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TEELE SWORN IN
AS UMTA ADMINISTRATOR

Arthur E. Teele, Jr. was sworn in by Vice President George Bush as the Administrator of the U.S. Department of Transportation's Urban Mass Transportation Administration (UMTA) on April 8. The UMTA program provides more than \$4 billion in capital, operating and planning assistance annually to the nation's transit systems.

Prior to assuming the UMTA position, Teele was an attorney in private practice and headed the U.S. Department of Transportation Transition Team. Secretary of Transportation Drew Lewis said of the new transit Administrator, "These are challenging times, and Art is a man to meet challenges in the urban mass transit area. He is a top-notch administrator who can make decisions and we are fortunate to have him working at DOT."

Teele was a national director of the Reagan-Bush Campaign. He also served as an advisor on human resources and labor policies to the State of Florida Department of Administration. In addition, Teele served in various voluntary and appointive capacities in his home state of Florida.

Previously Teele spent 11 years in the U.S. Army (1967-76) serving as a company commander and later as Senior Aide-de-Camp and Special Private Counsel to the Commander, XVIII Airborne Division. For his service in Viet Nam he received a Bronze Star for Valor, A Bronze Star for Service, a Purple Heart, an Air Medal with two clusters and the RVN Cross of Gallantry.

He was graduated from Florida A & M University (B.S. 1967) and Florida State University, College of Law (J.D. 1972). Since his separation from the U.S. Army, he has been engaged in private law practice.

He is married to the former Celestra Patton of Birmingham, Alabama. They have one child, Arthur Patton Teele.

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