

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.

- a. Proof that the entity has a principal place of business in Florida.
 - b. Proof that the entity has access to a grow site in Florida. [This is the UF research site.]
 - c. 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.
 - d. A copy of the comprehensive business or research plan that was submitted to the partnering university.
 - e. 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.
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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?