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The U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the availability of a technology sharing document, "State-of-the Art Overview--Demand-Responsive Transportation."

The document was prepared by the Transportation Systems Center, in Cambridge, Massachusetts, under the sponsorship of the U.S. Department of Transportation. It is one in a series of technology sharing publications based on research and development efforts sponsored by the Department. The series is designed to contribute to a better base of knowledge and understanding throughout the industry and thereby contribute to the decision-making process within the community.

"Demand-Responsive Transportation" describes the innovative system, sometimes called "Dial-A-Ride, or Dial-A-Bus", which has been developed in response to the increasing need to provide adequate transportation for the "transportation-deprived"--the elderly, the very young, and the handicapped.

The Document provides an overview of demand-responsive transportation, explains the characteristics of the system, and offers detailed statistics on demand-responsive service. It further lists persons, documents, and organizations as sources for those interested in considering or planning for demand-responsive transportation.

The document is available without cost from Mr. Bud Giangrande, Technology Sharing Program Office (TSC-151), Transportation Systems Center, 55 Broadway, Cambridge, Massachusetts 02142.

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