

In the next six years, Wright, now strictly an administrator, cemented additional government contracts with the Hanford Atomic Energy Complex and the Environmental Protection Agency at Port Orchard, Washington. Telephone company contracts in Renton, Tacoma and Seattle also were negotiated.

1980 saw Wright and his company growing into a new market. With the military's decision to drop Kitchen Police, or KP detail, the need was there for civilians to satisfy this service. Wright quickly contracted with Sand Point Naval Station, Washington, to supply food service personnel. This major decision led to three more similar contracts at Whidbey Island Naval Air Station, Keyport Naval Undersea Warfare Station and Puget Sound Naval Ship Yard, adding 85 employees. During this period, Wright also juggled numerous private contracts.

Today's office facility, at 464 Twelfth Avenue, was built by Wright in 1980. The \$1.6 million office complex houses the Washington State Motor Vehicles Licensing Bureau, the Air Force Recruiting Center, both on a five year contract. It also houses his own offices on the fourth floor. He has since remodeled the Annida Building.

In 1982, Wright purchased a large piece of property on Twelfth Avenue and is currently preparing to build office and retail space on this site. During this year, Wright also entered into a joint venture with two other small business minority contractors, acquiring the food service contract at Fort Lewis, Washington, adding 450 new jobs.

With all his success, Wright refuses to stand pat. During the past four years the Professional Maintenance Company, Inc. has purchased additional real estate in central Seattle.

Wright's twenty-four years in business have taken him through various stages: Worker, negotiator, administrator, entrepreneur. His acute service and management and private contracts. He has literally put hundreds of people to work. His ability to acquire real estate at optimum moments is a serious strength not to be overlooked.

In summary, Mr. Rogers Wright, founder and president of the Professional Maintenance Company, Inc., was born on March 20, 1928 in Etion, Georgia, a small farming community. Raised very poor, Wright has no formal education. Self-taught and motivated, Wright, one of three children, found his way to Seattle in 1956 finding employment at the Olympic Foundry and a small janitorial firm. He ventured into his own business, the Professional Maintenance Company, Inc., in 1962. Mr. and Mrs. Wright were married on March fourth in 1950, and are the proud parents of eight children. Wright is also a member of the Goodwill Baptist Church. They are also the grandparents of nine grandchildren. Wright was awarded the NAVY Award by the Navy in 1983 for his food service contract at Sand Point and Contractor Minority Vendor of the Year in 1983 by Pacific Northwest Bell. Wright's career has been featured in a piece done for television by Channel 4, KOMO, Seattle. Personable and charming, Mr. and Mrs. Wright credit their success to the hard work they put into their business. He is most proud of the fact that he has never defaulted on a project in his 24 years in business. Mr. Wright's wife, Annie Ruth, is the Secretary-Treasurer of the Professional Maintenance Company, Inc.