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### BDPA Industry Day – PART II

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**Bowie State University to Host  
2008 BDPA Regional Meeting**

June 21<sup>ST</sup> 2008 | 8 AM – 3:30 PM

**IT's Saturday, June 21, 2008** — Bowie State University is hosting this year's Regional BDPA Meeting for members and students interested in furthering their goals and careers in information technology, communications and related technical fields in other industries.

BDPA-DC's next event following this month's regional meeting will be BDPA's National Technology Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, from August 6 to August 9, 2008. New members and prospective interns are welcome. Current BDPA members are invited to take full advantage of this month's agenda and special events, including organizational discounts toward professional and industry networking opportunities. No formal BDPA DC Chapter activities are planned for July 2008 with the exception of HSCC training and HSCC fund-raising. Local businesses are encouraged to support regional IT programs. Corporate and individual investments lead to greater opportunities for area youth.

For more details on these and other events, visit: [www.bdpatoday.org](http://www.bdpatoday.org)  
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Washington, D.C. Edition

June 2008

## U.S. Senator First African-American to Claim Major Party Presidential Nomination

*Information Technology—Digital Media, Social Networks, Blogs and new Internet strategies providing new pathways to the White House*

**Washington—June 3, 2008**

This evening, BDPA Members witnessed an epic moment in history. A five-month primary season ended today with Senator Barack Obama capturing enough delegates from a major political party for nomination to the office of President of the United States. He is the first African-American candidate presumptively nominated to head a major party into a general election. This presidential cycle also becomes more newsworthy as it introduces unprecedented IT and Internet strategies while unleashing new multimedia doctrines, which may yield well over *one billion dollars* for a single campaign. 



**bdpatoday Special Report**

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## Harnessing Emerging Technology to Advance IT Careers

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Professional workshop forums are presented this year during the conference days of Wednesday, August 6<sup>th</sup> through Friday, August 8<sup>th</sup>. IT professionals seeking to build IT skills, define career directions, and climb the IT corporate ladder attend the National BDPA Conference. The purpose of the adult workshop forum is to support these goals by providing IT specific workshops in leadership, professional and business development, research, project management, communications, certification, and a host of advanced technologies that will provide a challenging

learning experience for attendees.

### The Audience

The primary conference audience consists of multiple levels of IT professionals, from entry-level technologists to senior level managers and corporate executives. Entrepreneurs, educators, and college students also will be in attendance. Workshop content and instruction should be geared to a level that is appropriate for your target audience.

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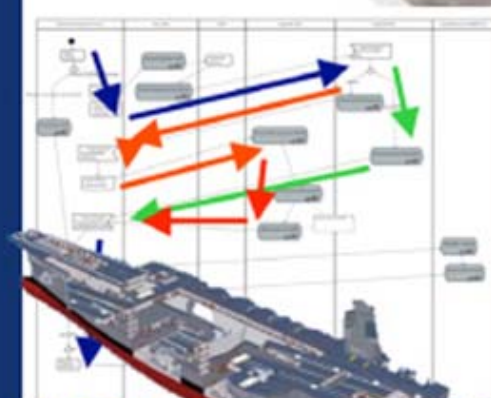
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Our next opportunity to network and interface with business leaders and hiring managers supporting BDPA in Washington, D.C., is **May 22, 2008** in the Rennie Forum auditorium, Prince George's Community College before and after the Chapter's Program Meeting. More information is available by visiting "Events" online: [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org). 

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# Career Upgrade Connections

In 2008, BDPA's Washington, D.C. Chapter invites new members to celebrate with us our 30 years of service, professional development, and community outreach.

## Committees to Chair or Join:

- **Audit/Finance/Sales/Grants**  
Invest in our *trillion-dollar* industry
- **IT Programs/Chapter Events**  
Host *Interest Groups* and meetings
- **Membership/Services**  
Source *non-IT* members for growth
- **Government Relations/Advocacy**  
Track laws in our *high-tech* society
- **Communications + PR**  
Join local BDPA *multimedia* teams
- **Education/Training/Standards**  
Develop *courseware*, be a *Mentor*

## What To Look For in 2008:

- Black Engineer of The Year Awards
- BDPA-Day-On-The-Hill
- BDPA-Day @ Annapolis
- ITSMF Symposium and Gala
- FOSE 2008
- National Harbor Conventions
- Regional BDPA Golf Classic
- Regional HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Regional IT Showcase (Students)
- TeraGrid '08
- National BDPA Conference
- National IT Showcase (Students)
- National HSCC Competition (Youth)
- Legislative Conference (CBCF/ALC)
- Prince George's Football Classic
- Supercomputing 2008 (SC08)
- BDPA-DC 30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Gala

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## SUPERCOMPUTING 2008 CONFERENCE PREVIEW

### SC08 Broader Engagement (BE) Program

SC08 is committed to broadening participation in the conference and to the engagement of individuals from around the globe, in groups and disciplines that traditionally have been underrepresented in high performance computing or at the SC Conference series. The breadth and depth of SC08 will provide unparalleled opportunities for learning about innovations in high performance computing, networking, storage and analysis. The Broader Engagement (BE) Program strives to identify and involve those individuals from underrepresented communities who have an interest in high performance computing.

