

Cheryl W. Snead



Cheryl W. Snead is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Banneker Industries, Inc. a world-class provider of Supply Chain Management solutions headquartered in North Smithfield, R.I.

Snead received her undergraduate degree in mechanical engineering from the University of Massachusetts. She worked for General Electric (GE) honing her engineering and management skills while earning a master's degree in business from Purdue University. Later, she was the vice president of operations of a small, minority-owned machine shop in R.I. before buying out the owners and establishing Banneker Industries in 1991. Snead received an honorary Doctor of Business Administration degree from Bryant University in May 2006. She is also a Six Sigma green belt.

Banneker Industries and Snead have received numerous awards, both for business accomplishments and ongoing civic work. She was recently named a "2009 Shining Star" by Women's Business Enterprise National Council (WBENC). Banneker Industries has been recognized nationally in *Inc.*, *MBE*, *Essence* and *Black Enterprise* magazines. Banneker Industries was named the 2008 National Subcontractor of the Year by the U.S. Small Business Administration.

Snead is a trustee of Bryant University, serves on the board of directors of AMICA Insurance Company and Bank Rhode Island, and is an appointee to the R.I. Defense Commission. Her community activities are numerous and include serving as a charter member and past president of the Greater Providence RI Chapter of The Links, Incorporated. She is a passionate, motivational speaker advocating youth, minority and women empowerment.