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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GIANT BDPA SUSTAINS
LONG TERM COMMITMENT FROM MONSANTO'S
SILVER SPONSORSHIP**

(Largo, MD) – Monsanto, a sustainable agriculture and Fortune 500 Company, steps out in front with its long term Silver Level Sponsorship of IT Giant Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) at their 38th Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair on August 10-13, 2016, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia.

Mike A. Williams, BDPA National President commented, "Monsanto has been a partner of BDPA for several years now and we look forward to partnering with them yet again this year. They continue to demonstrate a commitment to diversity and inclusion and preparing our next generation of digital thought leaders."

"Giving is a natural part of what we do at Monsanto. As a company, we are committed to making lives better. Whether it is helping to provide better seed to improve the livelihood of our customers, working hard to provide more food for a growing population, or using our financial resources to support communities around the globe – it is all the Monsanto way" (www.monsanto.com).

BDPA St. Louis chapter President Malcom Mathis reported, "The longstanding partnership between Monsanto and BDPA St. Louis has been a critical component to our chapter success. Their 10+ year sponsorship of our High School Computer Competition team has been major. On behalf of BDPA St. Louis, I extend our appreciation for Monsanto's commitment to the local community through their active engagement with BDPA St. Louis."

Vincent Shorter, Monsanto supply chain IT lead said, "Once again Monsanto is proud and honored to be a Silver Sponsor for BDPA. To date, we have given over \$20,000 in Monsanto/BDPA Scholarships. Also, this year Monsanto employees trained over 20 students as part of our continuing commitment to the BDPA High School Computer Competition. We are proud of the students representing Monsanto and the St. Louis Chapter of BDPA. Bring home first place!!"

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

at <http://www.prodivnet.com/events/bdpa-technology-conference-and-career-fair>.

BDPA's Career Fair is Friday, August 12th from 12pm-6pm and Saturday, August 13th from 10am-3pm at the Westin Peachtree Plaza. It is free and open to the public. The Ribbon Cutting Ceremony starts at 12 noon on Friday. Expecting 40 Fortune 500 companies, BDPA is excited about bringing one-stop interview opportunities to IT applicants.

For more details on the BDPA corporate sponsorship program, contact the corporate sales support team at (301) 584-3135 ext. 108 or corpsales@bdpa.org. Additionally, please visit www.bpd.org

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