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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the award of \$150,000 to the Massachusetts Institute of Technology to provide research on control procedures for Dial-A-Ride. The research will develop advanced Computer Control algorithms for application to Dial-A-Ride systems.

Frank C. Herringer, UMTA Administrator noted that these developments will substantially benefit UMTA's work on demand-responsive systems and result in a direct carryover to Dual-Mode projects. The project will incorporate new information and refine earlier research by the Institute related to improving the effectiveness of urban transit systems.

In addition to evaluations of the effectiveness of improved systems the MIT program will develop techniques for controlling coordinated demand responsive transportation systems. These techniques will be applicable to controlling and providing management information for transit systems combining Dial-A-Ride and conventional bus components. A comprehensive final report will be prepared on completion of the project.

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