

specialized talents within the DOT in the critical problem areas. Examples where this special DOT expertise might be applied include:

- *New ideas in financing and administering transportation projects.*
- *More effective means of encouraging private industry to apply advanced technology in developing new and innovative transportation systems and equipment.*
- *The development of a methodology which will enable the DOT to bring to bear the experience and capability of the total Department in solving intermodal problems.*
- *The development, collection and dissemination of transportation statistical, economic and other information relevant to domestic and international transportation planning.*
- *Leadership in directing and coordinating advanced research and technology in critical and priority areas to insure achievement of the DOT goals and objectives.*
- *Development of a strong posture in international transportation by providing the guidelines and supporting data to protect and expand U.S. transportation interests involved with foreign competition.*
- *Facilitation of freight movement by providing the proper emphasis and technological/systems analysis support on an intermodal basis.*
- *Coordination of hazardous material, common classification and regulation so that intermodal shipments are transported safely and efficiently.*