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## **Pilot Executive Joins Board of National Transportation Research Center, Inc.**

**Knoxville** – Paul Pardue, Senior Manager of Internal and Inventory Audit, has been elected to the board of directors of the National Transportation Research Center, Inc. (NTRCI), a non-profit corporation that promotes research and development efforts at the National Transportation Research Center.

Mr. Pardue also serves as chief financial officer, secretary and treasurer of Knoxville-based Pilot Corporation.

“Paul brings a wealth of management experience to the table as well as expertise in a number of crucial areas related to the U.S. transportation industry,” said Howard Capito, chairman of the NTRCI Board of Directors.

“We’re very excited about his willingness to serve on the NTRCI board.”

NTRCI was formed eight years ago as part of collaborative effort by the Oak Ridge National Laboratory, the University of Tennessee-Knoxville, the Development Corporation of Knox County and the U.S. Department of Energy to provide the U.S. transportation industry access to the wealth of transportation-related technologies and researchers at ORNL and UTK and the state-of-art testing facilities available at the National Transportation Research Center in west Knox County.

Other partners in NTRCI include the Battelle Memorial Institute, which jointly manages ORNL through its partnership with UT.

In addition to Capito and Pardue, other NTRCI directors include Dr. Jeff Wadsworth, ORNL’s director, Dr. Loren Crabtree, Chancellor of the UTK campus, Mike Arms, chief of staff to Knox County Mayor Mike Ragsdale, A.A. (Tony) Metler, president of Ametco, Inc., Former Knox County Executive Tom Schumpert, Jeff Cornish, president of Performance Transportation Services, Pete Claussen, president and CEO of Gulf & Ohio Railways, Fred Tompkins, UT’s vice president for research, Benjamin J. Ritchey, a vice president with the Battelle Memorial Institute, and Joseph Petrolino, president and CEO of NTRCI.