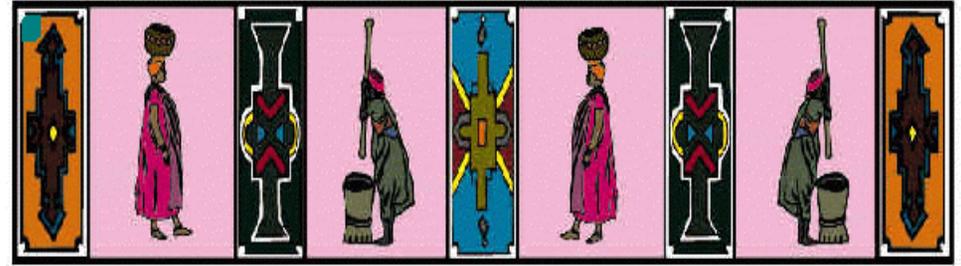


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BLACK HISTORY MONTH

***“Slavery their Owners, Friends
and Sympathizers
(Roane and Anderson County)”***

Speaker: Will Minter

***11:00 - 12:30 p.m.
February 22, 2001
Weinberg Auditorium***



Program

Will Minter is manager of the Small Business Program Office for Oak Ridge National Laboratory, which is managed by UT-Battelle, LLC, for the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE). Minter has primary responsibilities for ensuring that small businesses get the chance to share in the \$160 million in subcontracting opportunities occurring annually at the Laboratory. He develops the strategies and procedures for maximizing the utilization of small businesses in the procurement of goods and services.

Minter has been employed at the Oak Ridge facilities for more than 33 years. During that time he has held a wide range of management responsibilities: he has served as the manager of Technical Procedures for the Engineering Technology Division, department manager for Engineering Services for all Oak Ridge sites, manager of the Document Control Center in the Information Services Division, and supervisor of the Y-12 Plant Records Department. Minter developed and implemented the first small minority business technology transfer initiative, which became a model for all of DOE. He was the project manager for the implementation of the first application of bar-coding technology for managing classified documents and proposed and assisted in the installation of the first engineering-drawing optical-disk system for Lockheed Martin Energy Systems, Inc. He proposed and provided leadership in managing the first small business conference for DOE.

Will Minter is a city councilman and has served as a vice mayor for the city of Oak Ridge, Tennessee, and has risen through the ranks to become well known nationally as a political leader. He has led or participated in a number of noteworthy events, including the National Crime Summit (a nationally televised event) and a briefing to President Clinton regarding his state of the union address. He has also led a group of political and business leaders who met with Vice President Gore on the subject of African Americans and the Information Highway. He is also president emeritus of the National Black Caucus of Local Elected Officials (NBC-LEO), chairman of NBC-LEO National Policy Committee, and a former member of the Oak Ridge Board of Education and the National Black Leadership Forum.

Minter is a motivational speaker and community innovator. He won the contest for the best idea for the World's Fair held in Knoxville, Tennessee, in 1982. He has most recently introduced his concept for a major attraction for the city of Oak Ridge, a virtual-reality science learning center called the "Interactive Science Observatory."

Welcome

Marilyn Langston

Amazing Grace

Roger Underwood

Reading from Langston Hughes

Ella Dubose

Introduction of Speaker

Mylissa Buttram

“Slaves, their Owners, Friends
and Sympathizer”

Will Minter

Closing

Faye Brewer

refreshments in the lobby

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