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**TOP PHARMACEUTICAL COMPANY ELI LILLY and COMPANY
CONTINUES DIVERSITY COMMITMENT TO BDPA**

Largo, Md. – Eli Lilly and Company, one of the world’s top pharmaceutical companies and one of Fortune’s Most Admired Companies recently renewed its commitment to BDPA to increase diversity by creating opportunities in the industry.

National BDPA President Mike Williams said, "Eli Lilly continues to be an invaluable partner and sponsor for BDPA. They continue to distinguish themselves as champions of workforce diversity through their actions and financial commitment."

One of Eli Lilly’s many principle commitments is respect for people. "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," stated Tim Coleman, Eli Lilly and Company Senior Director. "Education is so vital to creating the professionals who will contribute to the discovery of innovative medicines of the future," he added.

Terry Morris, BDPA Indianapolis Chapter President stated, "As President of the Indianapolis Chapter of BDPA, I am once again proud to stay thank you and recognize Eli Lilly and Company for its sustained commitment to BDPA and its pledge to having a diverse and inclusive workforce. Eli Lilly has been the most tenured and consistent sponsor of our local chapter’s youth and professional development efforts. Their sponsorship, and more importantly, their willingness to allow their leaders to play a significant role in the leadership and execution of the chapter played a key role in the Indianapolis chapter being named the 2016 Chapter of the Year."

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.