H.O.P.E. PROJECT DMV IT SUMMIT OPENING REMARKS

Thank you Deputy Mayor Snowden for your inspirational words and thank you Mr. Bell for hosting a very powerful IT Summit.

[Applause]

Good afternoon Everyone! I am Perry Carter, Chapter President of National BDPA’s Washington D.C. Chapter. With a show of hands, how many of you have heard of “BDPA”?

[Show of hands]

Founded in 1975 along with several other African-American not-for-profit associations, “Black Data Processing Associates”, initially was launched to promote careers in “Data Processing” and close “Digital-Divides” in Black Communities. Today, 40 years later, our mission and goals have not drastically changed.

How many of you work for Federal, State, or Local Governments; or work for government contractors?

[Show of hands]

Awesome. Then today is beautiful day—Happy New Year! Fiscal Year 2017 (FY17) begins today. So, when asked “What does ‘B.D.P.A.’ stand for?,” one of our favorite responses to this question across the DMV is: “Billion-Dollar Programs Available.” Here’s why. Your government’s new FY17 budget asks for:

- $320 billion for 21st Century Clean Transportation
- $7.7 billion for Clean Energy Research and Development (R&D)
- One (1) billion dollars for a ‘Cancer Moonshot’
- $33 billion for Advanced Biomedical R&D
- Four (4) billion dollars for mandatory funding of school district grants over a three-year period for ‘Computer Science for All’
- $19 billion for next-generation tools and workforce development for cybersecurity.
According to the federal government’s Information Technology Dashboard, billion-dollar programs in some of our nation’s larger agencies had the following IT spend in FY16:

- Defense — $31 billion
  (several of HOPE’s alumni here today support DoD, including one in Hawaii)
- Homeland Security (DHS) — $6 billion
- Health & Human Services (HHS) — $31 billion
- Transportation (DOT) — $3.5 billion
- Energy (DOE) — $1.7 billion
- Labor (DOL) — $714 million

So where does BDPA fit in and how do we add value to our communities? Your local BDPA Chapter leverages long-term relationships with growth industries, governments, and schools. As a community-based IT industry trade association, BDPA chapters support and provide community outreach and technology events, co-branded corporate engagements, and government relations services to “connect-the-dots” for our members. Toward this end, BDPA-DC maintains industry publications, social media channels, and provides qualified candidates and interns to national sponsors or local chapter mission-partners from chapter programs across our Student Information Technology Education and Scholarship (SITES) portfolio. Our local chapter, BDPA-DC, is a 100% volunteer organization allowing active members to establish and cultivate new industry relationships while developing leadership, management, technical, or app development skills with mentors, other IT professionals, and students. Scholarships are earned each year through our national High School Computer Competition (HSCC), IT Showcase, or Mobile App Showcase programs. You can read more about these topics and share your new success stories with us in bdpatoday and BDPADC.org. Do you have any questions for us?

[Allow questions & answers (Q&A)]

If there are no further questions, thank you very much for spending your Saturday afternoon with us! Now, let’s welcome our distinguished panel joining us for this afternoon’s Town Hall session:

[Applause]

- Mr. Odie Donald, Executive Director, D.C. Workforce Investment Council
- Ms. Carla Harris, CEO of Image Works; Word 8 Workforce Development Council
- Mr. Richard Honesty, U.S. Census Bureau
- Ms. Ashley Williams, D.C. Department of Employment Services
- and our moderator this afternoon, Ms. Theresa Caldwell

[Town Hall]

[Closing Remarks] Mr. Raymond Bell, H.O.P.E. Project DMV
Perry Carter is a 30+ year Member of BDPA. He is President of National BDPA’s Washington, D.C. Chapter, an IRS 501(c)(3) public charity and integrated project team (IPT) charged with developing stronger IT and Cyber workforce pipelines across all vertical industry sectors. He directs public relations and government relations programs for community-based STEM-IC (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics—Intelligence and Cyber) workforce programs in direct support of the President’s Comprehensive National Cybersecurity Initiative (CNCI) and STEM initiatives. Programs include, but are not limited to, professional development, advanced computing competitions (IT Showcase [ITSC], High School Computer Competition [HSCC]), internship programs, corporate communications, and cyber security outreach events with industry and mission partners in the National Capital Region (NCR.)

Carter is the founding publisher of bdpatoday and NNOA Meridian, corporate news and community outreach publications for BDPA and the National Naval Officers Association (NNOA) respectively. He co-founded a student BDPA Chapter at Temple University and chaired National BDPA’s 1990 Technology Conference in Washington, D.C. As National BDPA’s first webmaster, Carter launched BDPA.org with national sponsor Silicon Graphics (SGI) during the 1996 National BDPA Conference in Atlanta, GA.

Carter currently supports the Department of Defense (DOD) Office of the CIO. Previously, he provided contractor support to DOD’s Office of Small Business Programs (OSBP). Prior to arriving at the Pentagon, Carter served as Director, Technical Alliances and Outreach (TA&O) with CSC’s Intelligence Group in Hanover, Maryland where he supports strategic thrusts and capture planning with small businesses and global alliance partners, universities, and community colleges for CSC’s mission partners. Before CSC, Carter was the Regional Vice President and CIO for Tec-Masters, Inc. (TMI), in the Mid-Atlantic region, where he captured Navy and Marine Corps contracts, funded DoD Mentor-Protégé Program (MPP) agreements, and acquired subcontracts with other defense agency prime contractors. He supported TMI's small and mid-sized business (SMB) and HBCU/MSI engagements with DOD and other government agencies. He was the primary liaison to supplier development councils (such as NMSDC and WBENC) and the HBCU/MI Project Office (HPO.)

After his enlistment in the United States Marine Corps, Carter graduated from Temple University on a Naval ROTC (NROTC) Marine Corps option scholarship where he majored in Political Science and Computer and Information Sciences (CIS). He honorably served as a Data Systems officer in the United States Marine Corps as a Software Quality Assurance (SQA) analyst and Deputy Marine Corps Marathon Systems Support officer at Quantico, VA; as the Enlisted Assignment [Computer] Model (EAM) Manager at Headquarters Marine Corps (HQMC); as an instructor at Marine Corps Computer Sciences School in Quantico; and as a War Games Opposing Force (OPFOR) participant at Armed Forces Staff College in Norfolk, VA.

Carter served as Director, Small Business Programs for Perot Systems Government Services; elected to successive terms as National Public Affairs Officer (PAO) for NNOA, and was a mentor and tutor with Joint Educational Facilities (JEF) in the District of Columbia. Carter was an Information Systems (IS) Director for industry trade associations ITAA [now CompTIA] and ITSA [Intelligent Transportation Society of America] in Washington, D.C. Carter served in executive and leadership roles as an application developer, software quality assurance analyst, technical lead, account manager, and Vice President/IT Director with SBA 8(a) small businesses successfully supporting and capturing small business set-aside awards with the Department of Transportation, Department of State, Department of Commerce, and the Marine Corps Systems Command.
For 40 years, BDPA has enabled the upward mobility of African Americans and other minorities in the Information Technology (IT) and STEM fields. Through its 40+ local community chapters in major cities across the United States, BDPA has been at the forefront of promoting the minority agenda within the IT profession since 1975. BDPA has been a leader and pioneer in technology and STEM training for IT professionals and High School students since 1986.

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