### Mentorship Programs

The mentorship program that started last year at SC07 will continue at SC08. In close collaboration with the Education Program, student volunteers and SC exhibitors, BE is endeavoring to grow its mentorship program. The program plans to continue the formation of mentor/protégé pairs, and develop informal opportunities through coffee or lunch meetings with scientists and industry leaders to encourage networking bridges that benefit the participants involved in the program and hopefully beyond. JEF and BDPA-DC have additional information for local teams. Visit: [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org)



[bdpa@sc08](mailto:bdpa@sc08)

Support Teams are forming for this year's high school and college student participation during featured technology expos, IT conferences, IT Showcase and BDPA HSCC events. Parents and sponsors are invited to participate and assist area students with research concepts and development projects. Contact the JEF Center at: **202.584.1898**

## An A+ For Helping Hands with Technical Careers\$

Educational institutions, training companies, not-for-profits such as BDPA and government-funded training organizations can improve services to constituencies by joining CompTIA.

### IT Career Upgrades

CompTIA is the leading association representing the international technology community. Its goal is to provide a unified voice, global advocacy and leadership, and to advance industry growth through standards, professional competence, education and business solutions.

BDPA-DC will work with CompTIA in 2008 to make certification testing more accessible with sponsored and discounted student vouchers. This upgraded member service allows BDPA members to keep their own skill sets current with industry requirements. Advanced training and free vouchers for additional CompTIA certifications will be made available for BDPA student and full members.

### CompTIA Exam Vouchers for BDPA Instructors

Qualified BDPA members of E2C member schools who are training students in any of CompTIA's current certifications are eligible to receive a voucher for one of the following CompTIA certifications: **A+, Network+, i-Net+, Server+, Linux+, HTI+, RFID+, Security+ and Project+.**



Obtaining a CompTIA certification adds to personal credentials and paves the way to more lucrative and challenging leadership positions. Top technology companies like Cisco, HP, IBM, Intel, Microsoft and Novell leverage

CompTIA certifications as electives or equivalents for their own certification tracks. BDPA members who achieve higher industry certifications with DoD security clearances attract growth industries to emerging communities, transfer knowledge to local schools while promoting economic development.



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# TeraGrid 2008 Conference

The TeraGrid is an open scientific discovery infrastructure combining leadership class resources at eleven partner sites to create an integrated, persistent computational resource. Using high-performance network connections, the TeraGrid integrates high-performance computers, data resources and tools, and high-end experimental facilities around the country. How soon your community benefits from these resources directly depends on stakeholder levels of involvement.

Currently, TeraGrid resources include nearly a petaflop of computing capability and more than 30 petabytes of online and archival data storage, with rapid access and retrieval over high-performance networks. Researchers can also access more than 100 scientific data collections. With this combination of resources, the TeraGrid is the world's largest, most comprehensive distributed cyberinfrastructure for open scientific research. TeraGrid provides resources at eleven partner institutions: Indiana University (IU), Louisiana Optical

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## HSCC \$cholarships

**Washington**—This year, BDPA's national High School Computer Competition (HSCC) will be held in Atlanta, Georgia during the **National BDPA Technology Conference, August 6-9, 2008**. Final competition teams selected to represent Washington, DC and Northern Virginia will be made up of three to five students each. However, the other students will be eligible to participate in BDPA's annual Youth Technology Camp (YTC). The competition team also will enjoy an all expenses paid

trip to the National Conference. All students will be allowed to participate in the Student Youth Technology Camp and all other planned student activities. The competition team will compete with other BDPA chapter teams throughout the United States developing web applications, mastering computer theory, conducting oral presentations and publishing their team's deliverables during written competition. The top five teams will win college scholarships, computer hardware and software. NBDPA may extend scholarship awards to the top six

teams in 2008. BDPA student members and HSCC students will be afforded an opportunity to participate or attend this year's TeraGrid Conference and Supercomputing 2008 (SC08) Expo later this year. Student memberships also are available to area students at a very nominal annual fee of only \$15 for full time high school, community college, vocational school, 4-year college or university attendees. Join a local BDPA Chapter or start a small Chapter Interest Group (CIG) within your school today. Bowie State University will host this year's **BDPA Regional HSCC and IT Showcase, on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>**. 



