UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project Sponsors

Project Sponsors are necessary to fund the Industrial Hemp Pilot Project.

Our first sponsor has initiated the UF/IFAS Industrial Hemp Pilot Project by funding:
- The broad program objectives (hemp variety selection, cropping system development, production economics, and invasion risk assessment)
- 3 production locations (NFREC – Quincy, AFRU – Hague, TREC – Homestead)
- 7-10 acres of production at each location

Our specific investigation is limited to ~30 varieties for fiber and grain, planting date, and fertilization.

Further investigation of production systems, hemp performance at additional locations, and inclusion of processing objectives require additional sponsors.

Research Agreement for Project Sponsorship:

A research agreement is the formal process at UF for project sponsorship. Each sponsor requires a research agreement that includes:
- List of research objectives
- Budget
- Scope of Work or Research Plan
- Timeline of fund transfer and reporting
- Intellectual property and material transfer agreement
- Publicity and publication agreement

Things to consider as a potential Project Sponsor:

- Are your objectives covered by our research plan?
  - If not, how will we have to expand our research capacity?

- Will you provide funds to expand our scope of work?

Our selection process for identifying and selecting Project Sponsors needs your input:

- Can and should groups form as collaborative sponsors?

- How should UF evaluate and prioritize prospective sponsorship opportunities and research agreements?

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