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Minority & Small Business Week

Trusty Service for 19 Years



PHOTO BY MARK WASHINGTON/THE PORTLAND OBSERVER Thomas Martin, owner and operator of 'Martin Cleaning Service -- Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning;

When Thomas Martin retired start up costs. from the federal government he found a way to start his own busi- there were not many brothers in and equipment for good, he said, ness. Today, the owner and opera- carpet cleaning at the time. tor of "Martin Cleaning Service -Carpet and Upholstery Cleaning" tire again after 19 years in the to grow a business is to work hard can look back at the benefits of being his own boss and the success

since 1999.

Martin is now on a path to rebusiness, serving the Portland and apply yourself. Vancouver areas. He has been an he had in developing a business advertiser with the Portland Obwithout a lot of competition and server for years.

On retiring and putting away He said he was surprised that the trusty carpet cleaning tools "The time has finally come."

His advice for those who want

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Pay Dirt for Colas

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providing jobs for those who were displaced.

Now 30 years later, Colas Construction will not only serve as the chief contractor for the project but has pledged to subcontract from a cross-section of other businesses that are from fair procurement processes for a new," Colas said. communities of color to work on public agency that I've ever been the project.

work from Metro, companies Colas says he's "looked to and respected" his whole life. The procurement process added weight to firms like his that partnered with woman-owned or minority-owned businesses, a move that Andrew Colas praised.

"Metro created one of the most a part of. And in that process, the Hoffman Construction and best company won. And we were Walsh Community Builders were just proud to be selected as that runner-ups for the contracting company," he said.

The Oregon Convention Center remodel will begin next summer and is scheduled to be complete by May 2019. Plans call for renovating the interior and exterior facade of the building.

"It's going to be a complete refresher," Colas said. "There'll be work on the exterior, landscaping, hardscape, and then interior, upgrading finishes, upgrading features. It's going to look brand

Colas added that some of the iconic visual mainstays of the facility, like "those two beautiful glass towers," would remain unaltered.



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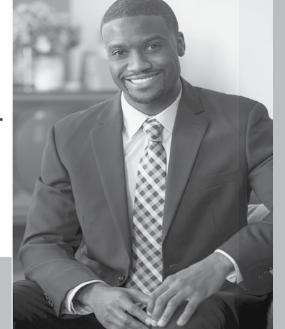
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