



Industrial Hemp Research Pilot Program

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Approval Needed

- Request
 - Approval to Negotiate with Qualified Respondents





Process and Evaluation Team

Negotiation Committee:

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Qualified Respondents

- Eat Your Veggies, LLC
- Future FarmTechnologies
- Green Earth
 Cannaceuticals, Inc.

- Liberty Health Sciences
- RBC-USA-United (RUU)
- Stem IH/Stiff Holding Company
- Sunshine Hemp, Inc.





Factor Consideration

Evaluation Team will focus on a number of factors, including:

- Research
- Location
- Finances
 - Project support and incentives
- Safety and Security

- Oversight
- Licenses
- Participation as a certified woman, veteran, and minority small owned business
 - History of collaboration with underserved populations



Information Focus-In Depth

Research:

- a. How would your company assess the invasiveness of various species of industrial hemp, the impact that industrial hemp has on the environment, and methods of sustainable cultivation?
- b. What specific research projects would you be interested in conducting during the pilot project phase and how would it be accomplished?

Location:

- a. How many sites would be used to assess the above research initiatives?
- b. Would your companybe using FAMU sites inBrooksville and/orQuincy?



Information Focus-In-Depth

Finances:

- a. Please provide documentation which confirms the ability to support full funding for the project (ie: audited financial statement)
- b. Will your company be able to support multiple sites?
- c. Will you be able to support monthly visits from the FAMU team (Agronomist, Soil Scientist, Soil Hydrologist, Entomologist, Agricultural System Engineer, Compliance Officer)?

- Finances (incentives):
- a. What types of internship/research opportunities could your company support for FAMU students, faculty and staff?
- b. What other financial or relationship incentives would your company provide to FAMU?



Information Focus-In Depth

Safety and Security:

 Please describe your security plan for the containment and security of the industrial hemp.

Oversight:

– What internal oversight will you provide?

• Licenses:

 Are you able to obtain the appropriate licenses for cultivation of industrial hemp species?

General:

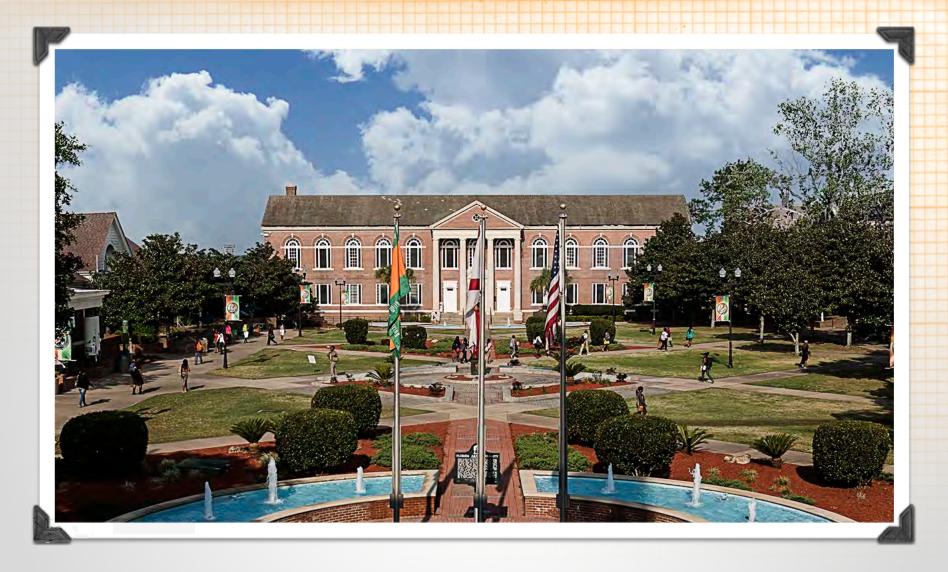
- a. Is your company certified as a minority owned, women owned, small/disadvantage d business or veteran owned enterprise, as determined by the Office of Supplier Diversity or an equivalent agency?
- b. What is your history of collaboration with underserved populations in the industrial hemp or related industries?



Invitation to Negotiate (ITN) Process

- Respondent Presentations
- Negotiation between FAMU and Respondents
- Evaluation Team recommends Respondent(s) for contractual agreement
- BOT Approval of Final Pilot Project(s) and Partner(s)
- FDAC permit process begins





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Questions?

