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**New Online Calculator Compares Vehicle Rental Rates for State Employees**

**OKLAHOMA CITY** – State employees conduct many business trips as a result of their agencies' missions. However, not all agencies are authorized to own their own fleet or find it efficient to maintain underutilized vehicles. The Department of Central Services Fleet Management Division provides vehicle rental service to these departments and strives to get the best deal for its customers. Until just recently, state agencies had to shop around to compare rates between State and private rental institutions. State workers verified rates and vehicle availability by phone with the Fleet Management Division.

"We are pleased to announce the publication of a new Trip Optimizer on the Agency's website," said John Richard, Director of the Department of Central Services. "We have the opportunity to provide state agencies with a resource tool that enables more efficient and convenient access to state vehicle rental rates."

The new Online Calculator can be found at [www.dcs.ok.gov](http://www.dcs.ok.gov). State employees can search by date range and estimated total trip mileage to find the lowest cost rental vehicle offered at that time. The online service gives state employees the following calculations:

1. Total Cost Comparison
2. Per Mile Cost Comparison
3. Mileage Reimbursement
4. Estimated Fuel Costs
5. Lowest Cost Option Decision

This online tool, developed with the assistance of OK.gov, not only assists organizations with finding the best deal but also assures the best usage of State resources.

Richard said, "This online service makes it easier for state employees to determine the most cost-effective solution for their travel needs."

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