



## Request for Proposal: Hemp Cultivation, Processing, Financing and Brand Development

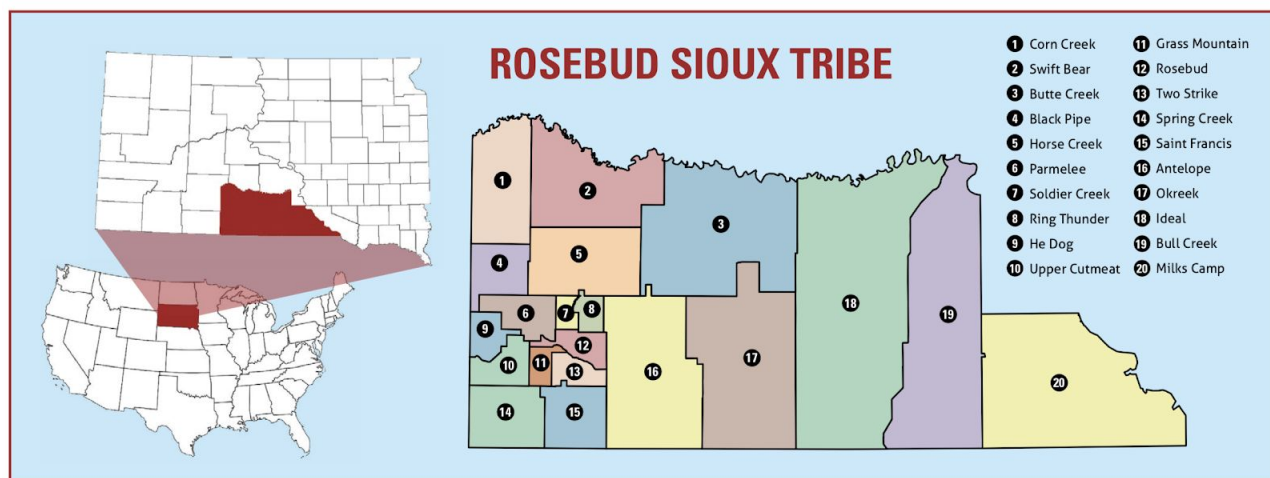
The Rosebud Economic Development Corporation (REDCO), a Tribally-chartered economic development entity of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe, is seeking proposals to develop sustainable hemp agriculture and processing projects on the Rosebud reservation. The Rosebud Sioux Tribe (RST) is updating its laws and finalizing tribal regulations to authorize tribal regulated hemp production under the 2018 Farm Bill and intends to begin allowing hemp production beginning in 2020.

REDCO is seeking partnership proposals for various hemp projects:

1. Grow 100-200 acres of certified organic hemp for grain on REDCO certified organic dryland;
2. Produce feminized hemp seed from high cannabinoid genetics that will be compliant with the 2018 Farm Bill by containing 0.3% or less total THC;
3. Cultivate hemp for CBD and CBG rich whole plant hemp extracts;
4. Establish an FDA compliant cGMP processing facility for hemp extraction;
5. Establish a processing facility for hemp decortication to produce bast fiber and hurd;
6. Develop and market a tribal hemp brand;
7. Provide financing for tribal hemp projects.

Location and available agricultural land:

The RST has more than 900,000 acres of tribal owned and/or managed land including thousands of acres of pivot and dryland that is productive agricultural land.



If selected, the Partner must receive a Tribal Business License from the Rosebud Sioux Tribe Department of Revenue to negotiate contracts with REDCO.



## Submittal Requirements

Potential partners wishing to be considered shall submit information as follows:

1. Submit your firm's qualifications, background and experience relating to the specific projects described in this Request For Proposal. Such qualifications may include narratives, resumes, (including education and years of project specific experience), successful previous projects, etc. Address how your qualifications and experience illustrate your ability to deliver excellent project results relating to the specific hemp project. Indicate by name and title, the team members you are proposing, and the project roles and functions each team member will have in the project. Describe your experience with, and/or approach to providing such services within the boundaries of an established Indian Reservation.
2. Submit a minimum of one (1), and a maximum of ten (5) examples of past projects that show your firm's abilities do the project profitably and sustainably. These project examples must have been completed by current members of your team, including personnel you plan to utilize for the REDCO hemp project(s).
3. Submit a Partnership Proposal outlining all your proposed contributions including funding, expertise and labor related to completing the hemp project(s) and proposed partnership with REDCO.
4. If selected, a partner must comply with the requirements of the Rosebud Sioux Tribe's Tribal Employment & Contracting Rights Ordinance #88-03. Please contact the RST TECRO Office at (605) 747-2322 for details.

## Submittal Instructions

Submit one (1) electronic PDF copy, and three (1) printed hard copy of the Proposal. Electronic copies must be received no later than (5:00 PM CST) April 15, 2020. Hard copies must be postmarked no later than the same date. No late or faxed submittals will be accepted. Hard copies of submittals shall be in a sealed envelope clearly marked (Subject: RFP # HEMP-2020, "REDCO Hemp Partnership Proposal") on the front of the envelope. The submission of the hard copies of the Request for Proposal shall be sealed and sent to:

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