



GBAC STAR Service Accreditation Now Available for Cleaning Service Providers

NORTHBROOK, Ill.— Feb. 18, 2021— The [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#)™ (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, has launched the [GBAC STAR™ Service Accreditation Program](#) for building service contractors (BSCs) and other outsourced cleaning service providers. The newest member of the GBAC STAR portfolio, GBAC STAR Service accreditation provides third-party validation of a cleaning service provider’s cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention protocols and procedures.

“Building service contractors are on the frontlines of cleaning, disinfecting, and infection prevention of facilities during the pandemic, and many are looking for ways to promote their expertise,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “Expanding GBAC STAR accreditation to these service providers enables them to expand their knowledge of cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention, and to demonstrate to customers and prospects that they can manage risks today and in the future.”

BSCs and other cleaning service providers that want to demonstrate their commitment to building occupant health and safety through a respected, third-party accreditation can achieve GBAC STAR Service accreditation by completing the program’s training requirements and implementation guidelines. This program is ideal for facilities seeking ways to prevent the spread of infection among staff, customers, and guests, and be fully prepared for potential outbreaks in the future.

“Cleaning service providers are often responsible for managing cleaning programs or working alongside established custodial teams in facilities like schools, stadiums, convention centers, and more,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “Now, BSCs can pursue GBAC STAR Service accreditation to further enhance their service offerings and complement the GBAC STAR Facility accreditation to which more than 4,000 facilities around the world are committed to achieving.”

Whether you are a cleaning service provider or a facility owner or manager, you can apply for GBAC STAR accreditation at gbac.issa.com/gbac-star-service-accreditation/.

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 and remember to use the promo codes when registering as they provide discounts.

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.