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UMTA ANNOUNCES NINE UNIVERSITY CENTERS GRANTS

The Urban Mass Transportation Administration today announced nearly \$1 million in federal research grants to nine University Centers for Transit Research and Management Development.

The grants of \$111,000 each will go to the University of California at Irvine; Florida A & M University; Indiana University; University of Michigan; New York Institute of Technology; Portland State University; University of Pennsylvania; Texas Southern University, and the University of Wisconsin at Milwaukee.

Begun in 1982 to establish transportation programs at the university level to address the transit industry's need for management training, the University Centers have conducted research and training in labor relations, personnel administration, strategic planning, performance measurements, bus maintenance issues, and microcomputer applications.

UMTA Administrator Ralph L. Stanley said, "I believe these grants and this program begin to address a problem of increasing proportions in the transit industry -- the need to upgrade our management capability. With this program, we hope to establish a resource for the future."

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