

## **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?