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**ELI LILLY AND COMPANY HITS  
GOLD MARK FOR IT GIANT BDPA**

**(Largo, MD)** – Landing a spot on Forbes’ 2016 “World’s Biggest Public Companies” list, Eli Lilly and Company again hit this year’s \$50,000 Gold Level Sponsorship mark at Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) 38<sup>th</sup> Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair on August 9-13, 2016, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. BDPA’s Career Fair is Friday, August 12, 12pm-6pm and Saturday, August 13, 2016, 10am-3pm and it’s free and open to the public. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony starts at 12 noon on Friday. Expecting over 1,000 Information Technology (IT) professionals, along with 40 Fortune 500 companies, BDPA is excited about bringing one-stop interview opportunities to IT applicants.

"Eli Lilly and Company has been a very active partner in helping us develop new approaches to preparing our next generation of digital thought leaders. We continue to value their partnership and commitment to BDPA and its members," stated Mike A. Williams, National BDPA President.

Tim Coleman, Eli Lilly and Company Senior Director said, "We are proud to again partner with and support BDPA. The organization’s work to ensure a diverse talent pipeline for the future and to encourage young people to explore careers in science and technology aligns with our beliefs at Lilly. Education is so vital to creating the professionals who will contribute to the discovery of innovative medicines of the future."

Across the globe, Lilly employees work to discover and bring life-changing medicines to those who need them, improve the understanding and management of disease, and give back to communities through philanthropy and volunteerism. Lilly landed on DiversityInc’s Top 50 List ([www.lilly.com](http://www.lilly.com)).

Terry Morris, BDPA Indianapolis President said, "Eli Lilly and Company has continued to support his chapter’s willingness to enable STEM for future IT leaders and scientists through its consistent support of the local BDPA Indianapolis efforts. Lilly has charity in its DNA and our kids and the community at large is only the better for their generosity."

Founded in 1975, BDPA has 46 chapters in the U.S, making it the largest African American IT association in the country. The organization continues to bridge the digital divide by providing training and career growth opportunities for its members.

Register online up to 100 applicants at BDPA’s free Career Fair and Recruitment at <http://www.prodivnet.com/events/bdpa-technology-conference-and-career-fair>. For more details on the corporate sponsorship program, contact the corporate sales support team at (301) 584-3135 ext. 108 or [corpsales@bdpa.org](mailto:corpsales@bdpa.org). Additionally, please visit [www.bpdpa.org](http://www.bpdpa.org)

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