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A consortium of six educational institutions from three Upper Great Lakes area states, currently investigating complex transportation problems on a cooperative basis, may well be the model for the nation.

This observation comes from Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar in reviewing the work of the relatively newly formed group which is operating under a \$51,470 Department of Transportation grant.

Participants are Lake Superior State College at Sault Ste. Marie; Michigan Technological University at Houghton; the University of Minnesota at Duluth; Northern Michigan University at Marquette; and the University of Wisconsin at both Green Bay and Superior. Michigan Technological is administering the contract.

"A consortium approach to transportation problem solving is novel and refreshing because it involves the pooling of knowledge and technology from faculty and students of different academic disciplines," the Secretary pointed out. "This gives a broad, healthy perspective."

"The consortium is especially well suited to tackle the transportation problems of a 116,000-square-mile area whose 2.9 million population are subjected to some severe weather conditions," Secretary Brinegar said. "The region of Upper Michigan, Northern Wisconsin and Northern Minnesota also feature many under-developed areas with population centers separated from one another by long distances."

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