

# **1CONNECTION CORP.**

#### MCN282245 MPN281717 MRN282401

## **BACKGROUND & APPLICATION OF INTENT REVIEW**

1. Name and address of the proposed Marijuana Establishment:

1Connection Corp.200 Williams Street, Dighton, Massachusetts 02764.

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

Cultivation, Tier 3/Indoor (10,001 – 20,000 sq. ft.) Product Manufacturing Retail

The applications were 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):

Туре	Status	Location
MTC	Provisional License	Dighton -
		Dighton

Michael Westort is associated with other adult- and medical-use licenses under the business name "Health Circle" and with the approval of these applications will not exceed any regulatory license limit.

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

Individual	Role
Robert Caruso	Executive/Officer
John Belsan	Director
Michael Westort	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:

General Applicant

- 7. The applicant and municipality executed a Host Community Agreement on November 14, 2018.
- 8. The applicant conducted a community outreach meeting on April 11, 2019 and provided documentation demonstrating compliance with Commission regulations.
- 9. The Commission received a municipal response from the municipality on July 21, 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 \$1,000.00 to the Old Colony YMCA located
	in Taunton to provide support to the organization's community programs and
	services.
2	Give hiring preference to individuals who are past or present residents of
	Taunton. Specifically, 40% of staff will be comprised of past or present
	residents of Taunton.
3	Hosting marijuana-specific training and educational opportunities at least two
	(2) times annually for each employee who is a past or present resident of
	Taunton. These trainings and educational opportunities will increase industry
	knowledge and expertise for each qualified participant.

### 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 18 months of receiving the provisional license(s).

14. The applicant's proposed hours of operation are the following:

Monday - Sunday: 8:00 a.m. - 9:00 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	Give hiring preference to minorities (30%); women (40%); veterans (10%);
	people with disabilities (10%); and people identifying as LGBTQ+ (10%).
2	Increasing the number of individuals falling in the above listed demographics
	employed by 1Connection by holding job fairs at least two (2) times each year
	with a focus on attracting minorities, women, veterans, people with disabilities
	and people identifying as LGBTQ+.
3	Increasing the number of individuals falling in the above listed demographics
	employed by 1Connection by advertising employment opportunities in the
	Taunton Gazette (2) times each year with a focus on attracting minorities,
	women, veterans, people with disabilities and people identifying as LGBTQ+.

17. Summary of cultivation plan (if applicable):

The applicant submitted a cultivation plan that demonstrates the ability to comply with the Commission's regulations.

18. Summary of products to be produced and/or sold (if applicable):

#	Product
1	Gummies (cylindrical shaped); red sour cherry,
	yellow sour lemon, blue sour blueberry and red
	cinnamon.
2	Brownies
3	Chocolate chip cookie
4	Peanut butter chocolate cookie
5	Chocolate (square shape)
6	Chocolate bar
7	Infused salt butter
8	Infused unsalted butter
9	Infused coconut oil
10	Infused vegetable oil
11	Infused olive oil

12	Ready-to-use extracted cannabis and hash
	distillates
13	Oils
14	Waxes
15	Shatters
16	Budders
17	Live resins
18	Saps
19	Taffies
20	Crumbles
21	Moon rocks
22	Whole-plant cannabis and terpene extracts
23	Pre-dosed vaporizers
24	Capsules
25	Sauces
26	Baked goods
27	Confections

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

1Connection Corp will obtain marijuana or marijuana products by contracting with other licensed establishments. Connection Corp plans to obtain marijuana from its affiliated licenses (upon licensure approval).

## **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 providing Commission staff, upon inspection, with a detailed list of all proposed products to be produced with specific information as to types, forms, shapes, colors, and flavors;
- 4. Final licensure is subject to the applicant ensuring that all remaining required individuals be fingerprinted pursuant to previous Commission notifications;
- 5. The applicant shall cooperate with and provide information to Commission staff; and
- 6. 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.