

ATOZ LABORATORIES, INC.

ILN281335

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

ATOZ Laboratories, Inc.
100 South Street, Hopkinton, MA 01748

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

Independent Testing Laboratory

The application was reopened once (1) for additional information.

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

The applicant is not an applicant or licensee for any other license type.

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

Individual	Role
Abdullatif Zaouk	Executive/Officer
Michael Willis	Executive/Officer
Jude Robert DiCicco	Executive/Officer

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

No other entity appears to have ownership or control over this proposed Marijuana Establishment.

6. Applicant's priority status:

Expedited Applicant (License Type)



7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on July 22, 2020.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on May 7, 2020 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on October 6, 2020 stating the applicant was in compliance with all local ordinances or bylaws.
10. The applicant proposed the following goals for its Positive Impact Plan:

#	Goal
1	Provide a minimum donation of \$5,000 annually to the CultivatEd Program to help promote participation in the cannabis industry by those who were disproportionately harmed by marijuana prohibition.
2	Provide each employee with eight (8) hours of paid time annually to participate in a neighborhood clean-up initiative, specifically in Fitchburg. ATOZ strives for an 85% participation rate in this initiative by its employees each calendar year.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

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

MANAGEMENT AND OPERATIONS REVIEW

13. The applicant states that it can be operational within six (6) months of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant’s proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Sunday: 9:00 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
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1	Give hiring preference to women (20%); minorities (20%); veterans (10%); people with disabilities (10%); and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%).
2	ATOZ will prioritize working with businesses in our supply chain and required ancillary services that are owned and/or managed by minority groups; women, veterans, people with disabilities, and LGBTQ+ individuals.

17. ISO 17025:2017 Certification (if applicable):

The applicant is not yet accredited to the most current International Organization for Standardization (ISO) 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the International Laboratory Accreditation Cooperation (ILAC) Mutual Recognition Arrangement. Staff recommend that this accreditation be required prior to final licensure.

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. Final licensure is subject to the applicant being accredited to the most current ISO 17025 by a third-party accrediting body that is a signatory to the ILAC Mutual Recognition Arrangement;
4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an updated Positive Impact Plan that specifies how donations to CultivatEd will directly impact residents of Fitchburg;
5. Final licensure is subject to the applicant providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with an amended Transportation Plan that accurately reflects the requirements of 935 CMR 500.105 (13)(d): Storage Requirements;
6. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
7. 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.

