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

SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF THE  
(PROPOSED CORPORATE NAME - MUST INCLUDE SUFFIX)  
GULF COAST, INC.

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: MARIA WEISNIGHT  
Name (Printed or typed)

19 SEASHORE DRIVE  
Address

PENSACOLA BEACH, FL 32561  
City, State & Zip

850-932-6581  
Daytime Telephone number

**NOTE: Please provide the original and one copy of the articles.**



FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF STATE  
Division of Corporations

April 29, 2008

MARIA WEISNIGHT  
19 SEASHORE DR.  
PENSACOLA BEACH, FL 32561

SUBJECT: INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF THE GULF  
COAST, INC.  
Ref. Number: W08000021444

We have received your document for INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY ASSOCIATION OF THE GULF COAST, INC. and your check(s) totaling \$78.75. However, the enclosed document has not been filed and is being returned for the following correction(s):

The Florida Statutes require an entity to designate a street address for its principal office address. A post office box is not acceptable for the principal office address. The entity may, however, designate a separate mailing address. The mailing address may be a post office box.

Please return the corrected original and one copy of 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 (850) 245-6047.

Carolyn Lewis  
Regulatory Specialist II  
New Filing Section

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**ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION  
OF  
Information Technology Association of the Gulf Coast, Inc.**

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SECRETARY OF STATE  
TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

The undersigned subscriber, acting as incorporator of a corporation, pursuant to Chapter 617 of the Florida Statutes adopts the following Articles of Incorporation for the formation of a not-for-profit corporation.

**ARTICLE I - NAME**

The name of the corporation is Information Technology Association of the Gulf Coast, Inc. and the location shall be located within the state of Florida, as such place as the Board of Directors shall from time to time designate. The corporation may maintain additional offices as the Board of Directors may designate. The corporation shall continuously maintain within the State of Florida a registered office at such place as may be designated by the Board of Directors.

**ARTICLE II - DURATION**

The period of duration is perpetual unless dissolved according to law.

**ARTICLE III - PURPOSE**

The purpose of the corporation, a not-for-profit organization, is to

- link organizations and individuals of the IT community through activities that promote communication, collaboration, education and partnering
- support efforts to promote the region as a center for technology
- provide support to regional IT educational communities
- for any other lawful not-for-profit purpose.

This corporation will join together businesses and other organizations with common interests in a forum to promote collaboration of work efforts, sharing of information, and to provide a network among participants.

#### ARTICLE IV – SELF-DEALINGS

The corporation is organized and operated exclusively for the purposes set forth in Article III herein.

Notwithstanding any other provision of these articles, the corporation shall not carry on any other activities not permitted to be carried on by a corporation exempt from federal income tax under section 501 (c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code or by a corporation, contributions to which are deductible under section 170 (c) (2) of the Internal Revenue Code.

No substantial part of the activities of this corporation shall consist of carrying on propaganda, or otherwise attempting to influence legislation, and the corporation shall not participate or intervene in any political campaign (including the publishing or distribution of statement on behalf of any candidate for public office).

The corporation shall not engage in any act of self-dealing as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. The corporation shall not retain any excess business holdings as defined in the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

#### ARTICLE V - MEMBERSHIP

The corporation will not have members.

#### ARTICLE VI - LOCATION

The address of its initial registered office is 19 Seashore Drive, Pensacola Beach, FL 32561, and the name of its initial register is Information Technology Association of the Gulf Coast, Inc.

ARTICLE VII – BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The corporation shall have at least three (3) Directors. The names and addresses, including street and number of the persons who are to serve as the Directors until the first annual meeting or until their successors shall be elected and qualified are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chuck Hodge	9192 Stillbridge Lane Pensacola, FL 3251
George Allan Alderman, III	2421 Bowling Green Lane Cantonment, FL 32533
Maria Weisnicht	19 Seashore Drive Pensacola Beach, FL 32561
Robert Sprowls	31 W Garden St, Suite 100 Pensacola, FL 32502

Directors shall be elected or appointed in accordance with the Bylaws.

ARTICLE VIII - STOCK

The corporation is organized under a non-stock basis.

