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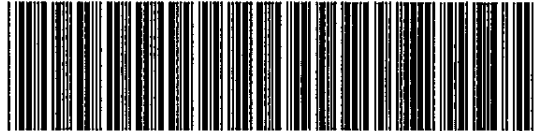
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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATES, INC.**

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The undersigned incorporator subscribes to these Articles of
Incorporation to form a corporation for profit under the laws of the State
of Florida.

ARTICLE I.

The name of the corporation shall be Economic Development
Associates, Inc.

ARTICLE II.

And its initial postal address and its principal office for the conduct
of business is 1949 SW 67th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida, 34974. The Board
of Directors may from time to time move the principal office to any other
address in Florida.

ARTICLE III.

The general nature of business to be transacted by this corporation is

- a. To engage in any business allowed under the laws of any jurisdiction
where the corporation carries on business.

- b. To buy, sell, purchase, acquire, convey, mortgage or transfer in any manner whatsoever or retain in any manner whatsoever money, stocks, bonds, realty or any other property in any manner not prohibited by law.
- c. The purpose of this business is to provide economic development consulting services to both private and governmental entities in procuring and fostering economic investment in Okeechobee County.
- d. To such extent as a corporation organized under Chapter 607 of the *Florida Statutes* may now or hereafter lawfully do, to do and for the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the objects enumerated in these Articles of Incorporation, or any amendments thereof, either as principal or agent, and either alone or in connection with other firms, corporation or individuals, all and every thing necessary, suitable, convenient, or proper or in connection with, or incident to, the accomplishment of any of the purposes or the attainment of any one or more of the objects herein enumerated, or designed directly or indirectly to promote the interest of this corporation or to enhance the value of its property and, in general, to engage in and carry on any and every lawful business in any manner whatsoever not prohibited by

law, whether or not the same by necessary or incident to the attainment of the objects of this corporation, or whether or not such business is similar in nature to the objects set forth in these Articles of Incorporation, or any and all powers, rights and privileges which a corporation may now or hereafter be organized, authorized or empowered to do or exercise under Chapter 607 of the *Florida Statutes*, or under any Act amendatory thereto, supplemental thereto or substituted therefore.

- e. The foregoing paragraphs shall be construed as enumerating the purposes, objects and powers of this corporation and no recitation, expression or declaration of specific powers or purposes enumerated shall be deemed to be exclusive, but it is hereby expressly declared that all other lawful powers not consistent herewith are hereby included.

ARTICLE IV.

The maximum number of shares of stock of this corporation, which is authorized to have outstanding at any one time, is one hundred (100) shares of common stock at one-dollar par value (\$1.00 par value). Said

capital stock shall be non-assessable and shall be payable in lawful money of the United States or in property, labor or in services at a just valuation to be fixed by the Directors at a meeting duly convened and held.

ARTICLE V.

The business of the corporation shall be conducted, carried on and managed by and through a Board of Directors composed of two (2) members, which number may be altered from time to time by the By-Laws of this corporation within the limitation prescribed by law. The initial Board of Directors of this corporation shall consist of two (2) members.

The name and address of the initial directors of this corporation who, subject to the provisions of these Articles of Incorporation, the By-Laws and the laws of the State of Florida, shall hold office until the first annual meeting of the corporation or until successors are elected and have been qualified as follows:

Joseph A. Hoover (a/k/a Joey A. Hoover) who shall serve as President.

Dawn T. Hoover who shall serve as Secretary/Treasurer.

ARTICLE VI.

The street address of the initial registered office of this corporation and the name of its registered agent at such address are as follows:
Dawn T. Hoover, 1949 SW 67th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida, 34974.

ARTICLE VII.

The name and address of the person signing these Articles, as incorporator, is Joseph A. Hoover, a/k/a Joey A. Hoover, 1949 SW 67th Drive, Okeechobee, Florida, 34974.

ARTICLE VIII.

No contract, act or transaction of this corporation with any person or persons, firm or other corporation, in the absence of fraud or wrongdoing, shall be affected or invalidated by the fact that any director of this corporation is a party to or interested in such contract, act or transaction, or in any way connected with such person, persons, firm or other corporation, and each and every person who may become a director of this corporation is hereby relieved from any liability that might otherwise exist from thus contracting with this corporation for the benefit of himself of any other firm, association or other corporation in which he may otherwise be interested. Any director of this corporation may vote upon any contract or other transaction between this

corporation and any subsidiary or controlled company without regard to the fact that he is also a director of such subsidiary or controlled company.

ARTICLE IX.

These Articles of Incorporation may be amended, changed, altered or repealed in the manner now or hereafter prescribed by the *Florida Statutes* and all rights conferred upon shareholders are granted subject to this reservation.

WITNESS my hand and seal this 24th day of March, 2006.



Incorporator

STATE OF FLORIDA

COUNTY OF OKEECHOBEE

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 24th day of March, 2006, by Jerry Hoover, as Incorporator who is ~~personally known~~ to me or has produced _____ as identification.

Notary Public-State of Florida:

sign Mary K. Tibbitts

print MARY K TIBBITTS

Affix Seal Below:



Mark K Tibbitts
My Commission DD203681
Expires June 18, 2007

CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN FLORIDA, OR DESIGNATING AGENT UPON WHO PROCESS MAY BE SERVED.

In compliance with Section 48.901, *Florida Statute*, the following is submitted.

First, that Economic Development Associates, Inc., desiring to organize or qualify under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal place of business at City of Okeechobee, State of Florida, has named Dawn T. Hoover as Resident Agent, located at 1949 SW 67th Drive, Okeechobee, 34974, State of Florida, as its agent to accept service of process within Florida.

CORPORATE OFFICER

SIGNED: [Signature]

TITLE: Incorporator

DATE: 3/24/06

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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.

SIGNED: Dawn J. Hoover

DATE: 3/24/06