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NDDoH Accepts Requests for Proposals for Compliance Testing Laboratory

BISMARCK, N.D. – The North Dakota Department of Health (NDDoH) is accepting requests for proposals (RFPs) for a laboratory to conduct compliance testing for the Medical Marijuana Program. RFPs will be accepted through April 19, 2018 at 3 p.m.

The selected laboratory will be responsible for conducting tests of marijuana and usable marijuana as required by proposed North Dakota Administrative Code Chapter 33-44-01. These proposed rules will undergo a legislative review by the Administrative Rules Committee on March 12, 2018.

"Selecting a laboratory to conduct compliance testing helps ensure that products are safe for registered qualifying patients," said Medical Marijuana Division Director Jason Wahl.

Under the proposed rules, testing will also be conducted for pesticides, microbiological contaminants, mycotoxins, solvents, water activity, moisture content, and THC and CBD concentration levels. Registered manufacturing facilities are required by state law to pay the costs for testing.

"While the state isn't paying for the cost of compliance tests, we recognize that testing prices impact the final cost of the products. Therefore, proposals received will be evaluated on cost and costs for tests will be included in the contract," said Wahl.

More information regarding the RFP can be found on the Office of Management and Budget's website at https://apps.nd.gov/csd/spo/services/bidder/main.htm. For questions, please contact the Division of Medical Marijuana at 701.328.1311.

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