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## **BDPA LANDS SILVER LEVEL SPONSORSHIP FROM MONSANTO**

**LARGO, MD** – BDPA is honored to receive a Silver Level Sponsorship of its 39<sup>th</sup> Annual National Technology Conference and Career Fair from Monsanto, an American multinational agrochemical and agricultural biotechnology corporation. The BDPA Technology Conference is this week, July 26-29, 2017 at the Duke Energy Convention Center, in Cincinnati, Ohio.

Mike A. Williams, National BDPA President reports, "Monsanto continues to be one of our generous and most consistent supporters. We are thankful for their sponsorship throughout the years and look forward to partnering with them for yet another year."

Monsanto Ranks as a 2016 Top 20 Employer in *Science Magazine* and is named as one of the 'Greenest Companies' in Newsweek's 2016 Green Rankings. Monsanto also has a Diversity Program and is committed to their 'Empowering Women in Agriculture through Higher Education' program.

Vincent Shorter, Monsanto Supply Chain IT Lead said, "Personally, I am proud and honored to be working with my Monsanto colleagues to help develop and inspire the next generation of diverse IT talent. Additionally, we are very engaged in developing our internal talent through leadership opportunities working with BDPA. In keeping with BDPA's motto - 'we are advancing careers from the classroom to the boardroom'."

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 STEM education across the country. For almost 40 years, BDPA has fulfilled its mission by bridging the digital divide and providing career growth opportunities for its members.

BDPA's St. Louis Chapter President Malcom Mathis commented, "Monsanto continues to show a commitment to BDPA. We are grateful for their partnership with our high school training program and their support of employee development through involvement with BDPA."

For more details about the BDPA Technology Conference or 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.bdpa.org](http://www.bdpa.org).

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