



GBAC STAR Service Accreditation Gains Ground with Cleaning Service Providers in Canada and Around the World

ROSEMONT, Ill.—January 13, 2022—Facility service providers in Canada, the United States, and U.S. territories have recently achieved GBAC STAR™ Service Accreditation from the Global Biorisk Advisory Council™ (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. The accreditation validates the cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention programs of building service contractors (BSCs) so they can help facility customers prepare for, respond to, and recover from biorisks.

“There truly is a science to cleaning, and GBAC STAR Service Accreditation helps commercial cleaning companies follow the science to properly clean for health,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “This makes all types of facilities safer, from offices to schools to airports to convention centers.”

Facilities of all types and sizes can also pursue GBAC STAR accreditation. By partnering with an accredited outsourced service provider, these facilities further enhance their commitment to public health and safety. GBAC STAR accreditations are renewed annually to ensure that organizations are focused on continual improvement. To date, 42 BSCs servicing thousands of facilities around the world have achieved accreditation.

The newly accredited service providers are:

- ABC Sales & Services Inc. in Saint Thomas, Virgin Islands
- Alpha & Omega Building Service in Kettering, Ohio
- Alpine Building Maintenance in Delta, British Columbia
- Best Service Pros Ltd. in Coquitlam, British Columbia
- General Facility Care LLC in Tampa, Fla.
- Sentral Services in Kensington, Md.

“When facility service providers are GBAC STAR accredited, they give building owners, managers, and occupants the confidence that the right cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention protocols are being followed,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “Plus, their accreditation makes them well positioned to help the facilities they manage pursue and maintain Facility Accreditation.”

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR Accreditation at 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, infectious disease and biological material response and remediation, the GBAC STAR™ Facility and Service Accreditation Programs, 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 10,500 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 Rosemont, Ill., USA, the association has regional offices in Milan, Italy; 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.