



ONTARIO CONVENTION CENTER AND TOYOTA ARENA TO RECEIVE GBAC STAR™ ACCREDITATION

Southern California's Ontario venues prepare for opening

ONTARIO, California – (June 9, 2020) The Ontario Convention Center and Toyota Arena have announced their commitment to becoming safe environments to welcome guests back to the venues. The Global Biorisk Advisory Council® (GBAC) STAR™ accreditation on outbreak prevention, response and recovery is recognized as the gold standard of safe venues, GBAC STAR™ provides third-party validation to ensure the implementation of rigorous protocols in response to biorisk situations.

As a division of the International Sanitary Supply Association (ISSA), GBAC STAR™ is an industry accreditation focused on ensuring a clean, safe and healthy environment. The program establishes requirements to assist venues by providing best practices, protocols and procedures to control risks associated with infectious agents, such as SARS-CoV-2, the virus responsible for COVID-19.

“As we face these unprecedented times, it is vital that we take the necessary steps in order to recover from this crisis,” said Michael Krouse, President and CEO. “With the GBAC STAR accreditation, we are incorporating some of the most stringent protocols into our recovery and resiliency plan to safeguard our guests, employees and community to instill a sense of confidence at our venues. When guests, clients, exhibitors and attendees return to Ontario Convention Center and Toyota Arena, we want them to have the peace of mind that they are safe and protected”.

The decision to pursue GBAC STAR™ accreditation coincides with the guidelines created by an internal committee at each venue to keep guests, employees and the community safe. The guidelines rely on the best available science and research on sanitation methods per Centers for Disease Control (CDC), World Health Organizations (WHO), California Department of Public Health, San Bernardino County Department of Public Health and the City of Ontario Fire Department Emergency Manager.

In pursuit of the GBAC STAR™ accreditation, Ontario Convention Center and Toyota Arena will complete 20 program elements with specific performance and guidance criteria. The comprehensive program will enable the venues to:

- Establish and maintain a cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention program to control and/or minimize risk associated with infectious agents for employees, guests, the community and the environment.
- Provide assurance and establish confidence that proper cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention work practices are in place and implemented.
- Establish a framework for communication and raising awareness of best practices as they relate to cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention.

As an important element of recovery guidelines, the City of Ontario venues will continue to collaborate with credible industry resources and experts to provide employees with vital training in biorisk prevention.

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About Toyota Arena

Toyota Arena, built and owned by the City of Ontario and managed by ASM Global, includes 9,500 fixed seats with additional “portable” seating risers to accommodate capacities of 11,089 for concerts, 9,736 for ice hockey or arena football and 10,832 for basketball. The 225,000 square foot venue features 36 luxury suites located on two levels and a continuous concourse hosting a variety of refreshment stands, merchandise kiosks, a VIP club and other fan amenities. **Toyota Arena** hosts ice hockey, soccer, and a variety of other sporting competitions, concerts, family shows, special events, graduation ceremonies and community activities as well as private events. The Arena is home to Ontario Reign, an AHL Hockey Team, and Ontario Fury, a MASL Soccer Team and the Aqua Caliente Clippers of Ontario, a G league basketball team. **Toyota Arena** is the biggest and most modern arena within the Inland Empire, an area with over 4.7 million people. It is located in the City of Ontario, California, on a 37-acre parcel located between Haven Avenue and Milliken Avenue, Fourth Street and the I-10 Freeway. **For more information visit Toyota-Arena.com**

About the Ontario Convention Center

A breathtaking venue, frequently used by filmmakers as an onsite location for movies and commercials, Ontario Convention Center is ideally located in Southern California. This is the place to meet, connect, and explore! Built and owned by the City of Ontario and privately managed by ASM Global. Contemporary in design and equipped with the latest in technology, it boasts more than 225,000 square feet of flexible exhibit space, 2,600 parking spaces, meeting and function space and is ideal for conventions, trade shows, exhibits and meetings. The Center provides a full range of services, world-class cuisine and flexible options provided by a professional, award-winning staff. There are over 6,000 full service and economy hotel rooms in the Greater Ontario area, including 2,500 rooms within walking distance to The Ontario Convention Center. For more information visit: www.ontariocc.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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