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BATTERY/ELECTRIC BUS ASSESSMENT CONTRACT AWARDED

The reliability of the electric battery powered bus, and its possible place in transit fleet operations, is being studied under a \$50,511 contract awarded by the U.S. Department of Transportation.

The work will be performed by Trans Systems Corp., Vienna, Virginia, a minority enterprise, under a contract with the department's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA). The data obtained will be used for planning future UMTA actions toward battery and/or electric operated buses.

The project calls for studying American and foreign operators of battery powered and electric powered buses.

The operations to be studied are located in Lansing, Michigan; Washington, D.C.; Long Beach, California; Roosevelt Island, New York City; Dusseldorf and Stuttgart, West Germany; Manchester, England; Osaka and Tokyo, Japan, and Sydney and Canberra, Australia.

The project would provide necessary quantitative and objective information required for future UMTA funding decisions and by American transit operators relating to any future technology development, tests and valuation.

Under terms of the contract, the Small Business Administration will contract the performance of the work under authority of Section 8(a) of the Small Business Act.

The project also is being coordinated with the Energy and Research and Development Administration, Office of Transportation Energy Conservation.

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