

(Note: This document includes all amendments made to ASBDC's original Articles of Incorporation, including amendments approved by the membership on 2/24/04.)

NON PROFIT CORPORATION
STATE OF MAINE

ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION
OF
ASSOCIATION OF SMALL BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT CENTERS

Pursuant to 13-B MRSA §403, the undersigned, acting as incorporator(s) of a corporation, adopt(s) the following Articles of Incorporation:

FIRST: The name of the corporation is Association of Small Business Development Centers.

SECOND: The corporation is organized for the purpose of supporting its members in their efforts to assist the development of small business as an essential part of society in the United States.

THIRD: The name of its Registered Agent and address of registered office:

Name: Gary D. Vogel
Address: 477 Congress Street, 14th Floor, Portland, ME 02101
P.O. Box 15215, Portland, ME 04112-5215

FOURTH: The minimum number of Directors (not less than 3) shall be three (3) and the maximum number of Directors shall be fifteen (15).

FIFTH: Members:

There shall be two classes of members, and the information required by §402 is as follows: Membership in the Association shall be divided into two categories: Common Voting Members and Associate Members. The Common Voting Members category shall be limited to Lead Small Business Development Centers that are host grantees as defined in Section (a)(1) of the Small Business Development Center Act of 1980 (15 U.S.C. §648(a)(1)) and in any regulations promulgated thereunder, as amended. Each Common Voting Member shall have the right to cast one vote in any matter requiring a vote by the membership.

In no event may the Bylaws of the corporation allow for cumulative voting for directors. The Associate Members category shall be available for all organizations and individuals who support the concept of small business development centers, wish to contribute to their success, and who have agreed to pay the dues assessed by the Association. Associate Members shall not have the right to vote.