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## North Dakota Awards Contract for the Medical Marijuana Tracking System

BISMARCK, N.D. — The state of North Dakota has selected a vendor to implement a medical marijuana tracking system. Following the formal request for proposal process, the state has awarded BioTrackTHC a contract for an information management system that includes a seed-to-sale inventory tracking system, as well as a registration system.

"The Division of Medical Marijuana is committed to implementing a well regulated program," said Medical Marijuana Division Director, Jason Wahl. "Implementation of the information management system will assist in ensuring state laws are followed and allow the division to effectively monitor the operations of manufacturing facilities and dispensaries."

The system will track the production, transportation, and sale of usable marijuana under the program and will allow the division to track every marijuana plant and every gram of marijuana throughout the production life cycle. This includes growing, trimming, harvesting, and curing, as well tracking through compliance testing, transportation, and sale.

"The data included in the tracking system will provide a digital record of the state's entire marijuana inventory," said Wahl. "The system provides for transparency and accountability and keeps safety a top priority, as it has been from the beginning."

The registration system will be used to process applications from qualifying patients, designated caregivers, manufacturing facility agents, dispensary agents, and laboratory agents. The system will provide information regarding the status of registry identification cards, which will be accessible to law enforcement personnel, health care providers, and pharmacists.

"We are grateful to have the opportunity to partner with the North Dakota Department of Health and look forward to playing a key role in bringing safe access to usable marijuana for North Dakotans through a proven and secure track-and-trace system," said Patrick Vo, president and CEO of BioTrackTHC.

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