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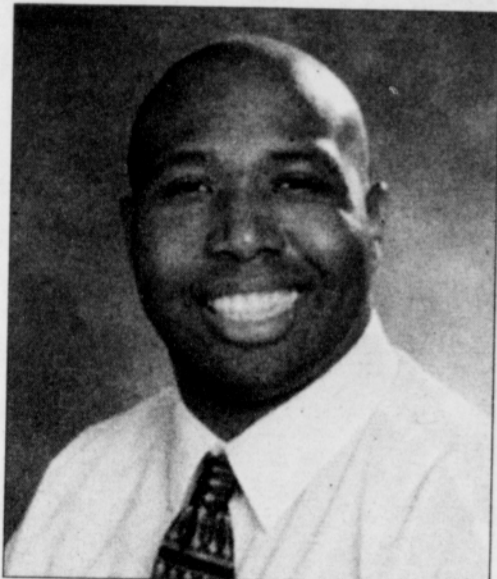
Camron Doss is the new director of the Portland office of the U.S. Small Business Administration.

He joins the SBA from the General Services Administration, where he has 14 years of experience with the federal agency.

Doss graduated from the University of Arkansas at Pine Bluff with a Bachelor of Arts degree in mass communications and public relations. He received his MBA in business management from Texas A&M University-Commerce and is currently a Juris Doctor degree candidate focusing on business law at Lewis and Clark Law School.

He said he is looking forward to supporting entrepreneurship and small business growth throughout the area.

"Small businesses are the backbone and heart of our communities," said Doss. "I'm excited to be a part of an organization dedicated to helping them start, grow and succeed."



Camron Doss

The Portland District Office is responsible for the delivery of the SBA programs and services to 30 counties in Oregon and Clark, Skamania, Cowlitz and Wahkiakum counties in southwestern Washington.

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County Leads in Health Equity

For the third year in a row, the Multnomah County Health Department has been recognized as a "Leader in LGBT Healthcare Equality." The annual survey was conducted by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation, the educational arm of the country's largest lesbian, gay, bisexual and transgender (LGBT) organization.

Multnomah County's eight primary care clinics earned top marks for their commitment to equitable, inclusive care. Historically, LGBT clients and their families nationwide have faced significant chal-

lenges in securing adequate health care.

"I am proud that our commitment to our LGBT clients and community has been recognized in this way," said Lillian Shirley, Health Department director. "For more than a decade, we've been committed to inclusive and equitable policies and care."

The Health Department was a founding member of the National Coalition for LGBT Health, a leading organization focused on eliminating disparities in health care.

Moda Center Arena

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home opener on Nov. 2 versus the defending Western Conference Champion San Antonio Spurs.

"Since our company was founded in 1955, we've invested in projects that create healthy people and healthy places," said Dr. William Johnson, president of Moda Health. "This partnership reaffirms our commitment to this community as we invite people now to join us in creating in the heart of our city a neighborhood that celebrates healthy urban living. We know that together we can be more. Be better."

Financial terms of the agreement between the Trail Blazers and Moda Health were not disclosed. The two partners said they are developing a

diverse set of initiatives and enhancements that will serve as key connectors for the community to the venue.

Those elements include the redesign and restoration of the landmark water and fire fountains outside the arena; new food and beverage options for the Commons area and arena concessions; enhanced wayfinding signage and accessibility throughout the Rose Quarter; improvements to pedestrian traffic flow into the campus, including guests arriving from nearby commuter rail stations and bus stops; upgrading of the landscaping and grounds of the Rose Quarter; and seasonal community-building and entertainment programming on the Commons.



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