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Utah Valley Convention Center Achieves GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation

[PROVO, Utah] – April 1, 2021 – Utah Valley Convention Center, operated by Spectra Venue Management, announces 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, Utah Valley Convention Center has implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in its 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 Utah Valley Convention Center 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, Utah Valley Convention Center 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, Utah Valley Convention Center was required to demonstrate compliance with the program's 20 core elements, which range from standard operating procedures and risk assessment strategies to personal protective equipment and emergency preparedness and response measures. Learn more about GBAC STAR accreditation at www.gbac.org.

ABOUT SPECTRA VENUE MANAGEMENT

Spectra's Venue Management division is the industry leader across a full range of services that impact the bottom-line success of public assembly venues, including marketing and sales, corporate partnerships, event booking, ticket services and box office management, customer service, operations and engineering and finance and administration.

ABOUT UTAH VALLEY CONVENTION CENTER

Built in 2012, the Utah Valley Convention Center is the premiere meeting place in Utah County. The eco-friendly LEED Silver Certified building offers 83,578 sq.ft. of flexible exhibit and meeting space, a first class grand ballroom, rooftop garden with breathtaking views of the Wasatch Mountains, and an abundance of natural light. The Utah Valley Convention Center provides complete in-house services that include food & beverage, audio visual, internet, electrical, and tradeshow decorating services making ease and convenience for any meeting or industry planner.

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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GBAC STAR™ FACILITY ACCREDITATION

AS VERIFIED BY THE GLOBAL BIORISK ADVISORY COUNCIL, A DIVISION OF ISSA,
THE WORLDWIDE CLEANING INDUSTRY ASSOCIATION.

THIS ACCREDITATION IS RESERVED FOR THOSE FACILITIES THAT DEMONSTRATE
THE SUPERIOR ABILITY TO PREPARE FOR, RESPOND TO, AND RECOVER FROM
BIORISK AND INFECTIOUS DISEASE SITUATIONS.

John H. Barrett ISSA Executive Director

Patty Olinger, JM, RBP, CFO, CBFRS Executive Director of GBAC

March 1, 2021

Date Issued

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Accreditation Number

February 28, 2022

Valid Through