UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project Partners

Qualified Project Partners (QPP) are individuals and groups that are formally affiliated with the UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project.

QPP opportunities are available for grower consultants/volunteers and industry groups focusing on product development in Florida.

FDACS (5B-57.013) details the requirements for QPP as defined by FS 1004.4473 in Section 13. These criteria must be described for each QPP in the UF planting permit application to FDACS.

- Proof that the entity has a principal place of business in Florida.
- Proof that the entity has access to a grow site in Florida. [This is the UF research site.]
- Proof that the entity has access to a research facility in Florida, which may be the same research facility the partnering university plans to use for the Pilot Project, and a detailed description of how the research facility is acceptable for the cultivation, processing, and manufacturing of industrial hemp and hemp products.
- A copy of the comprehensive business or research plan that was submitted to the partnering university.
- A detailed description of the entities’ prior experience in or knowledge of, or demonstrated interest in and commitment to, the cultivation, processing, manufacturing, or research of industrial hemp.

Things to consider for your business or research plan:

- What work do you want to do in partnership with the UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project?

- Are your objectives covered by our research plan?

- What will you need from us? Will we have to expand our research capacity?

- What will we get from you? Will you provide funds to expand our scope of work, if necessary?

Our selection process for identifying and establishing Project Partners needs your input:

- Can and should groups form as collaborative QPP?

- How should UF qualify individuals or groups for partnership? Should there be a limit to the number of QPP?

- Should there be a competitive application process? How should UF accept and evaluate partnership applications?