

**The Center for BioEnergy Sustainability (CBES)
at Oak Ridge National Laboratory (ORNL)
is pleased to announce that we are holding our next Forum on December 15th, 2011
in the Ocoee Room (Room 189) in Building 1505 at 3:30.**

**The forum will be followed by a casual gathering at Virginia Dale's home where light refreshments
will be enjoyed as the discussions continue.**

This month's forum topic is

“Southeastern Partnership for Integrated Biomass Supply Systems”

Guest Speaker:

Timothy G. Rials, Professor and Director

Center for Renewable Carbon, The University of Tennessee

Tim Rials is Professor (Dept. of Forestry, Wildlife, and Fisheries) and Director of the recently created Center for Renewable Carbon in The University of Tennessee, Institute of Agriculture. He joined the university after 13 years with the U.S. Forest Service, Southern Research Station in Pineville, Louisiana, which followed two years at the University of California -Berkeley as assistant professor. Tim's research career has focused on the efficient and effective utilization of renewable resources in advanced composite materials, including development of high throughput analytical methods for characterizing wood. As director of the Center for Renewable Carbon, he coordinates UTIA's research and development program on the use of forest and agricultural biomass for alternative liquid fuels, industrial chemicals, and advanced materials. The CRC is also home to the Southeastern Regional Sun Grant Center that advances biomass and bioenergy throughout the region. Dr. Rials was recently recognized for his contributions in this area with the 2011 Ag Research Impact Award. Tim is also a fellow in the International Academy of Wood Science and member of the American Chemical Society's Cellulose and Renewable Materials Division.

**Please mark your calendar for every third Thursday for 2012 so that you can join in the collaboration
and camaraderie that is being built by your participation in the CBES forums.**