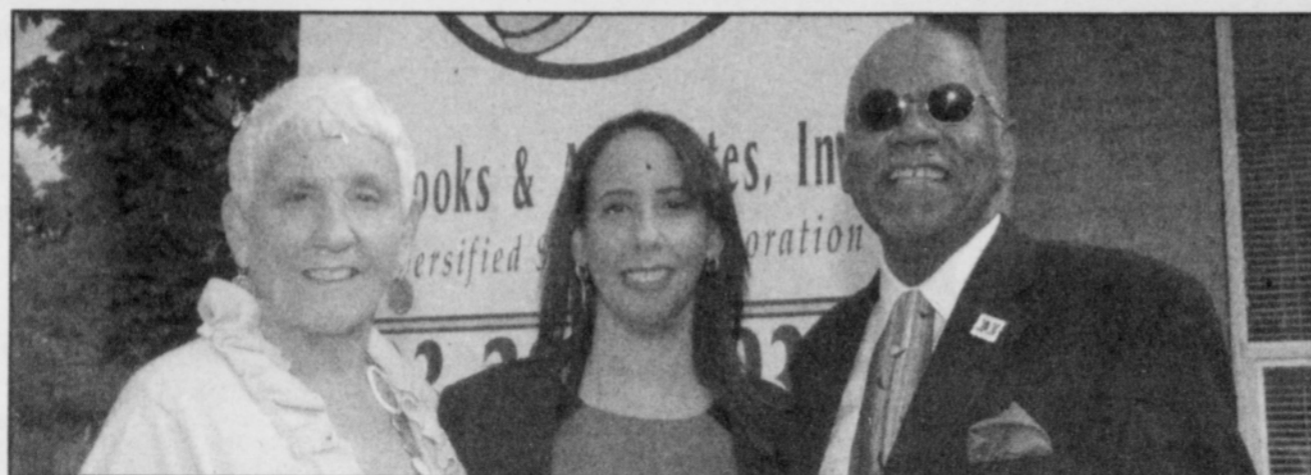


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Celebrate Minority-owned Businesses

MBE conference kicks off this week

The Business Diversity Institute will host its annual Minority Enterprise Development Week conference at the Sentinel Hotel on Thursday, Oct. 2 and Oct. 7 and 9.

The conference has become a highly anticipated event celebrating the accomplishments of minority-owned small businesses and diversity practitioners who have demonstrated measurable growth and/or introduced innovations in the Oregon and Southwest Washington community.

This year's event features a series of workshops for small business and diversity practitioners offering the latest strategies, best practices, success stories and takeaway toolkits. 2014 MED Week will culminate with an awards luncheon on Thursday, Oct 9, highlighted by keynote speaker Brandon Neal, director of the Office of Small and Disadvantaged Business Utilization in the U.S. Department of Transportation.

"With a packed agenda and a new workshop lineup, 2014 MED Week is heating up to be our most successful event to date," said Kimberly Mitchell-Phillips, Small Business Development Program Manager, Port of Portland and BDI Board Chair. "We are honored to have



Brandon Neal

many top executives and professionals in attendance to bring expert perspectives and a fresh look at some of the biggest challenges facing small businesses."

2014 MED Week will offer the opportunity for small businesses and diversity practitioners to engage in three days of building relationships, learning and celebrating with each other!

For more information about 2014 MED Week, visit bdiweb.org/about-med-week.php or to purchase tickets go to 2014medweek.eventbrite.com.

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Portland Fire Chief: 'Come Join Us'

Diversity embraced in hiring effort

The following is an invitation to start a career as a firefighter from Portland Fire & Rescue Chief Erin Janssens:

"Come join us; become a firefighter! We're dedicated men and women of every race and ethnicity. No matter our background, we can all climb 10 stories with a tank of air strapped to our backs. Every day we save lives, property, and the environment. We save people from heart attacks, chemical spills, car pin-ins, and yes, we also fight fires. We are a team, and we'd like for you to join us and become a firefighter.

Portland Fire and Rescue will be accepting applications online, Oct. 13 through Oct. 26 to take our firefighter entrance exam, which will be administered Dec. 17.

What does it take to become a firefighter? Compassion. Resource-



Portland Fire and Rescue Chief Erin Janssens

fulness. Skills. Adaptability. Strength. And most important: a desire to help others. If that describes you, I encourage you to contact our recruiter to learn more about our testing process; call 503-823-3811 or email firefighter@portlandoregon.gov. Sign up to be notified about the details of our testing process at: www.portlandoregon.gov/fire/getnotified."