

## knoxnews.com blogs » Property Scope



### New tenant taking big SunCoke space

A local company that specializes in providing back-office services has inked a deal for the former SunCoke space in Turkey Creek.

The Service Provider Group has signed up for 40,000 square feet of office space in Turkey Creek's Parkside Plaza I office building. The space will be subleased from SunCoke Energy, which last year announced that it was [moving its headquarters](#) to suburban Chicago.

The six-year deal will almost certainly be one of the largest office-leasing transactions of the year in East Tennessee. Courtland Cobble and Joe Petre, of Sperry Van Ness/R.M. Moore, represented the tenant while Don Brewer and John Adams, of Cornerstone CRES, represented SunCoke.

Justin Whitaker, executive VP and general counsel at Service Provider Group, said the company includes five different brands:

- payroll processing firm The Payroll Source;
- Hickman, Johnson and Simmonds Insurors;
- insurance firm The Company Benefits Store; and
- "employee leasing" firms Employee Staff LLC and First Financial Employee Leasing.

Whitaker said his company acquired Florida-based First Financial on Jan. 1, and that the acquisition "more than doubled the size of our company."

Asked about the Turkey Creek space, Whitaker said it's in a growing area with lots of nearby businesses. "It's a really nice space, and it's big," he added.

#### Submitted photo



Posted by Josh Flory on April 5, 2011 at 9:24 AM | [SHARE](#) [f](#) [t](#) [e](#)

Comments

Post a comment

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Remember personal info?

Yes  No

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

URL: \_\_\_\_\_

Comments:



[Preview](#)

[Post](#)