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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) has announced the award of a study contract to determine the specific requirements which must be met by a small bus in urban transit service. The \$256,016 contract is being awarded to RRC International, Inc. of Troy, New York.

The study is designed to develop a performance specification and the conceptual design of a vehicle which will fill the many and varied roles which can be required of a small bus in transit service. The study will require approximately fourteen months to complete.

The study includes service which is presently offered and investigates service which should be available and service which would be enhanced by special vehicle characteristics. Interface of the vehicle with its environment, of vital importance in meeting the transportation needs of the elderly and physically handicapped, is a primary concern.

Many of the types of service to be considered, such as dial-a-ride, downtown circulation, and special transportation for the elderly and handicapped are now being offered in many areas. It is recognized, however, that other innovative services may be awaiting the availability of a suitable vehicle. It is anticipated that the conceptual design of a vehicle or family of vehicles will encompass all the varied demands which must be met by small buses in the near future.

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