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Eli Lilly and Company

AS 2009 TOP COMPANY FOR BLACKS IN TECHNOLOGY

LARGO, MD and LIVINGSTON, NJ (September 5, 2009) - - - The National BDPA, Black Data Processing Associates (www.bdpa.org), and WorkplaceDiversity.com (www.WorkplaceDiversity.com), the source for diversity talent, announced **Eli Lilly and Company** as the winner of the prestigious *Epsilon Award* as the Top Company for Blacks in Technology.

"We are proud to be honored by organizations, such as the BDPA, that promote diversity," said Michael Heim, senior vice president of information technology and chief information officer, at Lilly. "Lilly firmly believes that diversity within the workforce is imperative to the success of this, or any organization."

The award was presented at the 2009 National BDPA Technology Conference Awards Gala held August 8th at the Raleigh Marriott City Center in Raleigh, NC. The *Epsilon "Star of the Highest Magnitude" Award* is presented annually to the **TOP** company in the nation that promotes a workplace and environment that support the advancement of Blacks in the information technology industry.

"We are very pleased to recognize the outstanding contributions that *Lilly* has 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 Corporate Sponsors and Supporters were asked to complete a comprehensive survey that rated 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. BDPA and WorkplaceDiversity.com 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 award winners of the 2009 Best Companies for Blacks in Technology earlier in July.

About Eli Lilly and Company

Lilly, a leading innovation-driven corporation, is developing a growing portfolio of pharmaceutical products by applying the latest research from its own worldwide laboratories and from collaborations with eminent scientific organizations. Headquartered in Indianapolis, Ind., Lilly provides answers – through medicines and information – for some of the world's most urgent medical needs. Additional information about Lilly is available at www.lilly.com.

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. Additional information about BDPA is available at www.bdpa.org.

About WorkplaceDiversity.com

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. Additional information about WorkplaceDiversity.com is available at www.WorkplaceDiversity.com.

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