Alternative Fuel Vehicle Roadshow coming to Valdosta

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VALDOSTA — As the state of Georgia and the nation continue to transition to more environmentally friendly vehicles, Lowndes County residents and officials will get a chance to learn more about the need for clean vehicles and the types of vehicles that are growing in popularity around the country when the Georgia Public Service Commission hosts an Alternative Fuel Vehicles Roadshow stop in Valdosta Thursday.

The Valdosta stop will be from 9 a.m. to noon at the Valdosta State University Center Building, 1500 N. Patterson St. The event is free to fleets and government officials; the public may attend for a $29 fee.

Attendees will get a close look at propane, bio-fuels, natural gas, electric (EV) and compressed natural gas (CNG) vehicles, along with answers to questions about cost, safety, maintenance and fuel considerations.

During the program attendees will see visuals of several different alternative fuel vehicles currently in use around the state including EV plug-in vehicles like the Nissan Leaf, the Chevy Volt, the Kia Soul and the Ford C-Max Energy.

The presentation will also include examples of natural gas vehicles currently being used throughout the state such as the Toccoa Natural Gas trucks, MARTA transit buses, City of Thomasville municipal trucks, DeKalb County sanitation trucks, and City of Albany municipal trucks, among others.

Valdosta is one of eight cities the Georgia Public Service Commission, along with Public Service Commissioner Tim Echols, plans to visit. The first stop was in Gainesville, followed by stops in Cartersville, Albany, College Park, Decatur, St. Simons Island, Valdosta and Savannah.

Each presentation is three hours long and is conducted by Event Energy Partners, LLC.

To register or to learn more about the roadshow visit www.afvroadshow.com.

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