

INDUSTRY NEWS

UTRC AWARDED \$25 MILLION FROM U.S. DOT, NY STATE

The University Transportation Research Center (UTRC) Region 2, based at The City College of New York, has received more than \$25 million in new federal and state funding. It received \$5.2 million for 2013 and 2014 from the U.S. Department of Transportation (USDOT) through the Research and Innovative Technology Administration's (RITA's) University Transportation Center (UTC) program – plus \$10 million over five years from the New York State Department of Transportation (DOT) and another \$10 million over five years from the New York Metropolitan Transportation Council (MTC).

“The award from the federal government is a tremendous vote of confidence not only for us but also for the region we serve,” said Dr. Camille Kamga, the center’s director. “UTRC will promote research that supports the USDOT strategic goals to improve public health and safety, foster livable communities, ensure that transportation assets are maintained in a state of good repair, support the nation’s long-term economic com-

petitiveness, and work to achieve environmental sustainability.”

Among the projects the grants will support are:

- Studying the impact of transportation systems on the regional dynamics, competitiveness and structural changes of economies;
- Developing and evaluating new mechanisms for financing transportation infrastructure and operations;
- Promoting freight productivity, efficiency and sustainability through multi-modal policy, planning and logistics;
- Developing infrastructure monitoring systems to enhance infrastructure inspection and management to

ensure a state of good repair; Promoting safe, secure, livable and sustainable communities through quality of life improvements and diverse transportation development.

was one of 33 awardees out of 142 applicants in the 2013 round of USDOT funding. The awards from the New York State DOT and New York MTC are renewals of existing contracts.

UTRC Region 2 serves New York, New Jersey and Puerto Rico. In addition to City College, its participating colleges and universities are: Clarkson University, College of New Jersey, Columbia University, Cornell University, Hofstra University, Manhattan College, New Jersey Institute of Technology, New York Institute of Technology, New York University, Polytechnic Institute of NYU, Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, Rochester Institute of Technology, Rowan University, SUNY Albany, Stevens Institute of Technology, Syracuse University and University of

Puerto Rico, Mayaguez. For more information, visit www.utrc2.org or call (212) 650-6460.



Dr. Camille Kamga of the University Transportation Research Center (left), IATR keynote speaker Gregory Winfree, Administrator of the Research Innovation and Technology Administration of the U.S. Department of Transportation (center) and IATR President, Professor Matthew W. Daus. Photo credit: Wim Faber.

The center’s research focus under the federal grant will be economic competitiveness. It

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