ARTICLE IX - INCORPORATORS

The names and addresses of the incorporators are:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Address</u>
Chuck Hodge	9192 Stillbridge Lane Pensacola, FL 3251
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## ARTICLE X – PROPERTY AND PROFITS

The property of this corporation is irrevocably dedicated to the purposes set forth in Article III herein and no part of the net income or assets of this corporation shall ever inure to the benefit of any director, officer or member thereof or to the benefit of any private person, except that the corporation shall be authorized and empowered to pay reasonable compensation for services rendered and to make payments and distributions in furtherance of the purpose or purposes set forth in Article III herein.

## ARTICLE XI – DISTRIBUTION UPON DISSOLUTION

Upon the dissolution of the corporation, its assets shall be distributed for one or more exempt purposes(s) within the meaning of Section 501 (c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, or the corresponding section of any future federal tax code, or shall be distributed to the federal government, or to a state or local government, for a public purpose. Any such 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 such court shall determine, that are organized and operated exclusively for such purposes.

## ARTICLE XII – LIMITED LIABILITY OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The officers and directors shall not be individually liable for the corporation's debts or other liabilities, and their private property of such individuals shall be exempt from any corporate debts or liabilities. The power of indemnification under the laws of Florida shall not be denied or limited by the bylaws.

### ARTICLE XIII – INDEMNIFICATION

The directors and officers of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation to the fullest extent permissible under the laws of this state. Any person (and the heirs, executors, or administrators of such person) made or threatened to be made a party to any action, suite of proceeding by reason of the fact that he is or was a Director or Officer of the corporation shall be indemnified by the corporation against any and all liability and the reasonable expenses, including attorney's fees and disbursements, incurred by him (or his heirs, executors, or administrators) in connection with the defense or settlement of such action, suit or proceeding, or in connection with any appearance therein, except in relation to matters as to which it shall be adjudged in such action, suit, or proceedings that such Director or Officer is liable for negligence or misconduct in the performance of his duties. Such right of indemnification shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which such Director or Office (or such heirs, executors, or administrators) may be entitled apart from the Article.

**CERTIFICATE DESIGNATING PLACE OF BUSINESS OR  
DOMICILE FOR THE SERVICE OF PROCESS WITHIN THIS  
STATE NAMING AGENT UPON WHOM PROCESS MAY BE SERVED**

Pursuant to Chapter 48.901, Florida Statutes, the following is submitted in compliance with said Act:

FIRST, that Information Technology Association of the Gulf Coast, Inc. desiring to organize under the laws of the State of Florida, with its principal office as indicated in the Articles of Incorporation, appoints Maria Weisnicht as its agent to accept service of process within this State. The street address for the Registered Agent is:

19 Seashore Drive, Pensacola Beach FL 32561

**ACKNOWLEDGMENT**

Having been named to accept service of process for the above-stated corporation, at the place designated in this Certificate, I hereby accept the Act in this capacity, and agree to comply with the provision of said Act relative to keeping open said office.

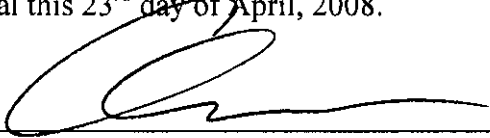


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Maria Weisnicht  
Registered Agent

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TALLAHASSEE, FLORIDA

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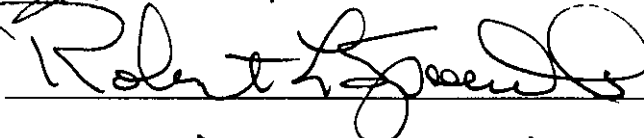
IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the incorporators have affixed their authorized signatures and seal this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2008.

  
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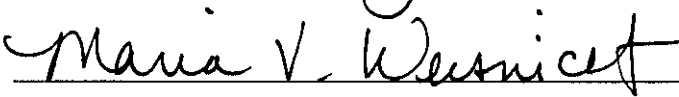
Charles "Chuck" Hodge

  
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George Allan Alderman, III

  
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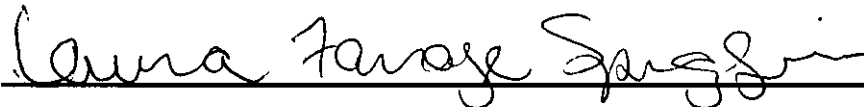
Robert Sprowls

  
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Maria V. Weisnicht

STATE OF FLORIDA  
COUNT OF ESCAMBIA

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of April, 2008 by \_\_\_\_\_ as subscribers and that the statements contained therein are true.

  
\_\_\_\_\_

Notary Public

My commission expires \_\_\_\_\_

