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Re: Far West Bond Services of Florida, Inc.

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed for filing with your office are the Articles of Incorporation for the above-referenced corporation. Please file these Articles of Incorporation and provide us with a certified copy of the Articles of Incorporation. Enclosed is our firm's check in the amount of \$122.50.

If you have any questions, please call me.

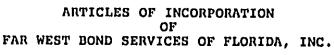
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Amber Lynn Goodrich

Sincerely,

Secretary to Amy W. Recchio

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The undersigned incorporator, being a natural person of full age of eighteen years or more and desiring to form a corporate entity under the laws of the State of Florida, hereby adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for such Corporation.

#### ARTICLE I

## NAME

The name of the corporation shall be Far West Bond Services of Florida, Inc., hereinafter referred to as the "Corporation".

#### ARTICLE II

## PRINCIPAL OFFICE AND MAILING ADDRESS

The street address of the principal office of the Corporation shall be One Urban Centre, Suite 540, 4830 West Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609, and the mailing address of the Corporation is One Urban Centre, Suite 540, 4830 West Kennedy Boulevard, Tampa, Florida 33609.

#### ARTICLE III

#### **INCORPORATORS**

The name and address of the incorporator is:

Stephen Murray

One Urban Centre, Suite 540 4830 West Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33609

#### ARTICLE IV

## RETURN CAPITAL

The aggregate number of shares which this Corporation shall have the authority to issue is Ten Thousand (10,000) shares each with no par value, which shares shall be designated common stock. No share shall be issued until it has been paid for, and it shall thereafter be nonassessable.

#### ARTICLE V

## DURATION

This Corporation shall continue in perpetuity unless otherwise dissolved according to law.

#### ARTICLE VI

## **PURPOSE**

The purpose for which this Corporation is organized and the nature of the business to be carried on by it are as follows;

- A. To engage in the waiting and issuance of insurance policies an surety bonds;
- B. To carry on any business or activity in addition to the foregoing which may otherwise be lawful and permitted bay the laws of the State of Florida.

The foregoing clauses are to be construed as purposes and objects of the corporation, and the matter expressed in each clause shall in no way limit by reference of inference from the terms of any other clause, but shall be regarded as an independent purpose and object; enumeration of specific objects and purposes shall not be construed to limit or to limit or restrict in any manner the general powers and rights of the corporation as provided by law, nor shall the expression of one purpose or object be determined to excluded another, although it be of like nature but expressed.

#### ARTICLE VII

### PREEMPTIVE RIGHTS

No holder of any stock of the Corporation shall be entitled, as a matter of right, to purchase, subscribe for or otherwise acquire any new or additional shares of stock in the corporation of any class, or any option or warrants to purchase, subscribe or otherwise acquired by any such new or additional shares.

## ARTICLE VIII

## CUMULATIVE VOTING

The shareholders shall not be entitled to cumulative voting.

#### ARTICLE IX

# SHARE TRANSFER RESTRICTION

All shares issued by this corporation shall be restricted in the following manner:

A. To the extent there are fewer than three directors, shares shall not be transferred to more shareholders than there are directors.

#### ARTICLE X

## INITIAL BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The initial board of directors of the Corporation shall consist of one (1) director, and the name and address of the person who shall serve on the serve on the board of directors until the first annual meeting of shareholders, or until his successor is elected and shall qualify, is as follows:

John E. Savage

7555 E. Hampden Avenue Suite 300, Tamarac Plaza I Denver CO 80231

The number of directors shall be fixed in accordance with the bylaws. So long as the number of directors shall be less than three (3), no shares of this Corporation may be issued and held or record by more shareholders than there are directors. Any shares issued in violation of this paragraph shall be null and void. This provision shall also constitute a restriction on the transfer of shares and a legend shall be conspicuously placed on each certificate respecting shares preventing transfer of the shares to more shareholders than there are directors.

## ARTICLE XI

# RESTRICTIONS ON PURCHASES OF SHARES

The corporation shall have the right to purchase, take, receive or otherwise acquire, hold, own, pledge, transfer or otherwise dispose of its shares in accordance with <u>Florida Statutes</u>, \$607.0631 to the extent of its unreserved and unrestricted surplus.

#### ARTICLE XII

## CONSIDERATION FOR NO PAR SHARES

The shareholders of the Corporation shall have the right, upon vote by the holders of the majority of all shares entitled to vote thereon, to fix the consideration to be received for no par shares.

#### ARTICLE XIII

## QUORUM OF SHAREHOLDERS

A majority of the shares entitled to vote, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum at a meeting of shareholders.

## ARTICLE XIV

## AMENDMENTS TO BYLAWS

The power to alter, amend or repeal the bylaws or adopt new bylaws shall be reserved to the shareholders who may approve such alterations, amendments or repeal of the bylaws by a majority vote.

#### ARTICLE XV

## DIVIDEND RESTRICTIONS

The Corporation may pay dividends in cash, property, or its own shares, except when the Corporation is insolvent, subject to the provisions of <u>Florida Statutes</u>, §607.06401.

#### ARTICLE XVI

#### **VOTING OF SHAREHOLDERS**

With respect to any action to be taken by shareholders of this corporation, a vote or concurrence of the holders of the majority of the quorum shall be required, unless a larger percentage is required by law.

## ARTICLE XVII

# INDEMNIFICATION

The liability of the directors to the Corporation or to its shareholders shall be eliminated to the fullest extent permitted by the laws of the State of Florida. The Corporation shall indemnify any person who is or was a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of the Corporation or was serving at the request of the Corporation as

a Director, Officer, employee, or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust, or other enterprise, to the fullost extent permitted by law.

#### ARTICLE XVII

## INITIAL REGISTERED AGENT

The name of the initial registered agent of the Corporation and the street address of the initial registered agent of the Corporation and the street address of the initial registered office of the Corporation as follows:

NAME

Address

Stephen Murray

One Urban Centre, Suite 540 4830 West Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, Florida 33609

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the undersigned has executed these Articles of Incorporation this 1st day of hour , 1996.

STATE OF FLORIDA COUNTY OF HILLSBOROUGH

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 154 individual, who is personally known to me or has produced Personally Known as identification.

CHERYL L. BEAIRD MY COMMISSION # CC263674 EXPIRES March 9, 1997 BONDED THRU TROY FAIR INSURANCE, INC.

(Print, Type or Stamp Commissioned Name of Notary Public)

Pursuant to the provisions of Section 607.0501, Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida Statutes, the undersigned corporation, organized under the laws of the State of Florida, submits the following statement in designation the registered office/registered agent, in the State of Florida.

- The name of the corporation is FAR WEST BOND SERVICES OF 1. FLORIDA INC.
- 2. The name and address of the registered agent and office

Stephen Murray One Urban Centre, Suite 540 4830 West Kennedy Boulevard Tampa, Florida 13609

SIGNATURE: TITLE:

DATE:

November 1.

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 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 OBLIGATION OF MY POSITION AS REGISTERED AGENT.

SIGNATURE:

DATE: