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Mission Linen Supply Racks Up Lucky #7 for Healthcare Accreditations

Healthcare Laundry Accreditation Awards Mission Linen Supply its Seventh National Inspection

Bakersfield, CA — November 20, 2012. Mission Linen Supply has received its seventh national accreditation from Healthcare Laundry Accreditation (HLAC). The first accreditation was received in Chino, California in November 2009. Since then, the company has been recognized for six

more facilities. The latest is Bakersfield, CA, which joins Mission Linen laundry operations in Phoenix, AZ, Santa Maria, CA, Albuquerque, NM, Fresno, CA and Salinas, CA. National inspections assure customers that the highest quality safety standards are being met when processing healthcare products.

HLAC is a non-profit organization that inspects and accredits laundries that process healthcare textiles for hospitals, nursing homes and other healthcare facilities.

HLAC's mission is to publish and promote high standards for processing healthcare textiles in laundries, and to provide an accreditation process that recognizes those laundries that meet these high standards. The decision to become accredited is completely voluntary.

“Earning accreditation makes us a better company and gives our customers peace of mind from knowing their supplier is meeting the highest standards in processing healthcare textiles,” said Karl Willig, Mission Linen Supply President and Chief Executive Officer.

“The customers that we serve—predominately acute-care hospitals—are accustomed to dealing with agencies, vendors and people who have earned accreditation,” Willig said. “It’s the right thing to do if you are in the business of processing and providing healthcare textiles.”

The primary benefit of accreditation is an independent third-party inspection of your facility establishing that it meets or exceeds the highest standards for processing healthcare textiles. A laundry cannot inspect and accredit itself, and its customers generally do not have the time or expertise to do so.

The HLAC accreditation process was developed with several industry groups, including:

- American Society for Healthcare Environmental Services (ASHES)
- American Reusable Textiles Association (ARTA)
- Association for Linen Management (ALM)
- Association for Professionals in Infection Control and Epidemiology (APIC)
- International Association for Healthcare Textile Management (IAHTM)
- Textile Rental Services Association of America (TRSA)



About Mission Linen Supply

Mission Linen Supply is a privately held company and a leading provider of rental products, services and supplies to hospitality, medical and industrial businesses. The company's mission is to maximize profits and operating efficiencies for customers by offering them one-stop-shopping for their linen and industrial needs.

Mission Linen Supply manages more than 40 plants and employs twenty-five hundred people in California, Arizona, Texas, New Mexico and Oregon. The company relies on technology and environmentally-minded vendor partners to conserve resources and reduce waste. Founded in 1930, Mission Linen Supply is headquartered in Santa Barbara, California and is located on the web at www.missionlinen.com.

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