## FCC Seeks Your Organization's Input On A New Auction For Public Safety Spectrum

The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) has placed more options back on the table for a new auction of broadband licenses of 700 megahertz spectrum set aside for a public safety network and is seeking public comment on this process. FCC recently held an auction for radio frequency spectrum in the 700 MHz band that will be abandoned by

television  
broadcasters  
next year  
when they  
make the  
federally  
mandated

***...Comments also are sought on the technical requirements of this shared wireless broadband network...***

switch from analog to digital signals. The auction included creation of a 10 MHz license in the D Block to be part of a public/private partnership with the adjacent 10 MHz of spectrum dedicated to a Public Safety Broadband License. FCC stated in announcing its new notice of this proposed rulemaking, "The 700 MHz public/private partnership was designed to achieve the important public policy goal of promoting public safety interoperability, allowing police, fire and other first responders to better communicate with one another in times of emergency." Earlier this fiscal year, bids for the spectrum fell far short of the \$1.3 billion minimum, and no license was awarded. FCC now must decide on new rules for an auction. The original auction and license

requirements have been criticized by Congress and industry as being too expensive and stringent for an economically risky partnership. The commission is reconsidering all auction rules and potential uses for the spectrum in enabling the desired network.

Suggestions from industry and Congress for the new auction include multiple regional licenses rather than a single national license, reducing or eliminating the reserve price, and

selling off the spectrum for commercial use and using the proceeds to fund creation of an interoperable network. One thing that everyone has agreed on thus far is that in any public/private partnership for this network, details of the partnership should be spelled out in advance of an auction. This FCC notice asks whether a public/private partnership is in the public interest and seeks comment on possible changes to the current rules governing such partnerships, such as whether to limit use of the shared network to public safety services as defined in the Communications Act.

The full text of this notice and additional FCC information can be found on the Commission's website at: <http://www.fcc.gov>

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## 06.21.08 – Growing *IT* Special Interest Groups



This month during the BDPA's Regional Meeting at Bowie State University, new BDPA members and community leaders will continue to develop industry-specific Special Interest Groups (SIGs) and neighborhood Chapter Interest Groups (CIGs) to expand committee services and chapter programs to emerging communities within our region.

New SIGs should include growth areas such as Standards, High Performance Computing, Modeling & Simulation, Intelligent Transportation Systems, Robotics (Unmanned Vehicle) software, Serious Games (beyond Xbox, Wii, and PSP), or Web 2.0 technologies.

New BDPA CIGs also are forming within the region to provide services to Anne Arundel, Charles, Howard, Montgomery, and Prince George's Counties in Maryland. To schedule a BDPA CIG event near you, visit our website at [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org) meetings and contact information.



### Regional High School Teams Prepare For Nationals

Bowie State University is hosting this year's BDPA Regional **High School Computer Competition, IT Showcase, and Industry Day** this month on Saturday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. Teams from Baltimore, Detroit, Hartford, Philadelphia, Northern New Jersey, New York, Northern Delaware, Northern Virginia, and Richmond BDPA Chapters are slated to challenge four (4) area HSCC teams for the opportunity to compete nationally in Atlanta. For sponsorship and registration information, visit: [www.bdpa-dc.org](http://www.bdpa-dc.org) or [www.bdpatoday.org](http://www.bdpatoday.org).

