



RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg Achieves GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation



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WINNIPEG, MAN. – (January 14, 2021) The RBC Convention Centre in Winnipeg, Manitoba has demonstrated its commitment to employee and customer health and safety by achieving [GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation](#) from the Global Biorisk Advisory Council™ (GBAC), a [Division of ISSA](#), the worldwide cleaning industry association.

GBAC STAR is an industry accreditation focused on ensuring a clean, safe, and healthy environment in public and commercial facilities of all sizes. The program outlines best practices, protocols, and procedures to control risk factors associated with infectious disease, including SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19. GBAC STAR accreditation means that venues' cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention programs implement best practices to prepare for, respond to, and recover from outbreaks and pandemics like COVID-19.

“The health and safety of our staff, guests, clients and visitors of the Centre has always been, and will continue to be, our number one priority,” said Drew Fisher, President and CEO, RBC Convention Centre. “Our team continues to work incredibly hard to ensure best practices for Centre cleanliness are paramount in our facility. Achieving our GBAC STAR accreditation further affirms our team’s commitment to ensuring the RBC Convention Centre remains continually focused on the highest levels of health and safety standards.”

To achieve GBAC STAR accreditation, facilities must follow specific performance and guidance criteria to show compliance with the program’s 20 elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment to personal protective equipment (PPE) and emergency preparedness and response measures. The program is ideal for facilities of all sizes including, but not limited to offices, restaurants, hotels, airports, stadiums, and other public venues.

“GBAC STAR is the gold standard of safe facilities, providing third-party validation that ensures facilities implement strict protocols for biorisk situations,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “Accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers, and key stakeholders that they have proven systems in place to deliver clean and healthy environments that are safe for business.”

Apply for GBAC STAR facility accreditation today at gbac.org/star. See which facilities are accredited or are working towards accreditation via the [GBAC STAR Facility Directory](#).

About RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg

The RBC Convention Centre Winnipeg is the premier convention centre in Manitoba and is located in the heart of downtown Winnipeg. Featuring three floors of meeting and trade show space, the multi-purpose facility can accommodate a variety of events from international, national and regional conventions; consumer and industry trade shows; entertainment events; gala receptions and dinners; membership luncheons; sporting events; business meetings of all sizes; and concerts. Guests enjoy the luxury of complimentary WI-FI throughout the entire building as well as the convenience of being centrally located and



within walking distance to more than 1,900 hotel rooms and some of the city's best restaurants and attractions in downtown Winnipeg. For more information, visit <https://www.wcc.mb.ca>

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](#) and use the promo code **"MediaEdgeGS"**
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.