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NATIONAL BDPA AND WORKPLACEDIVERSITY.COM ANNOUNCE WINNERS OF THE 2009 BEST COMPANIES FOR BLACKS IN TECHNOLOGY AWARD

Premier Organization for African Americans in IT and Leading Diversity Job Board
Recognize Best Companies for Blacks in Technology

LARGO, MD and Parsippany, NJ (July 3, 2009) - - - The National BDPA, Black Data Processing Associates (www.bdpa.org), and WorkplaceDiversity.com (www.WorkplaceDiversity.com), the source for diversity talent, announced Allstate Insurance, American Airlines, Compuware, Eli Lilly and Company, Health Care Service Corporation, Merck and Company, Monsanto, State Farm Insurance, Sun Trust Bank, Wal-Mart Stores, and WellPoint as the winners of the **2009 Best Companies for Blacks in Technology Award**. "These companies deserve special recognition for their outstanding community outreach and diversity recruiting programs and for promoting a significant number of African Americans into their IT management ranks," said Milt Haynes, National BDPA Past President. "One of these companies will be announced as the **Top Company for Blacks in Technology** and receive the much coveted *Epsilon Award*." The *Epsilon Award* is presented annually to the top company in the nation that promotes a workplace and environment that supports the advancement of Blacks in the information technology industry. The *Epsilon Award* will be presented later this year at the 2009 National BDPA Technology Conference to be held August 5-9 the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC.

BDPA, a national organization, is the premier organization for African Americans in Information Technology (IT). Founded in 1975, BDPA is celebrating a 30-year commitment to closing the digital divide. "We are very pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions that these companies have made for Blacks in Technology," said National BDPA President, Denise Holland. "In this economy, many African Americans in technology are concerned about opportunities for both employment and advancement. It is important to recognize those exceptional companies that have provided African Americans with challenging and fulfilling career opportunities in Information Technology."

"BDPA is the voice of African Americans in IT," said Dan Honig, Chief Operating Officer of WorkplaceDiversity.com. "WorkplaceDiversity.com is honored to be working with BDPA because it is committed to closing the digital divide and helping African American IT professionals advance." Added Honig, "We are very pleased to recognize these companies that are truly practicing workplace diversity in their IT departments."

BDPA Corporate Sponsors and Supporters were asked to complete a comprehensive survey that was used to rate their performance in the areas of Demographics, Diversity Programs, Diversity (Training, Affinity Groups), Tenure, Promotions and Terminations, Diversity Recruiting, Career Path Programs, Minority Vendor Programs, and Community Outreach.

About National BDPA

Founded in 1975 by Earl Pace and the late David Wimberly, BDPA is a global member focused organization that serves the professional well-being of its stakeholders. BDPA remains committed to excellence and providing a wide spectrum of resources to members, corporate sponsors, businesses, educational institutions and the African American

community. The organization is a catalyst for professional growth and technical development for those in the IT industry. With over 50 chapters across the United States, the BDPA is the premier organization for African Americans in technology. For more information please contact the BDPA National Office at (800) 727-BDPA.

About WorkplaceDiversity.com

WorkplaceDiversity.com (www.WorkplaceDiversity.com) is *the* source for diversity talent. The first career web site for companies that want to recruit experienced diversity candidates, it combines leading technology with diversity and career information from over 2,500 sources. WorkplaceDiversity.com enables experienced diversity talent to find open positions at companies that support diversity, and to obtain information and resources that will help them attain their career goals. For more information about WorkplaceDiversity.com, please visit www.WorkplaceDiversity.com, or call (973) 992-7311.

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