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EDmarket Partners with GBAC STAR™ Accreditation Program for Safeguarding Educational Facilities

(Silver Spring, MD) — The [Education Market Association \(EDmarket\)](#) is pleased to partner with the [Global Biorisk Advisory Council \(GBAC\)](#), a Division of ISSA, to support its GBAC STAR™ facility accreditation program on cleaning, disinfection, and infectious disease prevention for education facilities. In addition, EDmarket-affiliated facility professionals can enroll in the *GBAC Fundamentals Online Course: Cleaning & Disinfection Principles* for half price (\$150 savings). This self-paced, online course covers the planning, knowledge and processes needed to respond to a biohazard crisis such as COVID-19.

The 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 preparedness for biorisk situations. The program ensures facilities use best practices to limit future outbreaks, empowers cleaning staff to do their jobs safely and effectively and gives customers and building occupants greater confidence.

“COVID-19 has made cleaning and sanitizing protocols for our schools more important than ever,” says Jim McGarry, EDmarket President/CEO. “Certifying both facility professionals and the buildings themselves will give parents, teachers and students needed assurance that schools are doing all they can to prevent infection.”

“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 in the educational community to prove they have the training and systems in place to deliver clean and healthy environments that are safe for students, teachers and staff.”

GBAC STAR™ accreditation criteria, facility applications, and information on the online course are now available at www.gbac.org. Educational facility professionals should use the code **EDMARKET2020** to receive a 50 percent discount off the purchase of the online training course, a savings of \$150 per person.

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