



Saskatoon's TCU Place Achieves GBAC STAR Facility Accreditation



SASKATOON, SK. – (December 30, 2020) TCU Place in Saskatoon, Sask., 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.

“When we bring people together for an event, there is nothing more important than safety,” said Tammy Sweeney, COO of TCU Place. “Our team has worked extremely hard to keep this top of mind behind the scenes and front of house, and the GBAC STAR Accreditation allows each member of our team to feel confident in how we deliver safety to our guests. TCU Place has a strong history of providing incredible events for our community – and we are so proud of this opportunity to strengthen this aspect of our offerings.”

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 TCU Place

Located in downtown Saskatoon, Sask., TCU Place is a leading conference facility in Western Canada. With over 104,000 square feet of convention space, this facility is one of the most versatile properties in Saskatoon. The Convention Centre houses 21 different rooms with configurations that allow unlimited combinations, as well as Sid Buckwold Theatre – a 2,074 soft seat theatre that has hosted international and national performers, speakers, and theatrical productions. TCU Place is owned by the City of Saskatoon. The



facility is operated by the Centennial Auditorium and Convention Centre Corporation, a not-for-profit organization with oversight from a volunteer Board of Directors appointed by the City of Saskatoon. For more information, visit <https://tcuplace.com/>.

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.