

### APICAL, INC. MRN281246

# **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Apical, Inc. 19 Wemelco Road, Easthampton, MA 01027

2. Type of license sought (if cultivation, its tier level and outside/inside operation) and information regarding the application submission:

Retail

The application was reopened once additional information.

3. The applicant is a licensee or applicant for other Marijuana Establishment and/or Medical Marijuana Treatment Center license(s):

Туре	Status	Location
Product Manufacturing	Application Submitted	Chicopee
Cultivation, Tier 6/Indoor (40,001-50,000 sq. ft.)	Application Submitted	Chicopee
Medical Marijuana Treatment Center	Provisional License	Easthampton

4. List of all required individuals and their business roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Individual	Role
Kot Kasom	Executive
Leakhena Som	Board Member
Monica Keo	Board Member
Lar Teng	Board Member
Tiffanie Kim	Board Member
Anderson Green	Board Member

5. List of all required entities and their roles in the Marijuana Establishment:

Entity	Role
	Provisional License Executive Summary 1
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Smartgreen, Inc.	Capital Holding Company for Apical, Inc.
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6. Applicant's priority status:

MTC Priority Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on April 19, 2018.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on November 1, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on August 12, 2019 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances and bylaws.
- 10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	40% of workforce from Holyoke, Springfield, or West Springfield.
2	50% of contractors, suppliers and vendors from Holyoke, Springfield, or West
	Springfield.
3	Donate \$10,000 annually to the Commissions Social Equity Training and
	Technical Assistance Fund.

# SUITABILITY REVIEW

- 11. There were no concerns arising from background checks on the individuals or entities associated with the application.
- 12. There were no disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions.

# MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

- 13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six months of receiving its provisional license.
- 14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday-Saturday: 10:00 a.m. - 9:00 p.m. Sunday: 10:00 a.m. - 6:00 p.m.

15. The applicant submitted all applicable and required summaries of plans, policies, and procedures for the operation of the proposed establishment. The summaries were determined to be substantially compliant with the Commission's regulations.

16. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Diversity Plan:

#	Goal	
1	50% of workforce will be female.	
2	40% of workforce will be minorities, veterans, people with disabilities and	
	people of all gender identities and sexual orientations.	

17. Plan for obtaining marijuana or marijuana products (if applicable):

Apical, Inc. plans to obtain marijuana from their cultivation and product manufacturing site in Chicopee, MA once licensed.

# **RECOMMENDATION**

Commission staff recommend provisional licensure with the following conditions:

- 1. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with Commission regulations;
- 2. Final license is subject to inspection to ascertain compliance with applicable state laws and local codes, ordinances, and bylaws;
- 3. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
- 4. Provisional licensure is subject to the payment of the appropriate license fee.

The applicant has demonstrated compliance with the laws and regulations of the Commonwealth and suitability for licensure. Therefore, the applicant is recommended for provisional licensure.