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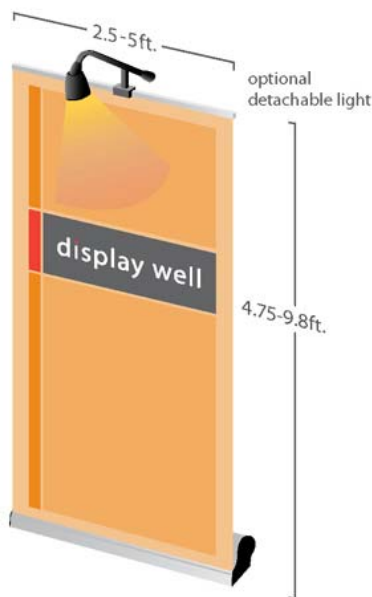
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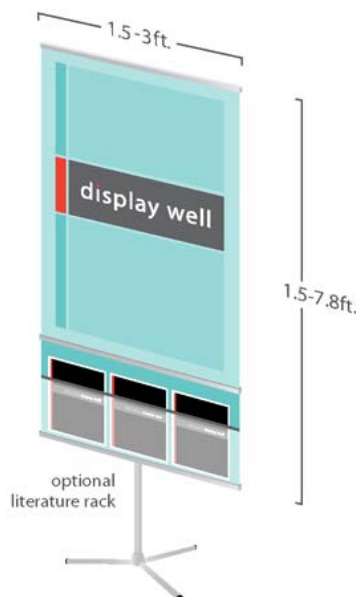
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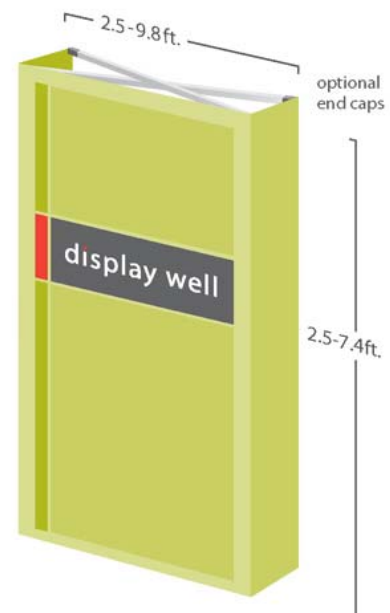
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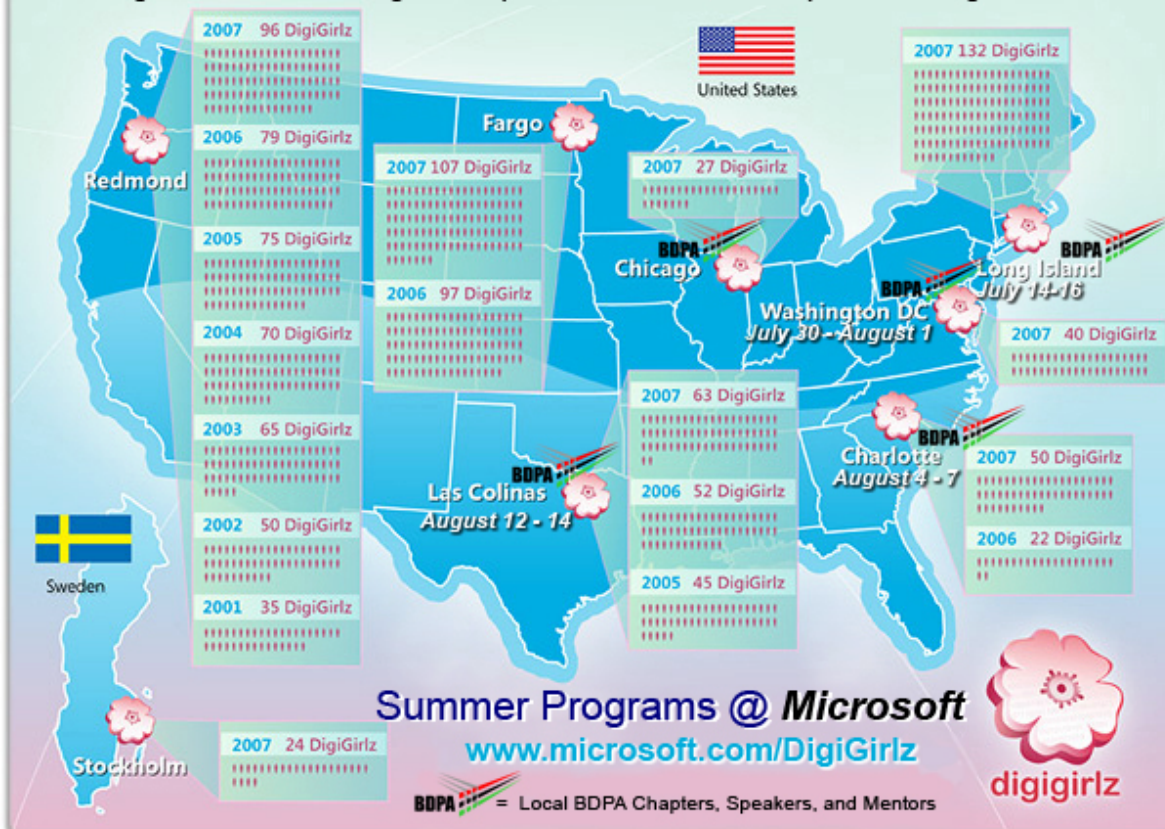
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