



Maryland Cannabis Administration and Maryland Department of General Services Release Request for Information (RFI) for Interested Cannabis Incubator Operators

(August 28, 2026) - The Maryland Cannabis Administration (MCA) and the Maryland Department of General Services (DGS) are releasing an RFI to solicit insights from nonprofit entities regarding the management and operation of the Maryland Cannabis Incubator Facility, a first-in-the-nation, government-managed cannabis incubator program for social equity micro-businesses.

The MCA and DGS are seeking insights and expertise from nonprofit entities with demonstrated experience in operating and maintaining medium-to-large facilities with complex equipment and regulatory requirements. Furthermore, the MCA is interested in understanding best practices and implementation models relevant to a business incubator program and/or previously used in the cannabis industry.

The nonprofit entity will occupy and manage the cannabis incubator facility. The incubator facility will support cannabis micro licensees by providing access to equipment, storage, and operational space. Additionally, licensees and micro-businesses will be offered workforce development opportunities, including compliance training, business growth skills, and technical training related to cannabis processing. Micro licensees will be able to process and securely store cannabis or cannabis products for sale and delivery off-site. The facility will not be used to conduct retail sales and will generally not be accessible to the public.

Alcoholic Beverages & Cannabis Article § 36-406 authorizes MCA to work with Maryland Economic Development Corporation (MEDCO) to acquire and construct the nation's first state-run cannabis incubator facility. Additionally, it requires the Department of General Services (DGS) to contract with a nonprofit organization to operate the nation's first state-run cannabis incubator facility.

The cannabis incubator program aligns with the State's vision of creating a high-quality and inclusive cannabis industry that serves as a national model by providing a safe, equitable, and accessible medical and adult-use cannabis industry for qualifying patients and adult consumers.

Responses must be submitted through Maryland's [online procurement platform - eMMA](#) no later than September 28, 2026. Here is a link to the [RFI solicitation](#). Please note that entities must be [registered](#) through eMMA in order to respond to the RFI. Questions regarding the submission process should be directed to [Maureen Loiseau](#).

For more information on the Maryland Cannabis Incubator Program, visit the [Cannabis Incubator Space](#) page.
