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Three units of the Montana University System will spend a total of \$103,630 during the 1969-70 fiscal year to conduct State Technical Services (STS) programs for business, commerce and industry, according to Dr. Patricia P. Douglas, STS director at the University of Montana.

The University in Missoula, Montana State University in Bozeman and Montana Tech in Butte will contribute a total of \$56,430 to the program. The balance of \$47,200 will be in federal matching funds.

"Not all of the \$56,430 from the University System units will be in state funds," Dr. Douglas said. "Businessmen also contribute to the program by paying registration fees to attend the educational segments of the annual program."

The federal portion of the STS funds, made available by the Office of State Technical Services, U.S. Department of Commerce, is the fourth received by Montana to encourage a more effective use of science and technology within the state.

Montana is among the first states to receive approval to conduct the annual technical services program, which is administered by Dr. Douglas.

Dr. Douglas said the program provides support for continuing efforts such as mining and geology field services, conferences, seminars and workshops in engineering science, and management.

New projects for the fiscal year 1969 include industrial and management engineering services to small manufacturers, field services to the forest products industry, publication of the "Directory of Montana Scientists and Engineers" and publication of engineering research and development newsletter.

Administration of STS is under the direction of a 12-man advisory council. Council chairman is Leland Walker, Great Falls, president of the Northern Testing Laboratories.