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## **Medical Marijuana Action Alert**



Monday, September 22 is the deadline to submit applications for medical marijuana growing centers and dispensaries. Prospective companies have sought support from local officials so they can include this information in the application.

### Pot Pay to Play

Competition for approved sites has gotten so intense that some municipalities are requiring businesses pay them a cut of their revenues if they want local support, reported the *Chicago Tribune*. In a state with a long and often corrupt tradition of pay-to-play, the arrangements have raised concerns. <u>Read more:</u>

Officials in Elk Grove Village endorsed agreements for five potential cultivation centers and four dispensaries to operate within the village. As part of the agreement, each proposed cultivation center pledged \$30,000 to the village for community events, \$15,000 to the D.A.R.E. program, \$15,000 to the Kenneth Youth Center, and \$15,000 to Alexian Brothers, reported the *Daily Herald*. Read more:

## Secret bids

Rep. Lou Lang defended the secret bids which bar the release of information about those applying to grow and sell marijuana. Read more:

## Investors seeking marijuana businesses meet in Chicago

Meanwhile, the nation's largest cannabis investor group held a forum in Chicago. The companies were all from out of state, but the investors who attended were from Illinois, reported WBEZ.

"It's really significant for the whole industry that there's not a Midwestern state with a

legal cannabis industry," said the CEO of the group hosting the forum. He said these business pitch forums will get larger, more competitive and increasingly commonplace as states move toward legalization. Read more:

## Marijuana - Medicine by Legislation

Marijuana may have potential for medical benefit. At the same time we have clear medical-scientific evidence of marijuana's potential for harm. Read more:

"The greatest derangement of the mind is to believe something because one wishes it to be so." - Louis Pasteur

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