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MINORITY JOB BANK IN TRANSIT ANNOUNCED

A contract to develop a national job bank for placing minority workers in transit industry employment was announced today by the Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA).

The \$99,000 UMTA contract with the Conference of Minority Transportation Officials (COMTO) calls for the development of the job bank, making it operational and evaluating its effectiveness.

In announcing the contract to COMTO, UMTA Administrator Ralph L. Stanley commented, "The Reagan Administration has high expectations for this project. Greater representation of minorities in professional positions in the transportation industry has been a high priority for Secretary Dole and the Department of Transportation. I expect this job bank to make a positive contribution to improve the employment picture for blacks, hispanics and other minorities."

The two-year project is intended to address the under representation of minority workers in professional and managerial positions in the transit industry. The job bank will collect and maintain resumes, identify vacancies in the transit industry and match job requirements with the qualifications of applicants.

COMTO was established in 1971 to represent the interests of minorities within the transit industry. It has chapters in 15 cities. Washington, D.C. City Councilman Jerry A. Moore, Jr., a member of the Washington Metropolitan Area Transportation Authority Board of Directors and President of COMTO, participated in the contract announcement.

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