## TTI to Develop State's Air Transportation Plan

has been selected to develop a far- nautics Commission through a reaching air transportation plan for the state, announced A&M President Earl Rudder.

Rudder said the interagency agreement between Texas A&M after the agreement between TTI and the Texas Highway Depart-

First-year funds of \$70,000 are

Texas Transportation Institute being provided by the Texas Aeromatching grant from the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

"The objective of the plan," Rudder noted, "is to make air and the Planning Division of the Governor's Office will be modeled and economy of Texas to the best erators, along with the councils possible degree.'

> Emphasis will be placed on local and regional economic needs

portation facilities to serve commercial, industrial, agricultural and recreational activities.

Officials said the study must take into account general aviation, as well as commercial aviation.

"We will be working closely erators, along with the councils of government and regional planning agencies of the state," said Gen. John P. Doyle (USAF-Ret.),

Specifically, the Texas Air Transportation Plan will identify new and expanded facilities and services required to serve general and commercial aviation. It will be coordinated with other modes of transportation, with emphasis on improving the commercial competitive position of the state.

Doyle said the task will include updating an earlier airport plan

the number, location and types other types of transportation of airports, heliports and seaplane rail, water and highway — utilizbases needed in Texas.

The plan, he continued, will determine expanding needs for scheduled interstate and intrastate air transportation required to augment other transportation facilities and services.

An important aspect of the plan, the general added, will be coordination of air transportation

ing existing and newly established state and regional agencies.

TTI also will be asked during the study to make pertinent recommendations concerning the changing role of the Texas Aeronautics Commission and the statefederal government relationship in the field of aviation.

"This is a part of a general

activities of the Texas Transpo tation Institute across the entire field of transportation," TTI Di rector Jack Keese said.

Assisting Gen. Doyle with the air transportation plans will be Dr. Vergil Stover, TTI's trans. portation planning program manager; John Goodnight, project engineer, and Bob Hammons, former Braniff International station manager at Austin who joined the institute this month.





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