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### **Eugene Airport Achieves GBAC STAR™ Facility Accreditation**

Eugene, Oregon – November 17, 2020 – The Eugene Airport has achieved the 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, Eugene Airport has implemented the most stringent protocols for cleaning, disinfection and infectious disease prevention in the Airport's passenger terminal building.

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.

"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.

"The staff at the Eugene Airport have worked diligently to attain this important accreditation," said Acting Eugene Airport Director Cathryn Stephens, A.A.E. "This recognition of the ongoing efforts by our terminal staff is well deserved and we are proud to be recognized by the Global Biorisk Advisory Council."

As a part of the American Association of Airport Executives GBAC STAR™ Working Group, Cathryn Stephens, A.A.E. collaborated with the GBAC Scientific Advisory Board to develop a GBAC STAR Airports template to help airports prepare for this accreditation.

To achieve GBAC STAR™ accreditation, the Eugene Airport demonstrated 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](http://www.gbac.org).

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