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Creating IT Futures Foundation Provides Funding Towards College Scholarships for 25 Students at the 2011 National BDPA High School Computer Competition Championship

COLLEGE PARK MD (July 28, 2011) – BDPA Education and Technology Foundation (BETF) is proud to accept a \$10,000 donation from the Creating IT Futures Foundation (formerly the CompTIA Educational Foundation). The donation supports the Jesse Bemley Scholarships that will be presented next month to the top-performing students in the National BDPA High School Computer Competition (HSCC) Championship in Chicago, IL. High school students from over 20 cities around the country will compete in this national HSCC championship. Bemley Scholarships will go to the students on the winning teams. This year's winners will be announced at the National BDPA Awards Gala on Saturday, August 6, 2011 in Chicago.

This donation demonstrates the growing strategic alliance between CompTIA and BDPA.

“I am excited about our partnership with Creating IT Futures Foundation on this scholarship,” says BETF executive director Wayne Hicks. “We hope to continue to impact on the advancement of our students into science, technology, engineering or math (STEM) related careers ... and getting a degree in information technology is one way to get it done.”

BETF has awarded over \$266,000 in Bemley Scholarships since 1999. Bemley Scholars have used the funds to study science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM) curriculum at a wide-range of colleges including: Bowie State University, Hampton University, Michigan State University, New Jersey Institute of Technology, Rice University, University of Illinois, University of Michigan, University of Minnesota, University of Tennessee and the University of Washington. The testimonials from a number of Bemley Scholars can be found online → <http://tinyurl.com/BemleyScholars>.

The donation made this year by Creating IT Futures Foundation will support up to 25 more Bemley Scholarships from this year's national HSCC championship.

“Creating IT Futures is honored to have the opportunity to work with such an active and dedicated foundation having similar goals,” says Charles Eaton, executive director of the Creating IT Futures Foundation. “By collaborating and combining efforts, we'll help even more young people find paths to IT careers and to sustainable futures.”

About BETF (www.betf.org) -- Founded in 1992, BETF is a 501(c)(3) foundation with a mission to locate the funding necessary to support educational and technology programs for BDPA and others across the country. BETF works to close the gap of computer and technology literacy in America's classrooms. We want students from historically disadvantaged communities to learn advanced computer science and community responsibility from any of the BDPA chapters located around the nation.

About Creating IT Futures Foundation (www.creatingITfutures.org) – Established in 1998 by CompTIA, the IT Industry Association, the Creating IT Futures Foundation helps at-risk individuals and populations under-represented in IT prepare for, secure, and be successful in IT careers. A 501(c)(3) organization, among its clients are military personnel re-entering civilian life and workers displaced from other industries. The Foundation also works to bring greater diversity to the IT workforce, with a particular focus on women, African Americans and Hispanics.