

# State of Idaho

## Department of State

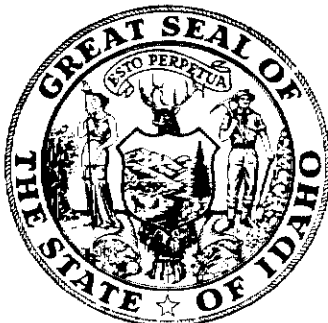
CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY  
OF  
STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC.

File Number C 122439

I PETE T. CENARRUSA, Secretary of State of the State of Idaho, hereby certify that an Application for Certificate of Authority, duly executed pursuant to the provisions of the Idaho Business Corporation Act, has been received in this office and is found to conform to law.

ACCORDINGLY and by virtue of the authority vested in me by law, I issue this Certificate of Authority to transact business in this State and attach hereto a duplicate of the Application for such Certificate.

Dated: January 20, 1998



*Pete T. Cenarrusa*  
SECRETARY OF STATE

By *Natalie Lamb*

# APPLICATION FOR CERTIFICATE OF AUTHORITY (For Profit)

To the Secretary of State of Idaho

The undersigned Corporation applies for a Certificate of Authority and states as follows:

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1. The name of the corporation is Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc.
2. The name which it shall use in Idaho is \_\_\_\_\_
3. It is incorporated under the laws of Delaware
4. Its date of incorporation is 9/18/97 and its duration, if other than perpetual, is Perpetual
5. The address of its principal office in the state or country under the laws of which it is incorporated is  
c/o The Corporation Trust Company, 1209 Orange Street, Wilmington, DE 19801
6. The address to which correspondence should be addressed, if different than item 5, is  
100 Pennsylvania Avenue, Framingham, MA 01701
7. The street address of its registered office in Idaho is 300 North 6th Street, Boise, Idaho 83701  
\_\_\_\_\_, and its registered agent in Idaho at that address is C T Corporation System
8. The purpose or purposes which it is proposed to pursue in the transaction of business in Idaho are:  
The purpose of the corporation is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which corporations may be organized to do business under the laws of Idaho.
9. The names and respective addresses of its directors and officers are:

Name	Office	Address
See attached list of directors and officers	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____
_____	_____	_____

10. The corporation accepts and shall comply with the Constitution and the laws of the State of Idaho.

Dated: 1/9/98

IDAHO SECRETARY OF STATE

Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc.

(Corporation name)

By

Peter M. Schwarzenbach

(please specify)

Peter M. Schwarzenbach

Secretary of State  
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Staples Contract & Commercial, Inc.

Directors and Officers

<u>Name</u>	<u>Title</u>	<u>Business Address</u>
John J. Mahoney	Director	One Research Drive Westborough, MA 01581
Ronald L. Sargent	Director	One Research Drive Westborough, MA 01581
Peter M. Schwarzenbach	Director	100 Pennsylvania Avenue Framingham MA 01701
Ronald L. Sargent	President	One Research Drive Westborough, MA 01581
Peter M. Schwarzenbach	Secretary	100 Pennsylvania Avenue Framingham MA 01701
Patrick Hickey	Treasurer	8 Technology Drive Westborough, MA 01581
Charles C. Freeman	Asst. Secretary	100 Pennsylvania Avenue Framingham, MA 01701
L. Jamison Hudson	Asst. Treasurer	8 Technology Drive Westborough, MA 01581

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*State of Delaware*  
*Office of the Secretary of State*

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I, EDWARD J. FREEL, SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE, DO HEREBY CERTIFY "STAPLES CONTRACT & COMMERCIAL, INC." IS DULY INCORPORATED UNDER THE LAWS OF THE STATE OF DELAWARE AND IS IN GOOD STANDING AND HAS A LEGAL CORPORATE EXISTENCE SO FAR AS THE RECORDS OF THIS OFFICE SHOW, AS OF THE FIFTEENTH DAY OF JANUARY, A.D. 1998.

AND I DO HEREBY FURTHER CERTIFY THAT THE FRANCHISE TAXES HAVE NOT BEEN ASSESSED TO DATE.



A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Edward J. Freel", is written over a horizontal line.

Edward J. Freel, Secretary of State

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AUTHENTICATION:

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DATE:

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