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DOT ANNOUNCES UNIVERSITY GRANT PROGRAM FOR FY83

Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Arthur E. Teele, Jr., today announced a \$2 million university research and training program for FY 1983. One half of the funds will be awarded to institutions submitting proposals for single projects and the other \$1 million to eight designated University Centers for Transit Research and Management Development.

Single universities will be selected on their ability to develop and perform projects in transportation related work and provide professional training in the field of urban transportation analysis, planning, management and operations.

University Center grant awards will be based on the universities ability to conduct research studies on the following topics:

- Transit System Efficiency and Productivity;
- o Marketing and Ridership;
- o Training Courses;
- o Transit Agency Management;

- o Transit Agency Public Officials;
- o Section 15 (financial and operating information) Reporting System;
 - o Transportation Financing and Pricing;
 - o Rapid Transit System Modernization;
 - o Labor-Management Relations; and
 - o Minority Business Enterprise.

Teele said that the eight University Centers for Transit Research and Management Development will focus on improvements in transit system productivity and efficiency through coordinated research, training and technical assistance activities.

The eight designated Centers are: University of California at Irvine; New York Institute of Technology, Old Waterbury, N.Y; Portland State University, Portland, Ore.; The Wharton School, University of Pennsylvania, Philadelphia; Texas Southern University, Houston; Florida A&M University, Tallahassee; University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Indiana University, Bloomington.

The objective of the UMTA University Research and Training Program is to encourage and support university research, education and training. The activities will be responsive to local, state and federal urban transportation issues, and will advance the understanding and resolution of critical transportation problems facing the nation's urban areas.

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