**Am I Ready To Be A Hemp Processor/Handler?**

**Before you submit an application to process hemp in the Alabama Hemp Program:**

1. Read and understand the USDA Hemp Regulations and the ADAI Hemp Rules.
2. Register your company with Alabama Secretary of State. A copy of your formation documents is required for a company to be issued a hemp processor/handler license.
3. Clear your property and be ready build.
4. Have your processor/handling structure(s) built and ready for processing.
5. Have all lease/rental agreement documents in order and ready to submit.
6. Have your leased or rented structure ready for processing.
7. Within 60 days of application date, apply for a criminal background check through the Alabama Law Enforcement Agency (ALEA) in Montgomery.

**Questions to ask yourself before you apply for a hemp processor/handler license:**

• Can I handle the substantial financial outlay required to process or handle hemp?

• Am I prepared to pay the license fee for multiple storage, processing, or handling sites?

• Do I have a business plan?

• Do I own or lease land on which to build a processing plant?

• Have I identified a site to lease for a processing plant?

• Do I have a lease agreement?

• Do I have the processing equipment required?

• Do I know how much hemp I must purchase for my processing system?

• Have I identified how much labor I need to hire?

• Am I familiar with the hemp plant, its cultivation, and its processing methods??

• Do I know the types of products made from hemp?

• Have I identified the type of hemp (fiber, grain, or floral) that I want to process?

• Do I know the end product that I want to manufacture?

• Do I know the best hemp varieties for my chosen end product?

• Am I familiar with the steps of my chosen process?

• Do I know how to purchase hemp?

• Do I know the form in which I must require hemp to be in before processing?

• Do I know how to write a contract to purchase hemp from the grower?

• Am I prepared for loss due to theft?

• Am I prepared for my product to be destroyed if it contains THC levels higher than 0.3% by dry weight?