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Round 1 License Announcement

The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) is pleased to announce the initial cannabis business licensing round under the State’s Cannabis Reform Act. The 30-day application period will open at **12:00 AM Eastern Standard Time (EST), November 13, 2023** and close at **5 PM EST on December 12, 2023**. *Applications submitted after 5PM will not be accepted or reviewed by the MCA.*

Standard Dispensary Licenses:

The MCA will award 75 licenses, by county, as follows in **Table 1**:

Table 1: Distribution of Standard Dispensary Licenses.

Jurisdiction	Number of Standard Dispensary Licenses Available
Maryland	75
Allegany	1
Anne Arundel	5
Baltimore	6
Baltimore City	11
Calvert	3
Caroline	1
Carroll	2
Cecil	2
Charles	2
Dorchester	1
Harford	3
Howard	3
Frederick	3
Garrett	1
Kent	1
Montgomery	9
Prince George's	9
Queen Anne's	1
St. Mary's	2
Somerset	1
Talbot	2
Washington	3
Wicomico	2
Worcester	1

Growers, Processors, and Micro Licenses:

For the remaining license types, the State will be divided into four regions, as follows:

- **Western Region:** Allegany, Carroll, Frederick, Garrett, Montgomery, and Washington.
- **Southern Region:** Anne Arundel, Calvert, Charles, Prince George's, and St. Mary's.
- **Central Region:** Baltimore, Baltimore City, Cecil, Harford, and Howard.
- **Eastern Region:** Caroline, Dorchester, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Talbot, Wicomico, and Worcester.

A graphic representation of the regions is included in **Attachment A**.

Equal numbers of each of the remaining license types will be available, as outlined in Table 2 below.

Table 2. Distribution of Growers, Processors, and Micro Licenses.

		Number Available per Region	Total in Round 1
Standard	<u>Growers</u>	4	16
	<u>Processors</u>	8	32
Micro	<u>Growers</u>	6	24
	<u>Processors</u>	6	24
	<u>Dispensaries</u>	2	8

Micro Dispensaries:

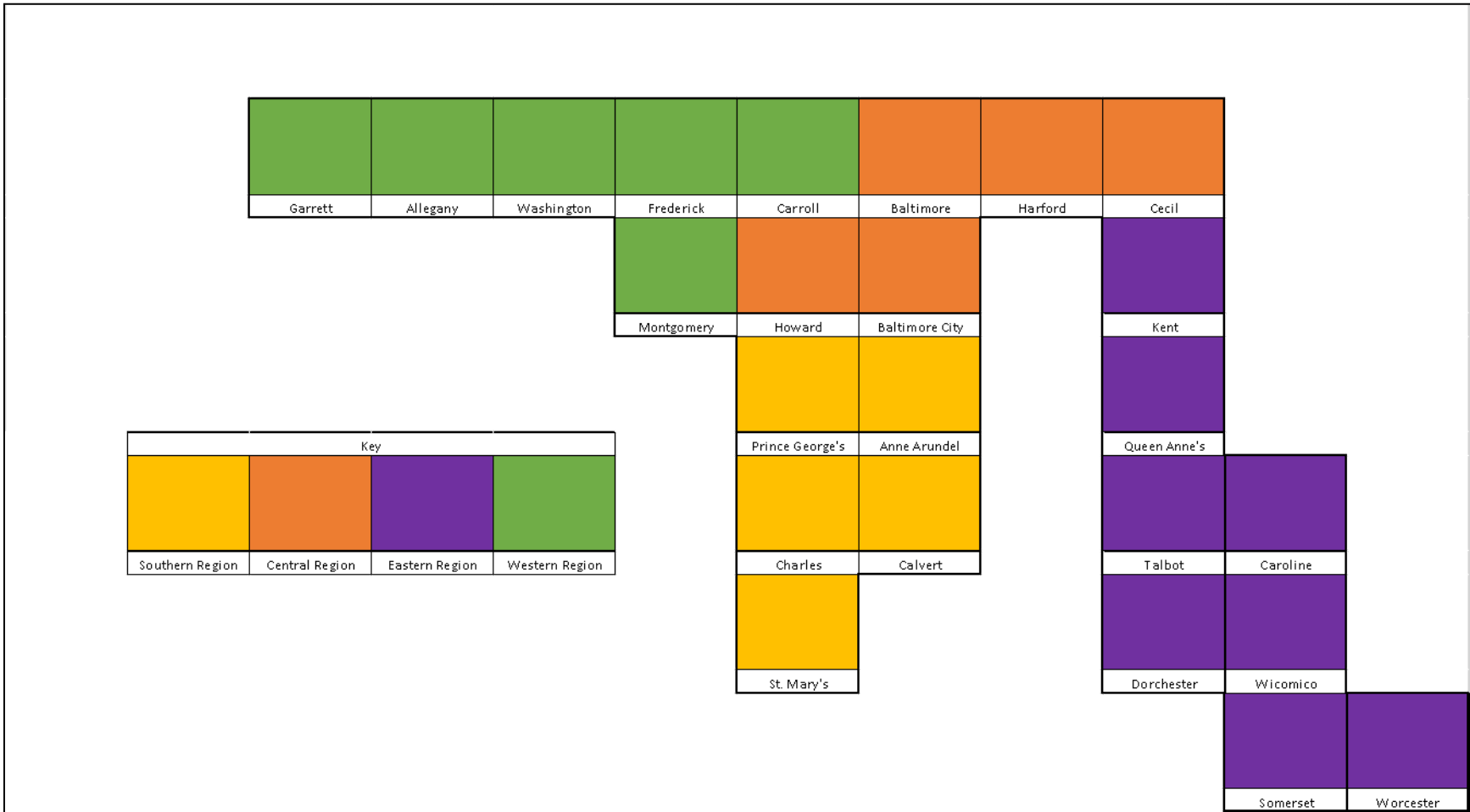
Micro dispensary licenses, also awarded by region, will *only* be authorized to conduct deliveries within the region in which they have been awarded. This is to ensure availability of delivery services across the State.

