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Lon Safko to receive award

Lon Safko, whose firm has developed special computer software and a head-mounted "mouse" for quadriplegics, will receive a local entrepreneur of the year award next week from the Westinghouse National Management Association.

Safko will receive a \$200 bond at 4:30 p.m. Tuesday during a ceremony in Richland's Tri-Cities Enterprise Center, said Terry Winward, chairman of American enterprise and youth activities for the association.

The firm has developed systems that allow someone to turn on appliances, do word processing, or make a computer pronounce words by moving one's head and blowing into a tube.

Safko said Tuesday he has just closed his first sale of an \$8,000 system to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Yakima.