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PLDW Helps In Grown Farms, LLC Secure “Certificate to Grow” Medical Marijuana from the Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program

White Plains, NY – August 18, 2015 – With support from Pannone Lopes Devereaux & West LLC ([PLDW](#)) attorneys, In Grown Farms, LLC 2 secured permission to grow medical marijuana for use by qualified Illinois patients from the Illinois Medical Cannabis Pilot Program on July 20, 2015. The state approval allows the company to commence cultivating and harvesting cannabis in its state-of-the-art, custom-built, 3,000 sq. ft. research and development facility in the City of Freeport, Stephenson County. PLDW attorneys helped In Grown navigate the approval process on a variety of matters including compliance, labor and construction issues, and helping with strategic business planning and execution. Earlier this year, PLDW assisted the company in earning one of a limited number of Illinois’s cultivation and dispensary permits after a rigorous selection process that drew more than 300 applicants.

“We are honored to be part of the In Grown team of professionals and proud of the confidence the company has in our firm to help turn a vision into reality,” said Bruce H. Tobey, PLDW Partner and member of the firm’s municipal infrastructure team. “We commend the commitment of the staff at In Grown for their deep-rooted dedication to provide compassionate relief to Illinois patients seeking medical marijuana and for the company’s investment in their home state.”

The research and development facility, which features cutting-edge horticultural, utility and climate control resources, is the first of two state-of-art facilities In Grown plans for Stephenson County. It is now building an 80,000 sq. ft. Main Cultivation Facility for future use as patient requirements grow for cannabis-based medicine in the state.

Attorney Tobey and Associate David M. DiSegna are leading a team of lawyers from multiple disciplines to help counsel and navigate the permitting and approval process of operating a medical

marijuana business under Illinois' groundbreaking legislation, the Compassionate Use of Medical Cannabis Pilot Program Act, which was enacted into law in January 2014.

Once completed, In Grown Farms expects to employ about 30 people, with jobs ranging from security to harvesting and packaging, and grow more than 12,000 pounds of medical marijuana a year in its facilities that also house security vaults, kitchens and offices.

"This permit enables us to treat our plants and our environment with respect by using sustainable materials and practices in our first-class facilities so we can give back to nature, enrich our community, and provide so many of our Illinois neighbors the medicine they so desperately need and deserve, said Larry Kiest Jr., In Grown Farms' President and Chief Executive Officer. "PLDW attorneys have been with us from the start and we are grateful for their expertise and experience to help us build this business and fulfill our mission."

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