



Global Adoption of GBAC STAR Service Accreditation Enhances Facility Occupant Safety

NORTHBROOK, Ill.—September 30, 2021— Cleaning service providers in Europe and North America are embracing GBAC STAR™ Service Accreditation from the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council](#)™, (GBAC), a Division of ISSA. GBAC STAR Service Accreditation provides third-party validation of a building service contractor’s cleaning, disinfection, and infection prevention protocols and procedures.

“The COVID-19 pandemic has required many service providers to reassess their processes and shift their focus to cleaning for health,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “We are excited to see providers around the world achieve GBAC STAR Service Accreditation, which enables them to help facility customers prepare for, respond to, and recover from outbreaks.”

This week, the following service providers have earned GBAC STAR accreditation:

- **Century Trade Show Services, Inc.** in Orlando, Fla. is a service company that provides cleaning and sanitizing to trade shows.
- **Chamberlaine Cleaning Services Ltd.** in London was founded in 1978 and provides professional cleaning services to clients throughout Central London.
- **CSI International** in Newtown, Pa. has been providing integrated building services for more than 27 years.
- **E-Safe Cleaning Inc.** in Mississauga, Ontario, Canada is committed to caring for the planet and its neighbors with environmentally responsible cleaning.
- **Facility Concierge Services** in Harrisburg, Pa. delivers clean workspaces to help its clients maintain a positive employee experience.
- **PBM LLC** in New York was founded as a window-cleaning company in 1923 and now offers a full suite of building services and management.
- **WellNest, LLC** in Falls Church, Va. offers evidence-based green cleaning in Northern Virginia with a focus on customer satisfaction.

GBAC STAR Service Accreditation is based on the same 20 program elements as the widely adopted GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation program. The program includes quality management system principles and is similar in approach to other relevant industry programs like ISO 9001, ISO 45001, and ISO 35001.

“Growing interest in GBAC STAR Service Accreditation also supports increased adoption of GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation, as service providers experienced in outbreak response, recovery, and prevention can help facilities gather the necessary documentation and implement the protocols required as part of the accreditation process,” said ISSA Executive Director John Barrett. “Together, these accreditation programs lead to safer facilities and communities.”

Learn more and apply for GBAC STAR Service Accreditation at gbac.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.

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.