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Allen County War Memorial Coliseum Has Achieved GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation

FORT WAYNE, Ind. (January 25, 2021) – The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum is proud to announce that it has achieved Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation, the gold standard for prepared facilities.

Under the guidance of GBAC, a Division of ISSA, the worldwide cleaning industry association, the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum has implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in every part of the facility.

As the cleaning industry's only outbreak prevention, response and recovery accreditation, GBAC STAR™ helps organizations establish protocols and procedures, offers expert-led training and assesses a facility's readiness for biorisk situations. The program verifies that the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum implements best practices to prepare for, respond to and recover from outbreaks and pandemics.

“GBAC STAR accreditation empowers facility owners and managers to assure workers, customers and key stakeholders that they have proven systems in place to maintain clean and healthy environments,” said GBAC Executive Director Patricia Olinger. “By taking this important step to pursue GBAC STAR, the Allen County War Memorial Coliseum has received third-party validation that it follows strict protocols for biorisk situations, thereby demonstrating its preparedness and commitment to operating safely.”

To achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation, the Memorial Coliseum was required to demonstrate compliance with the program's 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk



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assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. Learn more about GBAC STAR accreditation at www.gbac.org.

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ABOUT THE ALLEN COUNTY WAR MEMORIAL COLISEUM

The Allen County War Memorial Coliseum is the tri-state area's largest event facility, hosting over 1,000,000 visitors annually. Serving northeast Indiana, northwest Ohio and southern Michigan, the 80-acre Memorial Coliseum Arena, Expo Center & Conference Center complex is host to the Fort Wayne Komets (ECHL), the Fort Wayne Mad Ants (NBA G-League), the Purdue Fort Wayne Mastodons men's basketball program and the Fort Wayne Derby Girls (WFTDA). The facility hosts national concerts, family shows, business and philanthropic events, the area's largest tradeshow and consumer events and private gatherings. For more information, visit www.memorialcoliseum.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.

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