



Consent Presentation:
Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program

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Purpose

**To provide an informational update regarding the ITN process
for the Industrial Hemp Pilot Project**



Background - FAMU's Authorization

Authorization for the proposed FAMU Industrial Hemp Research Project:

- Agricultural Act 2014 (2014 Farm Act)
- Florida Statutes CS/CS/SB 1726 Section 1004.4473, F.S.
- FDACS Rule 5B-57.013

Cannabis sativa (Industrial Hemp vs Marijuana)

Industrial Hemp: NTE 0.3% *delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol* (THC)*

Marijuana: > 0.3% *delta-9 tetrahydrocannabinol* (THC)*



Other Uses for Hemp Extracts – Human Health

Hemp has extensive commercial products, including Cannabidiol (CBD), which is one of many compounds that are found in the cannabis plant. CBD is not psychoactive. However, it does appear to have medicinal / health benefits.

CBD has been used for:

- Natural pain relief or anti-inflammatory properties
- Smoking cessation and drug withdrawals
- Epilepsy and other mental health disorders
- Anxiety disorders
 - Post Traumatic Stress Disorder
 - General anxiety disorder
 - Panic disorder
 - Social Anxiety
- Obsessive- Compulsive Disorder (OCD)
- Type 1 diabetes
- Alzheimer's disease support

Industrial Hemp Research will set the stage for FAMU Researchers in the following areas:

- Agriculture
- Engineering
- Pharmaceutical Sciences
- Education
- SBI
- Public Health



ITN for Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Project

- **Working with Office of Procurement, Audit and Compliance and General Counsel's Office, FAMU developed the ITN entitled "The Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Project" which was released o/a 26 September 2018.**
- **Original submission date was o/a 26 October, but revised to 5 November due to Hurricane Michael.**
- **A total of 11 responses were received within the advertised period.**



ITN for Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Project - Selection Committee Composition

- The selection Committee is comprised of faculty and administrators from across the University, including:
 - The College of Agriculture and Food Sciences (4)
 - The College of Science and Technology (1)
 - The Division of Audit and Compliance (2)
 - The Division of Research (2)
 - The Office of the University Controller (1)
 - The Office of the General Counsel (1)

The Selection Committee was advised by 2 members of the Office of Procurement



ITN for Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Project Selection Committee Evaluation Form

- The Committee for the ITN utilized the following items to assess each submission:
 - Proposed Staffing Plan – Technical knowhow, Awareness of Federal and State regulations and relevant individual past experience
 - Financial Capacity / Wherewithal – Documented cash on-hand/Cost Structure for the Project
 - Corporate – Past or Relevant Experience/ Actions in other states

Other Factors Considered:

- Veteran status
- Minority status
- Other Intangibles to the Proposal (i.e. Cash or scholarships, etc.)



Ranked Respondents per the Selection Committee

Qualified Respondents

1. Sunshine Hemp, Inc.
2. Eat Your Veggies, LLC
3. RBC-USA-United (RUU)
4. Future Farm Technologies
5. Liberty Health Sciences
6. Green Earth Cannaceuticals, Inc.
7. Stem IH/Stiff Holding Company

Final Evaluation Scores (165 Total Points)

- Total Score: 152
- Total Score: 137
- Total Score: 136
- Total Score: 135
- Total Score: 132
- Total Score: 130
- Total Score: 130



Industrial Hemp Pilot Project Milestones

To participate in Industrial Hemp Pilot Project and comply with state guidelines, FAMU is required to do the following:

- Select potential Qualified Project Partner(s) to enter into contract negotiations (Section 1004.4473(f) F.S.). **Complete**
- Once an agreement with a Qualified Project Partner is reached, finalize the proposed Pilot Project.
- Obtain written authorization from the FAMU Board of Trustees authorizing the proposed Pilot Project.
- Submit application to DEA Schedule I Permit, Forms 225 & 1301.18 to import/purchase hemp seeds.
- Submit application for an Industrial Hemp Planting Permit to Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer services (5B-57.013).
- Implement project and provide report to the Governor of Florida and Florida Legislature at the conclusion of the 2 year pilot project.



Questions?

