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## **Key Panel: The Current State of Cannabis Research in the U.S. and the Implications of New Reform**

### **Speakers:**

- **Wes Burk, President & CEO, Emerald Scientific (moderator)**
- **Dr. Jeff Keller, Owner, Rapid Analytics LLC**
- **AC Braddock, CEO, Eden Labs**
- **Dr. Matthew Indest, Technical Director of Agronomy & Plant Improvement, Curaleaf**

**Abstract:** History was made when the first US cannabis-specific reform legislation was signed into law in December 2022. The Medical Marijuana and Cannabidiol Research Expansion Act (MMCREA), which is intended to make it easier for scientific researchers to study the plant, also calls on the federal government to investigate the potential therapeutic benefits of cannabis. This panel will provide a high-level view of the current state of cannabis research and explore potential impacts the new legislation will have on stakeholders in the industry including researchers, clinicians, and business owners. The panel will also explore the how the legislation could affect cannabis research and development moving forward.