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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$79,075 contract to CLM Systems, Inc. of Cambridge, Massachusetts, to study environmental factors which should be considered in airport site selection and planning.

"This study is one of a series of projects designed to make transportation planning completely responsive to the mandates of the Environmental Policy Act of 1969," Secretary Volpe said.

"Expansion of existing airports and planning to locate new airports frequently raise environmental and urban planning problems," he said.

"The impact of airport development on the natural and human environment needs to be given consideration equal to economic and technological considerations. The development of guidelines to create this balance is a primary objective of this study," the Secretary said.

In addition to identifying and describing environmental factors to be considered in airport planning, the study will produce a handbook of these findings for the use of airport planners.

Emphasis will be placed upon developing techniques for integrating airport planning with comprehensive planning for potentially affected areas.

The planning improvement effort is administered by the Department's Office of the Assistant Secretary for Environment and Urban Systems.

The study is scheduled to be completed in 12 months.

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