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**WANT TO GREEN YOUR COMMUTE? LEARN ABOUT VANPOOLING ON MARCH 8<sup>th</sup> at ORNL CAFETERIA**



February 28, 2011 – Tired of your daily commute? Rising gas prices? Come over to the main campus cafeteria on Tuesday, March 8th to learn more about the benefits of vanpooling to work. Allen Feather of VPSI, Inc, a private provider of public transportation, will be on hand to answer your questions and help ORNL employees organize vanpools. VPSI, Inc. provides vanpools in 40 U.S. states and Europe.

A vanpool is defined as a group of 7-15 people who commute together in a van on a regular basis. Each vanpool has a primary driver/coordinator and one or more alternate drivers. The van pool participants share the cost of the van and all other operating expenses. Because you share the cost with up to 14 other people, vanpooling is generally much less expensive than driving yourself to work. In fact, if you travel more than 15 miles or more one way, you're a good prospect for vanpooling. A Cost Savings Calculator is available to help estimate what your drive alone versus commute costs are <http://www.vpsiinc.com/Home/SubSubMenu.asp?MMID=1&SMID=10&SSMID=1002>.

The VPSI program includes insurance, all scheduled and unscheduled maintenance, loaner vehicles (when available) and best of all, there is no long term commitment. VPSI will have one of their vans parked in the quad for potential riders to look at and an information table will be set up during the breakfast and lunch hours at the main campus cafeteria.

There are many good reasons to vanpools: saving money on fuel costs, reducing wear and tear on your personal automobile, lessen commute related stress, and making a contribution to the reduction of traffic congestion and greenhouse gases. VPSI will be in the ORNL cafeteria from 10:30 am to 1:30 pm on March 8<sup>th</sup>. The visit is being sponsored by the Employee Commute Program of the Sustainable Campus Initiative. For more information, call Diane Davidson, 946-1475.

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