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## **City College of New York Receives RITA Grant for Transportation Education and Research at 12-University Consortium**

The U.S. Department of Transportation's Research and Innovative Technology Administration (RITA) announced today that a \$665,000 federal grant has been awarded to the University Transportation Research Center (UTRC), based at the City College of New York, to improve the planning and management of regional transportation systems.

The UTRC consortium is part of the national University Transportation Centers (UTC) program, which is administered by RITA. RITA is dedicated to coordinating the Department's research and development programs and advancing innovative technology solutions to the challenges facing America's transportation system. Grant recipients are required to provide matching funds.

"UTC programs attract talented researchers and students today to engage them in creating the transportation system of tomorrow," said U.S. Secretary of Transportation Norman Y. Mineta. "This grant demonstrates the importance of research and technology to the Department's mission of making sure that transportation continues to be an engine of economic growth for the United States well into the 21<sup>st</sup> century."

UTRC was established to support transportation research, education and technology transfer in New York, New Jersey, Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands. The consortium focuses on the planning and management of regional transportation systems, and conducts research in critical areas such as mass transit, intermodalism, and transportation infrastructure.

The UTRC consortium includes Columbia University, Cornell University, Dowling College, Hunter College, New York University, Polytechnic University, Princeton University, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rutgers University, Stevens Institute of Technology, the State University of New York, and the University of Puerto Rico. More information the UTRC consortium can be found at <http://www.utrc2.org>.

More than 75 colleges and universities throughout the United States participate in the UTC program conducting transportation research, education and technology transfer. Last year, UTC colleges and universities graduated over 1,100 students with advanced transportation-related degrees, offered almost 2,000 undergraduate and graduate transportation courses, conducted 300 research projects, and trained 32,000 practicing transportation professionals.

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