

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?