



Global Biorisk Advisory Council Launches GBAC STAR Registered Technology and Registered Programs

New stamp of approval helps facility managers and service providers review cleaning solutions and offerings

NORTHBROOK, Ill.—August 3, 2021—In an effort to help facilities around the world make it easier to vet the appropriate cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention essentials, the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#), (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, today launched GBAC STAR™ Registered Technology & Registered Programs. The offering allows manufacturers and other companies to have their cleaning, infectious disease prevention, or similar type technology or program designated as GBAC STAR Registered. This provides added assurance for facility managers and service providers who are dedicated to cleaning for health.

“With so many options on the market today, it can be overwhelming for decision makers to select the best equipment, chemicals, or programs,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “With GBAC STAR Registered, it’s clear which solutions and programs have been vetted by experts and meet a higher level of cleanliness and safety. This allows managers to better equip and train professionals so they can more easily and effectively uphold public health.”

Equipment, products, or programs that become GBAC STAR Registered earn a stamp of approval that confirms safety and builds trust, similar to the [GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation](#) seal seen throughout accredited facilities. To be eligible, a GBAC STAR Registered application must include a list of claims and problem statement the offering is addressing, evidence that the offering will make an effective contribution in preventing the spread of COVID-19 or any other diseases, and demonstrate advantage over existing offerings in terms of efficacy, cost, health, and safety.

The annual cost for GBAC STAR registration is US\$3,500 for ISSA members and \$5,000 for non-members. Additionally, ISSA members receive discounted rates for multiple technology or program registrations. Companies with registered technologies or programs can benefit from expanded marketing and brand reach, access to a referral program, use of materials in GBAC STAR Academy trainings, inclusion on the GBAC website, and more.

“GBAC STAR Registered participants not only benefit from GBAC’s stamp of approval, but they also provide a compliance path for their customers to become GBAC STAR accredited,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “Whether it’s a building service provider that uses a GBAC STAR Registered chemical or a facility that incorporates registered equipment, this enables them to be one step closer to GBAC STAR Service and Facility Accreditation.”

Learn more at gbac.org/registered or gbac.org/star.



About GBAC, a Division of ISSA

Composed of international leaders in the field of microbial-pathogenic threat analysis, mitigation, response, and recovery, the Global Biorisk Advisory Council (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, provides training, guidance, accreditation, certification, crisis management assistance, and leadership to government, commercial and private entities looking to mitigate, quickly address, and/or recover from biological threats and real-time crises. The organization's services include biorisk management program assessment and training, Forensic Restoration® response and remediation, the GBAC STAR facility accreditation program, training and certification of individuals, and consulting for building owners and facility managers. For more information, visit www.gbac.org.

About ISSA

With more than 9,300 members – including distributors, manufacturers, manufacturer representatives, wholesalers, building service contractors, in-house service providers, residential cleaners, and associated service members – ISSA is the world's leading trade association for the cleaning industry. The association is committed to changing the way the world views cleaning by providing its members with the business tools they need to promote cleaning as an investment in human health, the environment, and an improved bottom line. Headquartered in Northbrook, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Mainz, Germany; Whitby, Canada; Parramatta, Australia; Seoul, South Korea; and Shanghai, China. For more information about ISSA, visit www.issa.com or call (800) 225-4772 (North America) or (847) 982-0800. For information on ISSA's Canadian division, ISSA Canada, visit <http://www.issa-canada.com> or call (866) 864-8273 or (905) 665-8001.

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MediaEdge is a proud reseller of the GBAC STAR and GBAC fundamentals online course. Please see the program details and links below.

1. Commercial facility owners looking for GBAC STAR accreditation can follow the link [here](#).
2. ISSA has also released a new GBAC fundamentals online course specifically designed for cleaning workers on the frontlines of the coronavirus fight. Please click [here](#) to register and receive a discount off normal prices.

For additional program details and information, please email chuckn@mediaedge.ca or contact him at (416) 803-4653.