

# Health Care Professionals Wanted

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This program, according to Mackay, is modeled after successful programs offered by the National Institutes of Health and the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation.

The mentoring programs will partner VA medical centers with historically black colleges and universities, Hispanic-serving

institutions, tribal colleges and universities, and other institutions with sizeable concentrations of Asian Americans, Pacific Islanders, native Hawaiians and Alaska natives.

The program, costing \$6 million annually, will begin in April 2004.

For more information about the program, visit the Web site at [www.va.gov/resdev](http://www.va.gov/resdev).



## County Honors Minority Enterprises

Members of the Minority Business Opportunity Committee gathered with the Multnomah County Board of Commissioners and County staff after the board proclaimed the week of Oct. 13 - 17 Minority Enterprise Development Week. County Chair Diane Linn (center left) presented Committee Vice Chair Mary Jo Whitey with the proclamation. MED Week events will include a conference on Oct. 15 at the Double Tree at Jantzen Beach.

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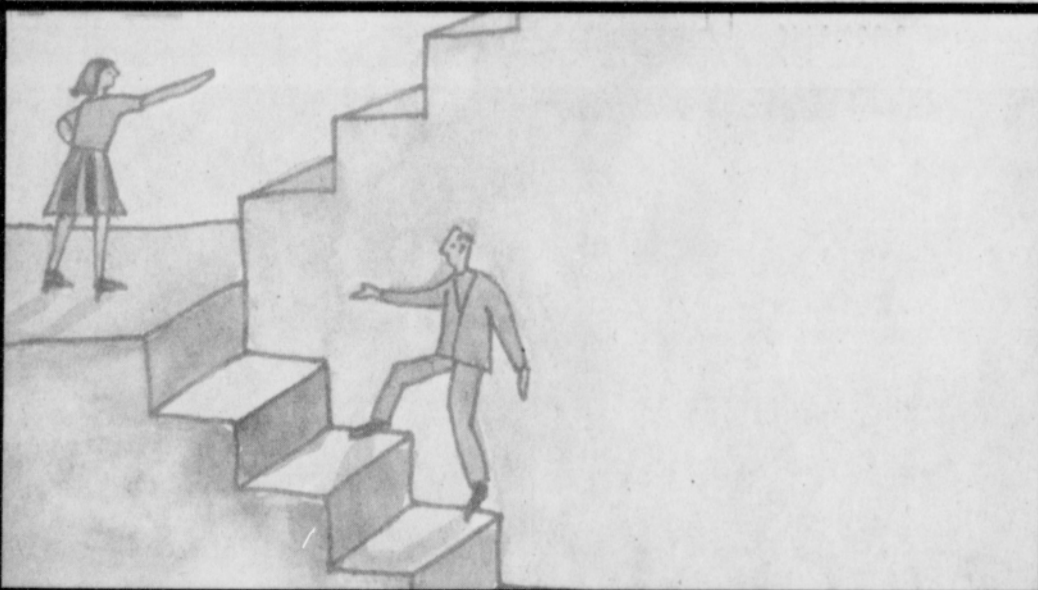


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## Minority Enterprise Development Week

# MINORITY BUSINESS:

### TAKE IT TO THE NEXT LEVEL!



The Minority Business Opportunity Committee wants you to participate in an exciting day of Training Institute workshops examining:

- Sustainability ■ Global Business Opportunity
- Payroll and Tax Issues
- Networking ■ Managing Risk

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For more information: [www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc](http://www.oregon.feb.gov/mboc)

Attend the awards luncheon showcasing outstanding minority-owned businesses in Oregon and Southwest Washington. This year's keynote speaker is Russ Danielson, Vice President and Chief Executive, Providence Health Systems, and Chairperson, Portland Workplace Diversity Task Force.

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## Minorities Lead Nation in Entrepreneurship

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Of all businesses in the United States, 5.8 percent are owned by Hispanic Americans, 4.4 percent by Asian Americans, 4 percent for African Americans and 0.9 percent by American Indians.

Of minority-owned businesses, 39.5 percent are Hispanic-owned, 30 percent Asian-owned, 27.1 percent African American-owned and 6.5 percent American Indian-owned.

**Almost 4 in 10 black-owned businesses (38 percent) were owned by women.**

Of the 4,514,699 jobs in minority-owned businesses, 48.8 percent were in Asian-owned firms, 30.8 percent in Hispanic-owned firms, 15.9 percent in African-American-owned firms and 6.6 percent in American Native-owned firms.

Minority-owned firms had about \$96 billion in payroll.

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Asian and Pacific Islander-owned businesses in the U.S. totaled about 913,000, employed more than 2.2 million people and generated \$306.9 billion in revenues.

For information about successful minority business owners, visit <http://www.score.org/minority.html>.

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Pacific Power employees (from left) Troy Malos and Dylan Shulda

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