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IT GIANT BDPA AND STATE FARM CONTINUE LONG TERM SILVER LEVEL SPONSORSHIP

LARGO, MD – Long term BDPA partner State Farm continues its commitment to community through their sponsorship of BDPA's 39th Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair from July 26-29th at the Duke Energy Center in Cincinnati, Ohio. BDPA is the largest African American Information Technology association in the U.S., and the largest national non-profit organization continually involved in training students underrepresented in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) education across the country.

National BDPA President Mike Williams said, "Through its investment in BDPA, State Farm lives up to its new slogan. They are truly 'Here to Help Life Go Right' for students in STEM. We look forward to continuing our relationship with State Farm again in 2017."

Well known for being a "good neighbor," State Farm provides professional and personal growth opportunities and strives to be known for inclusiveness, opportunity, and development of all agents and employees (www.statefarm.com).

State Farm's Theonnie Shields reported, "State Farm is proud to be a sponsor of the 2017 BDPA Mobile showcase. As we continue to grow our State Farm Systems Department in the Atlanta, Dallas, and the Phoenix areas, we feel it's important to be a part of this conference."

BDPA was founded in 1975 by Earl Pace and David Wimberly to close the digital divide for underrepresented minorities in STEM fields. BDPA has over 40 chapters nationwide with more than 2,500 STEM professional and student members. BDPA offers over \$100,000 scholarships annually to hundreds of high school and college students who wish to pursue STEM careers.

For more details about BDPA or the 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.