



First Convention Center in France, Home to Cannes Film Festival, Earns GBAC STAR™ Accreditation

Additional airports, government facilities, hotels & more take part in the highly sought-after program

NORTHBROOK, Ill. — Feb. 22, 2021—The [Global Biorisk Advisory Council™](#) (GBAC), a Division of ISSA, today announced that The Palais des Festivals et des Congrès in Cannes, France, the host of the annual Cannes Film Festival, is the latest facility to receive GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation. The Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colo. also joins the growing list of GBAC STAR-accredited facilities, as well as multiple airports, commercial offices, government buildings, hotels, and more.

“With the GBAC STAR program, we’re not only accrediting facilities that have committed to higher standards of cleanliness and infection prevention protocols, we are making it easier for the public to attend events, travel, and enter facilities with trust and confidence,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “With the GBAC STAR™ Facility Directory, the public can ensure their next visit will be clean and safe.”

Inaugurated in 1982 to provide a large venue to the Cannes Film Festival, The Palais des Festivals et des Congrès welcomes year-round international and national exhibitions, trade fairs and cultural events. While it is the first convention center in France to earn accreditation and display the GBAC STAR seal, over 60 convention centers around the world have completed the rigorous 20-step program. Led by infection prevention experts, GBAC STAR provides effective cleaning and disinfection techniques and work practices to combat biohazards and infectious diseases.

This week’s list of accredited locations include:

Airports

- Albert J. Ellis Airport in Richlands, N.C.
- Phoenix Deer Valley Airport in Phoenix
- Phoenix Sky Harbor International Airport in Phoenix
- San Luis Obispo County Regional Airport in San Luis Obispo, Calif.

Arena

- Budweiser Events Center in Loveland, Colo., home to the AHL’s Colorado Eagles

Commercial Offices

- APEX Surface Care in Grapevine, Texas
- H & H Manufacturas Quimicas y Servicios S.A. in Managua, Nicaragua
- Walters Brea, USESI in Brea, Calif.

Convention Center

- The Palais des Festivals et des Congrès in Cannes, France



Government Facilities

- Banco Central de Costa Rica-Edificio de Superintendencias in San Jose, Costa Rica
- Banco Central de Costa Rica in San Jose, Costa Rica

Hotels

- Aloft Frisco in Frisco, Texas
- Andaz Vienna am Belvedere in Vienna, Austria
- Hyatt Centric Milano Centrale in Milano, Mich.
- Hyatt House Tempe/Phoenix/University in Tempe, Ariz.
- Hyatt Place Denver South Park Meadows in Lone Tree, Colo.
- Hyatt Place Denver Tech Center in Greenwood Village, Colo.
- Hyatt Place Tempe/Phoenix/University in Tempe, Ariz.
- Kanuhura-A Sun Resort Maldives in Male, Maldives
- Palais Coburg Residenz in Vienna, Austria
- Sheraton Philadelphia Downtown in Philadelphia
- Spirit Ridge in Osoyoos, British Columbia
- Sport Hotel Hermitage & Spa in Soldeu, Andorra

Retail Facility

- The Shops at Highland Village-Poag, LLC in Highland Village, Texas

“Third-party validation of cleaning procedures reassures the public that facilities are approaching cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention from the right angle,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “With GBAC STAR, we are paving the way for a cleaner and safer world with each and every accreditation.”

For more information about GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation, visit gbac.org/star.

To view the full list of facilities that have achieved accreditation or are working towards this designation, visit the GBAC STAR Facility Directory at gbac.org/directory.

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.