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**BILLION DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE ELECTS
SHELLEY STEWART JR. CHAIRMAN**

Retired DuPont Chief Procurement Officer Has Been Champion for Supplier Diversity

Jan. 22, 2019 – The Billion Dollar Roundtable Inc. (BDR) announced today that Shelley Stewart Jr., retired Chief Procurement Officer at E. I. du Pont de Nemours & Co., has been elected as the organization’s chairman. In this role, Stewart will help shape the strategic direction of the BDR, a top-level advocacy organization that promotes corporate supplier diversity excellence and advances best practices through its 28 member companies.

“On behalf of our member companies, we are pleased that an executive of Shelley’s stature is joining the BDR in this key leadership role. Shelley is a familiar face in corporate procurement and supplier diversity and has worked alongside many of our members to promote best practices. He has been a leading champion and voice for diverse business development and inclusion. We look forward to the ideas, thought leadership and energy that Shelley will bring to BDR,” said BDR Co-Founder, President and CEO Sharon Patterson.

Stewart led DuPont’s procurement, global sourcing and logistics, real estate and facility services organizations and played a significant role in the 2017 DowDuPont merger by helping to deliver synergy savings for the combination that is now the world’s largest chemical company. Prior to DuPont, Stewart was Senior Vice President of Operational Excellence and Chief Procurement Officer at Tyco International. In addition, Stewart has served in executive capacities in procurement and supply chain operations at Raytheon Co., Invensys PLC, and United Technologies Corp.

Stewart has been a contributor to many boards and councils, including Cleco Corp., Howard University, Drexel University and the Boys and Girls Club of Trenton/Mercer County. In supplier diversity, he has served in leadership positions with the National Minority Supplier Development Council (NMSDC), and received the NMSDC's first-ever Chief Procurement Officer of the Year award. In 2011, the U.S. Secretary of Commerce appointed him to its National Advisory Council on Minority Business Enterprises. *Black Enterprise* and *Savoy* magazine named Stewart one of the "100 Most Powerful Executives in Corporate America," and he received a 2016 honorary doctorate degree in Business Administration from the University of New Haven. Stewart is co-author "Straight to the Bottom Line" An Executive's Roadmap to World Class Supply Management, (J. Ross Publishing).

"The Billion Dollar Roundtable has emerged as one of the leading advocacy organizations in corporate supplier diversity. BDR member companies are among the most important on the global stage. I am pleased to join the BDR and contribute in any way that I can to assist the organization to promote and accelerate corporate supply chain diversity excellence," Stewart said.

Stewart will serve as the fourth volunteer chairman in the organization's history.

BDR member companies are Adient, Apple Inc., AT&T Inc., Avis Budget Group, Bank of America, The Boeing Co., Comcast NBCUniversal, Cummins Inc., CVS Health, Dell Inc., Exelon Corp., Fiat Chrysler, Ford Motor Co., General Motors Corp., Honda North America, IBM Corp., Johnson Controls Inc., Johnson & Johnson, Kaiser-Permanente, The Kroger Co., Merck & Co., Lear Corp., Microsoft Corp., Pacific Gas & Electric Co., Procter & Gamble Co., Toyota Motor North America Inc., Verizon Communications Inc. and Wal-Mart Stores Inc.

ABOUT THE BILLION DOLLAR ROUNDTABLE

The Billion Dollar Roundtable, created in 2001, is a non-profit organization that comprises 28 corporations that each spend \$1 billion or more annually on a Tier 1 basis with diverse suppliers. The BDR recognizes and celebrates corporations that achieve this status and promotes and shares best practices in supply-chain diversity excellence. BDR member companies review and discuss issues, challenges and strategies related to supplier diversity as a means to advance supply chain opportunities for both corporations and diverse suppliers. The BDR is publisher of the title "Supplier Diversity Best Practices: Building Excellence to Improve the Supply Chain Matrix." For more information about the BDR, go to <https://www.billiondollaroundtable.org/>.