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To: Current AUCP Participants
From: Director Erik Gundersen, Office of Cannabis Policy
Date: Tuesday, July 19, 2022
Subject: Call for qualified applicants to serve on Office of Cannabis Policy's Metrc User Workgroup - *deadline of August 2, 2022*

Background

Today, the Office of Cannabis Policy (OCP) is pleased to announce that it is seeking qualified applicants to fill seats on its newly created Metrc User Workgroup meant to engage on matters related to the State of Maine's cannabis inventory tracking system. The Workgroup will fulfill the stakeholder engagement charges directed by the Second Regular Session of the 130th Maine Legislature.

The Metrc User Workgroup is to be composed of at least 10 members who represent current operators in Maine's adult-use Cannabis industry, and who is also a current Metrc user. Representatives from OCP will chair the workgroup and join members in discussions which will focus on inventory tracking's use in cultivation practices, costs to implement and administer, ongoing workload, and its use in verifying inventory has satisfied the mandatory testing of adult-use cannabis. Representatives from Metrc may be available, as needed, as a technical resource.

Inventory tracking is one of the hallmarks of a regulated cannabis industry. Maine's launch of its adult use cannabis program has been a success, thanks to the work of OCP and our partners in the industry. We realize that the process of tracking provides important data and public health and safety safeguards, but it also poses challenges to our licensed operators. We look forward to engaging in a substantive dialogue to better understand how we can strike the right balance between protecting public safety and implementing standards that are not overburdensome.

Workgroup Details

The workgroup will be convened virtually over Zoom and meet at least three times over the coming months. Outcomes resulting from the meetings are expected to include steps that may be taken by Metrc to update their cloud-based software platform or by OCP to streamline the office's regulations related to inventory tracking.

Workgroup members will serve as volunteers and must satisfy the requirements of the specific seats they seek to hold. The office is seeking individuals who will fill the following positions, at a minimum:

- Four (4) cultivation facility representatives,
- Two (2) product manufacturing representatives,
- Two (2) Cannabis store representative(s),
- One (1) Cannabis testing facility representative, and
- One (1) vertically integrated facility operator.

If a licensee retains more than one facility license type, they will be restricted to applying for one of the vertically integrated operator positions available. The Office reserves the right to include additional representatives at its sole discretion.

Applications & Additional Information

Additional information and applications to the workgroup are available on [the OCP website](#). OCP is scheduled to accept applications from now until 5pm on August 2, 2022.

Virtual meetings of the Metrc User Workgroup will be held on the following dates:

- Tuesday, August 23, 2022 from 2pm-4pm EDT
- Tuesday, September 13, 2022 from 2pm-4pm EDT
- Tuesday, October 11, 2022 from 2pm-4pm EDT
- Tuesday, November 8, 2022 from 2pm-4pm EDT (*if needed*)

Thank you for your interest and application; we look forward to working with this group on these important issues.

Sincerely,



Erik Gundersen
Director