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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe announced today the award of a \$166,900 contract to R. L. Banks & Associates, Inc., of Washington, D. C., to study regulatory agencies having jurisdiction over the urban public transportation industry.

"A principal purpose of the study is to develop methods by which regulatory authorities can stimulate transit service improvements, promote innovation and spur the adoption of new technology," Secretary Volpe said.

The contract was awarded by the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, headed by Carlos C. Villarreal.

The study is expected to be completed in one year. Among the areas to be covered by it are the issues raised before Federal, State and local regulatory agencies and the effects of the policies adopted, as well as alternative policies for improving service and increasing efficiency.

Also to be studied under the research contract are the regulatory implications developing from service innovations and new technology likely to develop in the near future and the relationship of regulatory authorities to overall transportation planning.

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