MINORITY DEVELOPMENT

Award recognizes performance by a minority sub-contractor

The National Aeronautics and Space Administration has honored Software Maintenance Specialists (SMS) as "1996 Minority Subcontractor of the Year.'

SMS is being honored for its subcontract service to the Rockwell Space Systems Division based in Downey, Calif. Rockwell's Space Systems Division is a prime contractor for the Johnson Space Center in Houston.

As a leading national provider of computer outsourcing services, SMS provides Rockwell's Space Systems Division with data processing support for the company's multi-platform computer operations. SMS information technology services support the space shuttle orbiter program, including pre- and post-flight analysis. In addition, SMS manages the division's mainframe network communication links with Rockwell facilities across the country.

"As a subcontractor to Rockwell, SMS has focused on meeting the space systems division's bottom-line

objectives for lowering operating costs and improving operations," said Miguel "Mike" Winder, SMS president and chief executive officer. "We are honored that the space systems division nominated the company for this distinguished award."

The award recognizes achievements by entrepreneurs and honors subcontractors that have provided outstanding high-tech support and service to NASA.

"NASA recognizes the contributions minority businesses make in assisting NASA in fulfilling its mission," said Ralph Thomas, NASA associate administrator for small

According to Jim Bower, Rockwell Space Systems Division's director of materials, SMS was selected based on a full and open competition by submitting the best-valued proposal for support of the division's mainframe computing operations

"Since 1994, SMS has performed beyond our expectations and has

of these 10 regional winners will be

elevated within the next few weeks

as SBA's National Minority Small

Businessperson of the Year and re-

ceive special recognition during a

four-day MED Week conference in

Monday, Sept. 23, and is cospon-

sored by the SBA and the Minority

Business Development Agency of

the U.S. Department of Commerce.

This year's theme is "Minority Busi-

ness: America's Competitive Ad-

The national conference starts on

the nation's capital.

vantage."

helped the space systems division streamline operations and remain a leader in the aerospace industry," Bower said.

Rockwell Space Systems Division designs, builds and integrates manned and unmanned space systems and supporting hardware for NASA, the Department of Defense and commercial users. It is the prime contractor for the NASA space shuttle orbiter and the Air Force's Navstar Global Positioning System Block I, II, IIA and IIF satellites.

Listed in 1995 as one of Inc. magazine's "Fastest-Growing Private Companies," SMS offers multi-platsociates.

SMS company headquarters are located at 3 Hutton Center, Santa Ana, Calif., 92704; telephone: 714/

form systems management, data processing, systems integration, technical support and application development services. SMS provides transitional and selective outsourcing services to companies throughout the U.S., including Allergan Inc., Applied Magnetics Corp., Avco Financial Services Inc., Cox Communications, DATATAPE Inc., Denny's Inc., McGaw Inc., Nestle Inc., Lucas Geared Systems Inc. and Varian As-

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Song, winner of Small **Minority Businessperson** of the year

Paul Song, president of Seattlebased ARIS Corp., has been selected by the U.S. Small Business Administration (SBA) as the Minority Small Businessperson of the Year for Region X.

Competition extended among Alaska, Idaho, Oregon, and Washington, and Song will now be considered for even more recognition later this month at the national level.

"The nation's economy is strong, and competition at every level is very sharp," said SBA Administrator Philip Lader. "So these regional winners should be justifiably proud of this significant accomplishment."

ARIS Corp. is an information systems consulting, training and product development company which provides computer-related business solutions for large U.S. corporations and organizations. The company specializes in finding business and organizational solutions through

advanced technology. "I am so pleased that a thriving small business like the ARIS Corporation received this honor. Paul Song is an exemplary member of Seattle's business community and serves as an inspiration to aspiring entrepreneurs," said Gretchen Sorensen, SBA Regional Administrator.

These SBA regional awards reflect that each year since 1983, the president designates one week for recognition of the accomplishments of minority entrepreneurs. That event, Minority Enterprise Development (MED) Week, results in ceremonies throughout the nation and this year will be celebrated from Sept. 22 to Sept. 28.

The SBA has 10 regions and one

Planners to

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Portland

Portland, Oregon will host ap-

proximately 20 minority meeting

planners from throughout the coun-

try on November 10th - 17th. Slated

as "Hospitality Tour '96", the 7 day

event is designed to influence orga-

nizations to consider Portland as a

destination for their future conven-

Portland's first hospitality tour

was held last November and re-

ceived rave reviews in national me-

dia, as well as by the guests that

Roy Jay, President and CEO of

Oregon Convention and Visitor Services Network, says that this years

sequel promises to be bigger and

better than ever. Evening commu-

nity and business receptions are be-

ing planned for November 14th

Individuals and businesses that want

to attend the evening receptions should

call 244-5794 ext. 22 to be included on

15th and 16th in Portland.

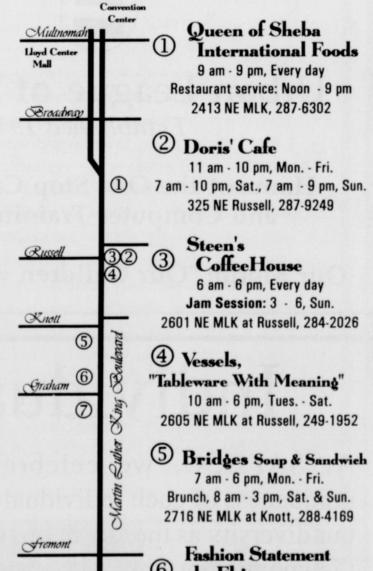
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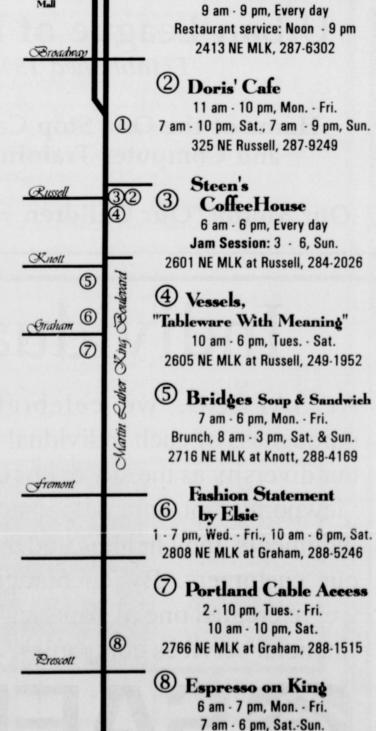
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