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Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce and Office Depot Launch the "Green Office Makeover Contest"

Contest Will Recognize South Florida's Greenest Businesses Just in Time for Earth Day



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BOCA RATON, Fla., Mar 11, 2010 (BUSINESS WIRE) -- Office Depot (ODP **7.95**, **-0.08**, **-0.10%**), a leading global provider of office products and services, joined with the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce to launch the Office Depot "Green Office Makeover Contest." The contest, which is open to Greater Miami Chamber members, kicked off at last week's Chamber Green Initiatives Task Force Event and will run through Earth Day, April 22, 2010. The winner will be announced on May 12, 2010. To register or learn more about the Office Depot Green Office Makeover Contest, click here: [Green Office Makeover Contest](#).

"Today's small and medium-size businesses realize the importance of tapping into the marketplace trend towards greener products and services," said Yalmaz Siddiqui, Director of Environmental Strategy for Office Depot. "With the Green Office Makeover Contest, Office Depot is hoping to identify and reward the businesses who are already growing greener and taking advantage of the growth of green."

Entrants are asked to submit an official entry form with answers to five questions and a 250-word essay and supporting materials that will be reviewed by a judging panel, featuring representatives from Office Depot, the Greater Miami Chamber as well as the South Florida academic community. The submissions are due and the contest ends on April 22.

The Office Depot Green Office Makeover Contest Judging Panel includes:

- Yalmaz Siddiqui, Director of Environmental Strategy for Office Depot
- Lara Schenkman, Associate, Pathman Lewis LLP, Chairwoman of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce's Water Conservation Committee
- Dr. John C. Van Leer, Associate Professor of Meteorology and Physical Oceanography, University of Miami

The winner of the Office Depot Green Office Makeover Contest will receive a prize package worth over \$4,000, including GreenGuard certified office furniture, EnergyStar qualified technology, a collection of environmentally preferable office supplies and a consultation with Siddiqui.

"We are committed to educating our membership on sustainable practices and will continue our outreach to the business community," said Barry E. Johnson, President/CEO of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. "Programs like these are essential to our efforts; and with the support of Office Depot, the Chamber is not only able to increase awareness, but also reward those who utilize green business practices."

Information about Office Depot's environmental programs and global vision to increasingly buy green, be green and sell green is available at www.officedepot.com/environment.

NO PURCHASE NECESSARY. This Contest is only open to legal residents of the State of Florida who are 18 years of age or older and who are members of the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce. Contest ends April 22, 2010. Visit http://miamichamber.com/committees/natural_resources_and_management.aspx for the official rules. Void where prohibited. Sponsor: Office Depot, Inc., 6600 N. Military Trail, Boca Raton, FL 33496.

About Office Depot

Every day, Office Depot is Taking Care of Business for millions of customers around the globe. For the local corner store as well as Fortune 500 companies, Office Depot provides products and services to its customers through 1,584 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and a \$4.1 billion e-commerce operation. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$12.1 billion, and employs about 41,000 associates around the world. The Company provides more office products and services to more customers in more countries than any other company, and currently sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 51 countries.

Office Depot's common stock is listed on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol ODP and is included in the S&P 500 Index. Additional press information can be found at: <http://mediarelations.officedepot.com>.

Office Depot's Social Press Site can be accessed at <http://socialpressofficedepot.com/environmental-initiatives/>.

About the Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce is an association of businesses and professions organized to create economic progress in Miami-Dade County. To carry out its mission, the

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Chamber serves as the voice of business enterprise and involves the private sector in community leadership. For more than 100 years, the Chamber has been widely recognized and respected for its extraordinary record of economic development and community improvement. The Greater Miami Chamber is an activist chamber. Its program of work is organized in five areas: Advocacy, Domestic Business Development, International Business Development, Leadership Programs and Marketing & Member Services. The Chamber has an award-winning website, www.MiamiChamber.com; holds the license to the Miami Free Trade Zone, Inc.; and is widely recognized as one of the Top 10 Executive Speaking Forums in America.

The Greater Miami Chamber of Commerce Green Initiatives Task Force actively works to improve our community's quality of life by promoting actions that protect our environment and exemplify smart business practices. We envision an environmentally responsible, healthy and prosperous business community that embraces sustainable tenets in all aspects of our work and personal lives. The Chamber's Natural Resources & Management Committee also oversees initiatives in the following task forces: Energy: Efficiency & Alternative Sources, Everglades & Biscayne Bay Restoration, and Water Conservation. For information about the committee and its task forces, please contact: Liz Simonhoff, 305-577-5466 or esimonhoff@miamichamber.com.

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