Lottery:

All lotteries will be conducted using a double-randomized methodology. Each application that meets minimum qualifications will be entered into *one* lottery pool, corresponding to the applicant's submission. A list of discrete lottery pools under the forthcoming application round, and lottery restrictions, is included in **Attachment B**.

As a reminder, an individual may not be associated with more than one application per license type, or more than two applications within a single round. The MCA will additionally not award any licenses that would violate statutory restrictions on ownership and control.

Attachment A. MCA Regions



Attachment B. List of Discrete Lotteries

Application Restrictions		Number of Licenses Available In Lottery Pool	Jurisdictions Available	License Type	
May not submit more than two of any applications	May only be awarded one of these licenses	May only submit one application for any of these lotteries	5	Anne Arundel	Standard Dispensary
			6	Baltimore	Standard Dispensary
			2	Carroll	Standard Dispensary
			3	Harford	Standard Dispensary
			3	Howard	Standard Dispensary
			11	Baltimore City	Standard Dispensary
			3	Frederick	Standard Dispensary
			9	Montgomery	Standard Dispensary
			9	Prince George's	Standard Dispensary
			3	Calvert	Standard Dispensary
			2	Charles	Standard Dispensary
			2	St. Mary's	Standard Dispensary
			1	Allegany	Standard Dispensary
			1	Garrett	Standard Dispensary
			3	Washington	Standard Dispensary
			1	Caroline	Standard Dispensary
			2	Cecil	Standard Dispensary
			1	Kent	Standard Dispensary
			1	Queen Anne's	Standard Dispensary
			2	Talbot	Standard Dispensary
	1	Dorchester	Standard Dispensary		
	1	Somerset	Standard Dispensary		
	2	Wicomico	Standard Dispensary		
	1	Worcester	Standard Dispensary		
	May only submit one application for any of these lotteries	2	Western Region	Micro Dispensary	
		2	Southern Region	Micro Dispensary	
		2	Central Region	Micro Dispensary	
		2	Eastern Region	Micro Dispensary	
	May only be awarded one of these licenses	May only submit one application for any of these lotteries	4	Western Region	Standard Grower
			4	Southern Region	Standard Grower
4			Central Region	Standard Grower	
4			Eastern Region	Standard Grower	
May only submit one application for any of these lotteries		6	Western Region	Micro Grower	
		6	Southern Region	Micro Grower	
		6	Central Region	Micro Grower	
		6	Eastern Region	Micro Grower	
May only be awarded one of these licenses	May only submit one application for any of these lotteries	8	Western Region	Standard Processor	
		8	Southern Region	Standard Processor	
		8	Central Region	Standard Processor	
		8	Eastern Region	Standard Processor	
	May only submit one application for any of these lotteries	6	Western Region	Micro Processor	
		6	Southern Region	Micro Processor	
		6	Central Region	Micro Processor	
		6	Eastern Region	Micro Processor	