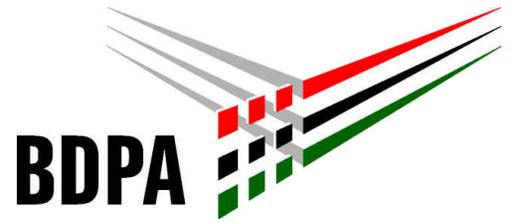


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STATE FARM CONTINUES ITS TRADITION OF GIVING -- BECOMES BDPA SILVER LEVEL SPONSOR

LARGO, MD – State Farm® has a rich history of giving back to the community and this year was no exception when State Farm became a BDPA Silver Level Sponsor for the 37th Annual BDPA Technology Conference & Career Fair, August 18-22, 2015 at the Washington Hilton in Washington, D.C.

State Farm was founded in 1922 by retired farmer and insurance salesman George Mecherle. They now insure more cars and homes than any other insurer in the United States. A mutual company focused on its policyholders, State Farm is currently ranked number 41 on the Fortune 500 list of largest companies (www.statefarm.com). Recognized for over eight decades as a "good neighbor," State Farm agreed to support the BDPA Mobile Application Showcase for high school and college students by providing scholarships for the winning entries. The number of students competing in the showcase this year as tripled since its inauguration in 2014.

Jason Gibson, BDPA Central Illinois Chapter President said, "I am inspired by State Farm's commitment to STEM and the BDPA mission."

Founded in 1975, BDPA is the premier organization for African American professionals in the information technology industry. BDPA has 46 chapters across the United States and is the largest African American information technology association in the country. BDPA continues to fulfill its mission and work to bridge the digital divide by providing career growth opportunities for its members.

"We are excited to continue our partnership with State Farm in 2015. As we approach the celebration of our 40th year, we appreciate the willingness and support of State Farm as we seek to advance careers from the classroom to the boardroom," responded Pamela Mathews, National BDPA President.

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