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TRANSMITTAL LETTER

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

SUBJECT: Home Improvement Research Institute, Inc.  
(Proposed corporate name - must include suffix)

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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 of  
Status

\$78.75  
Filing Fee  
& Certified Copy

\$87.50  
Filing Fee,  
Certified Copy  
& Certificate

ADDITIONAL COPY REQUIRED

FROM: Jaret M. Peche - HIRI  
Name (Printed or typed)

3922 Coconut Palm Drive Ste 300  
Address

Tampa, FL 33619  
City, State & Zip

813-627-6750  
Daytime Telephone number

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

*Jaret Peche*  
AUTHORIZATION BY PHONE TO  
CORRECT *add suffix (inc)*  
DATE *2/1/99*  
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NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION**

The undersigned incorporator, for the purpose of forming a corporation under the Florida Not for Profit Corporation Act, hereby adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

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**ARTICLE I Name**

The name of the corporation shall be the Home Improvement Research Institute, Inc.

**ARTICLE II Offices**

The Institute's principle place of business and mailing address shall be:  
Home Improvement Research Institute, c/o Lebar-Friedman, Inc., 3922 Coconut Palm Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33619

**ARTICLE III Purpose(s)**

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

1. To gather data and initiate research concerning the home improvement industry, with a specialization on consumer and professional remodeler activities, and to disseminate the results to the Members of the Institute and to the following other segments when deemed appropriate:
  - A. Consumer / Professional Public
  - B. Home Improvement Industry in General
2. To engage in other lawful and appropriate activities to further the conditions and growth of the home improvement industry and the Institute itself.

**ARTICLE IV Manner of Election of Directors**

The Board of Directors are elected by the Member Council. The Board of Directors shall consist of 18 members elected from the Member Council. The Board of Directors shall be chosen to represent all segments of the membership; although no quotas will be set due to the changing nature of the membership.

**ARTICLE V Initial Registered Agent and Street Address**

Janet M. Peche, Administrative Coordinator, Home Improvement Research Institute, 3922 Coconut Palm Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33619 <sup>Inc.</sup>

**ARTICLE V Incorporator**

The name and address of the Incorporator to these Articles of Incorporation is: <sup>Inc.</sup>  
Janet M. Peche, Administrative Coordinator, Home Improvement Research Institute, 3922 Coconut Palm Drive, Suite 300, Tampa, Florida 33619

Janet M. Peche  
Signature / Incorporator

2/1/99  
Date

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.

Janet M. Peche  
Signature / Registered Agent

2/1/99  
Date