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## **FIRST DENVER MEDICAL MARIJUANA BUSINESS LICENSED BY CITY AND STATE**

***License will be presented at Denver Medical Marijuana Workgroup Meeting on Wednesday, October 26th at 3:30 p.m.***

The first Denver medical marijuana license issued under Colorado's stringent new regulatory framework will be presented at the next meeting of the newly formed Denver Medical Marijuana Workgroup.

The Workgroup, which includes members from the major business associations in Denver, was created to serve as a liason between medical marijuana businesses, the Department of Excise and Licenses, and the Denver City Council.

According to Matt Cook, Workgroup Chair and architect of Colorado's medical marijuana framework, "The Workgroup will provide a constructive forum for Denver business owners to gain more information about local licensing, and a means for the community to provide useful feedback to the Denver City Council and the Local Licensing Authority. These meetings are open to the public – and we invite you to come participate."

Norton Arbelaez, Workgroup Vice-Chair, stated: "The Medical Marijuana Industry Group is proud to have created this Workgroup with the help of Denver's major industry stakeholders. Our goal is to be the bridge between the medical marijuana business community and the City of Denver . Our mission is to help implement Colorado's regulatory model in Denver, thereby ensuring that patients have continued safe, legal access."

The next Workgroup meeting will be held Wednesday, October 26<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 3:30 in the Atrium of the Wellington Webb building, 201 W. Colfax Avenue. All are welcome.

Agenda items include:

A licensing update from Tom Downey, the Director of the Denver Department of Excise and Licenses

A discussion of the proposed Denver ordinance concerning license transferability

Licensing Presentation

Public comments and questions.

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