1. Pursuant to Massachusetts General Laws, Chapter 94C, Section 27, and Commonwealth of Massachusetts Regulation 105 CMR 700, a researcher and/or instructor who purchases one or more controlled substances as referenced in the law, including, but not necessarily limited to, hypodermic syringes/needles, for any purpose, from any vendor, must be licensed by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health. The cost of such a license is currently $100/year for each researcher/instructor.

(Note that, under the law, hypodermic syringes and needles are a Class VI Controlled Substance. Note, too, that only state hospitals are exempt from paying the licensing fee).

2. Furthermore, each researcher/instructor who so purchases a controlled substance shall maintain a perpetual inventory, in a bound ledger (not loose leaf), consisting of the purchase order number, the name of the licensed researcher/instructor, the purchase order date, the quantity received, the quantity and date issued, and the intended purpose. Said ledger shall be maintained in the department office and shall be provided to state inspectors upon request.

3. Reservations shall not be used to order controlled substances. Only specific purchase orders are appropriate. Each such purchase order shall reference the researcher/instructor’s registration number, as issued by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Department of Public Health.

4. A sample copy of the Application for Registration appears on the following page.