

**National Transportation Research Center, Inc.
Names New President**

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KNOXVILLE – The National Transportation Research Center, Inc. (NTRC, Inc.) has named Joseph A Petrolino as its new President and CEO reporting to the Board of Directors.

Mr. Petrolino, who has extensive experience in corporate and military transportation management, assumed his new duties at NTRC, Inc. on July 1.

“Mr. Petrolino’s selection represents the successful conclusion of a nationwide search for a chief executive officer,” said Howard Capito, chairman of the NTRC, Inc. Board of Directors and head of Shenandoah Northern Co. “NTRC, Inc.’s Search Committee reviewed scores of applications from some very talented and accomplished individuals interested in the position. The Board of Directors voted unanimously to offer Mr. Petrolino the job and we are delighted to have him in Knoxville leading our corporation.”

Mr. Petrolino was most recently with Freightliner Corporation in Portland, Oregon. He served in management positions with responsibility for their Government Vehicle business, start up of the American LaFrance subsidiary, negotiation of a joint venture in China and domestic and international warranty programs.

Prior to that, he served as Vice President for Systems Management with VF Warner & Associates, a Virginia based consulting firm working with European automotive and armaments manufacturers on application of their technology and products in the US market.

“I’m very excited by the opportunities at NTRC, Inc. to help promote the development and deployment of new transportation technologies and to work with the talented pool of transportation research specialists at ORNL and UT,” said Petrolino.

“The NTRC is a world-class research facility with a tremendous potential to improve our nation’s transportation systems and bring jobs and new industry to our region.”

In 1989 Mr. Petrolino completed a career in the US Army as a Colonel. His military experience included command and staff assignments in logistics, engineering, test, quality assurance and business management. He was an engineering faculty member at the US Military Academy and for four years was the Project Manager for the Army’s HMMWV program. His last assignment was at Department of Army level.

Mr. Petrolino replaces Benjamin J. Ritchey, Vice President and General Manager of Transportation at the Battelle Memorial Institute in Columbus, Ohio. Mr. Ritchey had been serving as president of NTRC, Inc., on an interim basis while a search was conducted for a permanent president. Mr. Ritchey will remain on the NTRC, Inc., board of directors as a representative of the Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL).

The NTRC facility, an 85,000-square-foot, state-of-the-art research facility located on Pellissippi Parkway at Hardin Valley, is a collaborative effort between the U.S. Department of Energy, ORNL/UT Battelle, the University of Tennessee and the Development Corporation of Knox County.

ORNL and UT jointly manage the facility while NTRC, Inc. serves as a conduit for business and industry to transportation-related technologies and researchers at ORNL and UT. NTRC, Inc. has as its goal the promotion of transportation technologies with a focus on improving the safety, efficiency and environmental quality of transportation systems.