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The U. S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) today announced the award of two companion grants totaling \$1.2 million to the Quad Cities Metropolitan area of Iowa and Illinois, to assist in acquiring the assets of two privately owned transit companies, and the purchase of 27 new buses and related equipment.

One grant of \$631,980 is being made to the Davenport (Iowa) City Transit Authority to aid in purchasing the assets of Davenport City Lines, Inc., along with nine new 31-33 passenger buses, 25 two-way radios and a radio base station. In addition funds will be provided for reconditioning eleven older buses, the rehabilitation and alterations to the Davenport garage facility, and the purchase of service vehicles.

The second grant for \$441,386 is being made to the Rock Island County Metropolitan Mass Transit District to acquire the assets of the Rock Island-Moline City Lines, Inc., and to purchase 18 new 31-33 passenger buses and related equipment, including 20 two-way radios. Also included are bus shelters, and miscellaneous equipment.

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In announcing the \$1,173,366 companion grants, Secretary of Transportation Claude S. Brinegar pointed out that one of the unusual aspects is that these grants not only encompass the cities of Rock Island, Moline, East Moline and Silvis, Illinois, but also include Davenport, Iowa to create a bi-state cooperative effort in spite of the lack of a formal Bi-State Transit Authority. UMTA Administrator Frank C. Herringer observed that while these grants are being awarded to two separate entities, the Davenport Transit Authority and the Rock Island Transit District, the combined operation will utilize the same management, office staff, garage and maintenance facilities in order to hold operating expenses to a minimum.

The local one-third share will be provided by the City of Davenport, Iowa and the State of Illinois respectively.

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