

GREEN BIZ, LLC
MRN281989

BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

Green Biz, LLC
177 Main Street, Northampton, MA 01060

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 three (3) times for additional information.

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

Type	Status	Location
Retail	Final License	Pittsfield
Retail	Commence Operations	Northampton

Individuals associated with this application are also associated with a cultivation application under the name of Northeast Cultivation, LLC and a retail application under the name of Green Era, LLC.

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

Individual	Role
Hai Qing Huang	Owner / Partner
Jack Carney	Manager
Wen Bing Huang	Capital Contributor (Not a Person Having Direct or Indirect Control)

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 (Minority-Owned Business)

7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 9, 2018.
8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on October 22, 2018 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on June 16, 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 support for the community of Amherst, through the donation of assets (\$5,000 annually) and personal time (100 hours of employee time annually).
2	Advertise employment opportunities to citizens of Holyoke through workshops held in public settings at least three (3) times a year.

SUITABILITY REVIEW

11. There were disclosures of any past civil or criminal actions, occupational license issues, or marijuana-related business interests in other jurisdictions. None of the disclosures raised suitability issues.
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 one (1) year of receiving the provisional license(s).
14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday – Thursday: 10:00 a.m. – 8:00 p.m.
Friday – Saturday: 10:00 a.m. – 10:00 p.m.
Sunday: 12:00 p.m. – 8:00 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	Provide Administrators or Managers involved in the hiring process by enrolling them in a three (3) week Understanding Diversity & Inclusion course through Purdue University/Future Learn
2	Ensure employment opportunities are available to a wider pool of people by listing employment opportunities on internet publications that cater to minority groups.
3	Recruit 50% or more of its workforce that are comprised of women, minorities, or veterans.

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

Green Biz, LLC will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments.

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 ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
4. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
5. 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.

