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William S. Allison, 42, former executive vice president of Harbridge House, an international management consulting firm in Boston, today was sworn in as Deputy Administrator for the Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration.

As second in command, Mr. Allison will assist Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal manage UMTA's \$3.1 billion five-year Urban Mass Transportation Assistance Act program. The recently-enacted legislation is the first Government effort to upgrade, extend, improve, and develop new bus, rapid transit and commuter rail systems across the nation.

"Strong management is essential to the success of such a major nationwide program," commented Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe during the swearing-in ceremony at DOT Headquarters in Washington.

"Bill Allison brings to the Department of Transportation an impressive record of achievement in the management positions he has held for the past 18 years with Harbridge House," Administrator Villarreal added.

A native of New York City, Mr. Allison was graduated Cum Laude in 1950 from Williams College with honors in English. Two years later, he was graduated with distinction from Harvard University's Graduate School of Business Administration.

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Also in 1952, Mr. Allison joined the staff of Harbridge House as a project leader. Four years later, he was appointed the firm's Director of Research.

In 1960, he became a Vice President of the firm and, in 1965, Executive Vice President. From April of 1969 until he came to UMTA, Mr. Allison was responsible for Harbridge House's operations worldwide.

Mr. Allison is married and has three sons.

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