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**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY GIANT BDPA ANNOUNCES
U.S. AIR FORCE BRONZE LEVEL SPONSORSHIP**

(Largo, MD) – IT GIANT Black Data Processing Associates (BDPA) continues to fortify their relationship with the U.S. Air Force and this year is no different. BDPA gained another Bronze Level Sponsorship from their longtime champion, the U.S. Air Force, as they demonstrated their commitment to BDPA’s 38th Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair. The conference takes place August 10-13, 2016, at the Westin Peachtree Plaza Hotel, 210 Peachtree Street, Atlanta, Georgia. BDPA’s Career Fair is Friday, August 12th, 12pm-6pm and Saturday, August 13th, 10am-3pm. It’s free and open to the public. Expecting 40 Fortune 500 companies who will be interviewing on the spot, BDPA is excited about bringing career opportunities to IT applicants.

Mike A. Williams, National BDPA President said, "We are proud to partner with the men and women of the United States Air Force. We applaud them for their service and the organization's commitment to advancing diversity."

For over a century, the U.S. Air Force has defended this country in the air, space and cyberspace through the skill and the bravery of American Airmen. "We aim high; we do the impossible every day," (www.usairforce.com).

"The Air Force believes that developing a well-rounded, STEM-focused workforce for the nation starts with youth interest in STEM-based activities. Thus, the Air Force is working to help increase exposure of activities such as the ones hosted by BDPA to diverse communities around the country," stated Eric Bell, US Air Force Outreach & Recruitment Program Manager. "Air Force efforts to encourage youth participation in STEM-based activities expose more diverse pockets of youth to the possibilities of technical career fields in the armed services or supporting other national security missions throughout the government or private sector. The Air Force is looking to attract diverse talent to our ranks, both military and civilian, so Americans can better identify with us," he added. "When the country’s citizens identify with the military, it strengthens us all as a nation – they have confidence that we will do the right thing, and our Airmen have the confidence that they are serving a population that believes in who they are and what they do," Bell continued.

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>. 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.bdpa.org

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