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## MINORITY FIRMS INCREASE SHARE OF BUSINESS FROM DOT TRANSIT AWARDS

Minority firms showed a 114 percent increase in fiscal 1979 in their share of business from federal urban mass transit grants and contracts, the U.S. Department of Transportation reported today.

The combination of contracts to minority firms reported by transit operators receiving grants from DOT's Urban Mass Transportation Administration, plus contracts awarded by UMTA totaled \$173.6 million in FY 79.

The comparable figure for fiscal 1978 was \$81.2 million.

The New York City Transit Authority negotiated the largest minority business enterprise contract awarded in 1979 by an UMTA grantee. In a joint venture with Slattery Associates, Argrett Enterprises Corp., a minority subcontractor, will receive \$11.4 million for construction work on a subway station and tunnel in Queens.

UMTA awarded 133 contracts in FY 79 valued at \$29.2 million and exceeded its goal of a 12 percent dollar share for minority firms. Contracts totaling \$3.5 million, 13 percent of the total, went to minority enterprises.

UMTA contracts to minority business enterprises and organizations during the fiscal year included:

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OA0 Corp., Beltsville, Md., \$146,540, for evaluation of the advanced design bus; Urban Resources Consultants, Inc., Washington, D.C., \$115,881, for design and development of a transit performance workshop; Price, Williams and Associates, Inc., Silver Spring, Md., \$294,000, for dissemination of UMTA - developed transportation methods; and, National Institute for Community Development, Washington, D.C., \$249,871, for integration of transit operations software and demonstration.

To qualify as a minority enterprise, a firm must be owned and controlled by one or more minority persons.

UMTA grantees in Atlanta, Ga., Los Angeles, Calif., Chicago, Ill., and St. Louis, Mo., reported combined average daily bank balances of \$5.7 million in time and demand deposits in local minority-owned banks.

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