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The State of Illinois announced today it has executed a contract with Metrc for a new seed-to-sale system to replace Biotrack the state's current seed-to-sale system. Implementation of Metrc should take place over the coming months and licensees will be provided with further information.



Metrc is a highly-configurable, secure, and scalable system that will modernize Illinois' evolving cannabis industry and regulatory systems. This includes utilizing RFID tags, computerized tags that allow for easier, more accurate entry of information into the system by operators.

Through State funding, cannabis business establishments will not be charged for Metrc's RFID tags, subject to certain restrictions. These new identification tags will reduce manual auditing and provide for easier tracking of inventory. The State of Illinois' contract with Metrc also includes additional services, including new reporting tools to help study trends in the industry.

Cannabis businesses will be provided more detailed information from the Department of Agriculture, including specifics about when the reporting requirements will change and what training resources will be available. BioTrack, the current system vendor, will remain in place until Metrc is implemented (with an expected launch this summer). Currently, Metrc provides seed-to-sale tracking in 27 jurisdictions and has robust training and implementation support services for the transition.

Further details and timelines will be posted on the Illinois cannabis website (<https://cannabis.illinois.gov>) as they are developed. Additional Illinois-specific information will also be available on Metrc's website (<https://www.metrc.com/>). Questions can be directed to AGR.CannabisInspections@illinois.gov.