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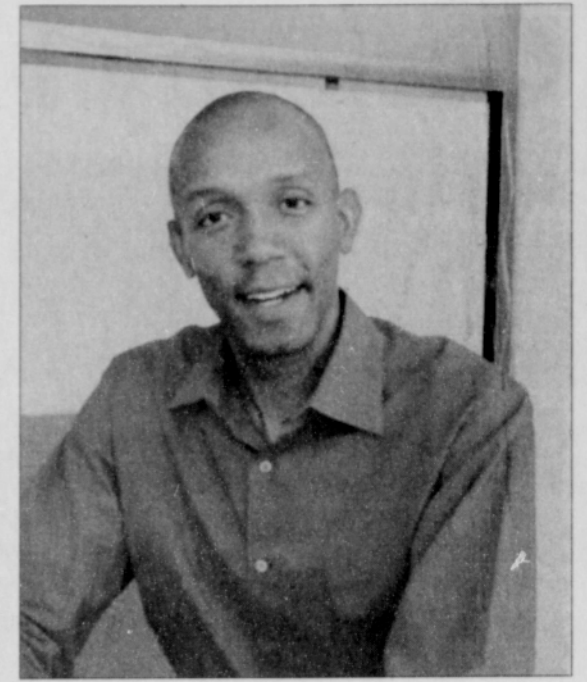
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Shareefah Abdullah



Enrique Washington

Leaders Plan Historic Conference

Focus on minority, women businesses

Enrique Washington, award-winning co-founding partner of the Generator Group- a Portland-based executive search firm named among the fastest-growing private companies in Oregon-will keynote the historic 2006 Northwest Minority & Women Business Excellence Conference, scheduled Saturday, Oct. 7 from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m. at Clark College-Gaiser Hall in Vancouver.

"The secret is out", said Shareefah Abdullah, whose company, Hot Ovations Communications Coaching & Training Co., is producing the first-ever event.

"Growth in the number of minority and women owned businesses in the United States has out-paced the national average, and go-getters such as Enrique Washington reflect the significance of this trend," Abdullah said.

Washington, lauded by US Black Engineer magazine as a top minority recruiter nationwide, has helped grow Generator Group into a company that last year won an Oregon & Southwest Washington Better Business Bureau Customer

Service Award and earned recognition from the Portland Business Journal as one of the Top 100 Fastest-Growing Private Companies in Oregon.

His keynote address, "Success on Your Own Terms: Reality, Risks and Rewards," will include a question-and-answer session with the audience.

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expected at the conference; the first such regional event focused on both minorities and women.

The event will include a catered breakfast and lunch; resource booths featuring agencies dedicated to helping businesses succeed; and candid workshops on topics and trends in marketing, media, e-commerce, public contracting, copyright protection and more.

For more details and registration information go online at hotovations.com.

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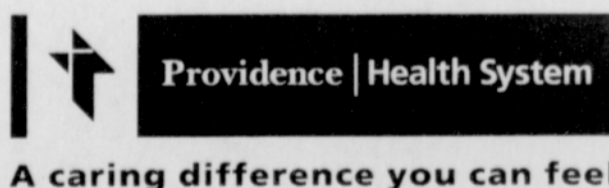
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- Faye Burch, FM Burch & Associates



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