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GREATER COLUMBIA AREA CHAPTER SET TO HOST TECHNOLOGY SUMMIT National BDPA Co-Founder to provide Keynote Address

COLUMBIA, SC (May 15, 2009) – The Greater Columbia Area Chapter of BDPA, formerly known as Black Data Processing Associates, is hosting a Technology Summit on Friday and Saturday, June 12-13, 2009 in Columbia, SC at the Marriott Columbia. This year's Technology Summit features a dynamic workshop on Entrepreneurship, a professional workshop on Coaching and Mentoring, and an industry CIO/CTO panel discussion. BDPA's Co-founder, Earl A. Pace Jr., will provide this year's keynote address. The local chapter's agenda and Technology Summit event locations follow:

- **Technology Luncheon:** Friday, 11:30 AM June 12 @ Brookland Banquet and Conference Center
- **Professional Networking Social:** Friday, 5:00 PM June 12, @ Marriott Columbia
- **Technology Summit:** Saturday, 8:30 AM June 13 @ Marriott Columbia

There are two days filled with events for information, communications, and technology (ICT) industry professionals. The chapter has arranged a special rate at the Columbia Marriott for those who wish to make it an "IT" weekend and stay on Friday or Saturday night. Contact the Greater Columbia Area BDPA Chapter or your local BDPA Chapter for more details.

ABOUT BDPA

Founded in 1975 by Earl A. Pace, Jr. and the late David Wimberly, BDPA is a global member focused organization serving 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 IT and related technical industries. With over 50 chapters across the United States, BDPA is one of the premier organizations in technology supporting underserved communities. Contact National BDPA headquarters office **(800) 727-BDPA (2372)** or visit <http://www.bdpa.org> for the 31st annual 2009 National BDPA Technology Conference in Raleigh, NC.

BDPA's Greater Columbia Area Chapter is a 501 (c)(6) not-for-profit organization chartered in 1997.

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