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Secretary of Transportation John A. Volpe today announced the award of a \$226,435 contract to AMEX Electronic Systems, Inc., a Lawndale, California, minority firm, for research and preparation of special reports for the Department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The contract award was made under a joint effort by UMTA and the Small Business Administration. UMTA will provide \$200,000, with the remainder coming from a SBA set-aside program.

"President Nixon has placed the highest priority on extension of business opportunities to minority firms," Secretary Volpe said. "The Department of Transportation has taken and will continue to take a leadership role in fulfilling the aspirations of the President's minority opportunities program."

UMTA Administrator Carlos C. Villarreal noted that the AMEX reports will cover four Research, Development and Demonstration work areas -- Bus Transit, Rail Transit, New Systems and Systems Analysis.

"These studies are aimed at searching out areas of high potential for improvement in urban mass transportation through improved effort in research, development and demonstration," he said. "It is extremely fitting that recommendations that could have long range effects on the mobility of the transportation disadvantaged -- which includes minority groups -- be initiated by a minority firm."

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