public purpose. Any 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.

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**ARTICLE V LIMITATION OF CORPORATE POWERS**

The corporate powers of this corporation are as provided in section 617.0302, Florida Statutes, unless limited as follows:

**ARTICLE VI INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT AND STREET ADDRESS**

The name and the street address of the initial registered agent is:

ANDRES MANZO  
1998 N.W. 6 ST.  
MIAMI, FL. 33125

**ARTICLE VII INCORPORATORS**

The name(s) and street address(es) of the incorporator(s) for these Articles of Incorporation is(are):

ANDRES MANZO - DIRECTOR  
1998 N.W. 6 St.  
MIAMI, FL. 33125

OSVALDO MARICHAL  
6700 W. FLAGLER ST. - DIRECTOR  
MIAMI, FL. 33144

HUGO OLAZABAL - DIRECTOR  
1821 S.W. 17 ST.  
MIAMI, FL. 33145

The undersigned incorporator(s) has(have) executed these Articles of Incorporation this  
3 day of DECEMBER, 1997.

Signature(s) of the incorporator(s)

ANDRES MANZO

OSVALDO MARICHAL

HUGO OLAZABAL

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

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.325, 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:**

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT CENTER INC.

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

ANDRES MANZO

(P.O. BOX NOT ACCEPTABLE)

1998 N.W. 6 ST. MIAMI, FL. 33125

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HAVING BEEN NAMED TO ACCEPT SERVICE OF PROCESS FOR THE ABOVE STATED CORPORATION, AT THE PLACE DESIGNATED IN THIS CERTIFICATE, I HEREBY AGREE TO ACT IN THIS CAPACITY, AND I FURTHER AGREE TO COMPLY WITH THE PROVISIONS OF ALL STATUTES RELATIVE TO THE PROPER AND COMPLETE PERFORMANCE OF MY DUTIES, AND I ACCEPT THE DUTIES AND OBLIGATIONS OF SECTION 607.325, FLORIDA STATUTES.

SIGNATURE Andres Manzo

DATE 12-3-97

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