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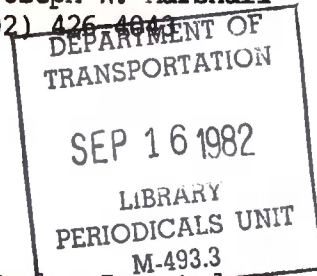
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DOT SELECTS 8 UNIVERSITY
CENTERS FOR TRANSIT RESEARCH
AND MANAGEMENT DEVELOPMENT



Urban Mass Transportation Administrator Arthur E. Teele, Jr., today announced the selection of eight institutions as University Centers for Transit Research and Management Development.

"The Centers will initiate research training and technology that will lead to improved transit productivity and efficiency," Teele said.

The eight universities are California at Irvine; New York Institute of Technology, Old Westbury, New York; Portland State, Portland, Oregon; Pennsylvania, Wharton School, Philadelphia; Texas Southern, Houston; Florida A&M, Tallahassee; Michigan, Ann Arbor, and Indiana at Bloomington.

Federal financial assistance will be provided for up to seven years.

Transit operators have expressed a need for modern, innovative techniques to help solve transit problems, Teele pointed out. One approach to a solution, he added, is programs and curricula for improving transit management, especially mid-level management performance and technical skills.

The University Centers program will complement other federally funded programs by providing short-term management and technology transfer clearing house capability and long-term management research and academic development capability to the transportation community.

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Planned activities include:

- o Continuing education courses in management and operations issues for transit officials.
- o Professional certification programs which are approved by and transferable within the industry.
- o Develop undergraduate and graduate programs which are responsive to transit management needs.

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