## AM I READY TO BE A HEMP PROCESSOR/HANDLER?

This is like taking your mortgage payment to the casino to gamble – are you prepared to lose it?!

## **BEFORE** YOU PUT IN AN APPLICATION TO THE DEPT OF AGRICULTURE (ADAI):

- 1) READ and understand the USDA Hemp Regulations and the ADAI Hemp Rules.
- 2) Have your company registered, documented, organized. This paperwork is required for a company to be issued a hemp grower license.
- 3) Have your property cleared and ready for building.
- 4) Have your processing/handling structure(s) built and ready for processing.
- 5) Have all lease/rental agreement documents prepared and in order.
- Have a leased/rented facility up and running, ready for processing.
- Be prepared to apply for a criminal background check through the AL Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) in Montgomery close to the annual registration date.

## QUESTIONS TO ASK YOURSELF <u>BEFORE</u> YOU APPLY FOR A HEMP PROCESSOR/HANDLER LICENSE:

- Do I have land to have a processing facility on? Is it cleared already?
- Does my processing facility exist now? OR will I have to build one? \$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Do I have land to lease for a processing facility? \$\$ Do I have a lease agreement?
- Do I have the required processing equipment for what I want to process for? \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
   Or do I need to buy processing equipment? \$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$\$
- Do I know what the hemp plant is?
- Do I know what the parts of the hemp plant are?
- Do I know what the parts of the hemp plant are processed into?
- What do I want to process for (processed end products)? CBD Oil, CBG Oil, CBN Oil, etc. Distillate Oil, Crude Oil, Isolate?
- What type of extraction method will I use CO2? Ethanol? Or...???
- What is my motive for being a hemp processor/handler?

Long Term?
Short Term?

• Am I financially stable to invest in this endeavor?

Costs \$ Application(s) and License fees

\$ City/County Business Licenses

\$\$\$ Labor (for drying, processing, storing)

\$\$\$ Contracts with growers? Retail people?

\$\$\$\$K Equipment (extensive and varied) – for CO2, Ethanol, etc.