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## **NATIONAL BDPA SELECTS CAREER, PROFESSIONAL AND COMMUNITY SERVICE AWARD WINNERS FOR 2009**

**LARGO, MD (June 30, 2009)** - - - The National BDPA, Black Data Processing Associates ([www.bdpa.org](http://www.bdpa.org)) the source for diversity talent, announced selection of three outstanding IT professionals to receive coveted *Epsilon Awards for Career Achievement, Professional Achievement and Community Service for 2009*. *Epsilon Awards* are presented annually to outstanding IT professionals who exemplify excellence among Blacks in the information technology industry. *Epsilon Awards* will be presented later this year at the 2009 National BDPA Technology Conference to be held August 5-9 at the Raleigh Convention Center in Raleigh, NC.

Joe McMahon, a Business Director with Sabre Systems, will be honored with the Epsilon Career Achievement Award. Rosalind Shaffer who is an Associate Information Consultant with Eli Lilly and Company will be recognized for Professional Achievement. And, Matthew Harvey, a Business Intelligence and Sales Reporting Team Leader with Eli Lilly and Company, will be acknowledged for his Community Service.

Rico Singleton, New York State Deputy Chief Information Officer for Enterprise Strategy and Acquisition Services; Donald E. Brown, Jr. a Systems Manager with Prudential Financial Inc.; Phillip D. Bartlett, an IT Manager with Eli Lilly and Company; and Mary Ann F. Jackson, a Project Manager with Prudential Financial Inc. were considered for Epsilon Awards based on nominations submitted by their organizations.

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 individual achievements of 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 outstanding professionals who have responded to the challenge and serve as role models that exemplify highly successful and fulfilling careers in Information Technology."

### **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.

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