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OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE IN BOURBONNAIS, ILL., WITH FEBRUARY 21 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

*Event to Include Donations to Exploration Station, CASA Kankakee County
and Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Bourbonnais, Ill., February 18, 2008 – Office Depot (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, announced today that the Company will celebrate the opening of its first store in Bourbonnais on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 455 Main St., N.W., in the Bourbonnais Town Centre.

During the ribbon-cutting ceremony, the Office Depot Foundation will make \$500 contributions and donate a number of new children's backpacks to three local non-profit organizations: Exploration Station, CASA Kankakee County and Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library. In addition, Cathy Meltzer, Legislative Assistant for State Representative Lisa Dugan; Bourbonnais Mayor Robert Latham; Dave Hinderliter, President and CEO of the Kankakee Regional Chamber of Commerce; and Jaclyn Dugan-Roof, Executive Director of the Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Bourbonnais

According to Store Manager Jim Smith, the new Bourbonnais store features Office Depot's industry-leading M2 retail format. M2 offers customers the most enjoyable shopping experience in the industry – in a format that is intuitive, logical and designed specifically for the way people make purchase decisions.

Products are grouped in highly visible, strategically located "pods," with core supplies at the outer perimeter of the store – signed for optimal visibility and easy purchase – and furniture and technology at the center – to better support consultative sales.

The new Office Depot store employs approximately 20 full- and part-time associates. It houses more than 7,500 technology, furniture and supply products as well as Design, Print and Ship services in 20,969 square feet of customer space.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 8:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 815-929-9677.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the February 21 ribbon-cutting include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Hollice Clark, Executive Director, Bourbonnais Township Park District
- Sarah Winkel, General Manager, Exploration Station
- Carol Snyder, President, Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library
- Harriet Hopkins, Treasurer, Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library
- Connie Moriello, Board Member, Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library
- Sandra Johnson, Board Member, Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library
- Andrea Fox, Volunteer, CASA of Kankakee County
- Linda Bishop, Executive Director, Child Network
- Sue Ann O'Connor, President of the Board of Directors, Child Network

State Official:

- Cathy Meltzer, Legislative Assistant for Representative Lisa Dugan

Bourbonnais Village Officials:

- Mayor Robert Latham
- Trustee Gary Residori
- Trustee Wayne Baranowski

Kankakee Regional Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Dave Hinderliter, President and CEO

Bradley-Bourbonnais Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Jaclyn Dugan-Roof, Executive Director

“Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business,” said Smith. “We are excited to open our first store in Bourbonnais and to assist these critically important non-profit organizations in their efforts to make a meaningful difference in the lives of children and families in this area.”

The backpack donations are part of the Office Depot Foundation National Backpack Program, through which it distributed 300,000 new backpacks last year to non-profit organizations and schools for distribution to deserving children throughout the United States and Canada. Office Depot has given away nearly 1.5 million backpacks since the program began in 2001.

About Office Depot

Office Depot provides more office products and services to more customers in more countries than any other company.

Incorporated in 1986 and headquartered in Delray Beach, Fla., Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$15.5 billion, and employs approximately 52,000 associates around the world. Currently, the Company sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 43 countries.

Office Depot is a leader in every distribution channel -- from retail stores and contract delivery to catalogs and e-commerce. As of September 29, 2007, Office Depot had 1,212 retail stores in North America and another 384 stores, either company-owned, licensed or franchised, in other parts of the world. Office Depot serves a wide range of customers through a dedicated sales force, telephone account managers, direct mail offerings, and multiple web sites. With \$4.8 billion in online sales during the last twelve months, the Company is also one of the world's largest e-commerce retailers.

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>. Details and images specific to Office Depot's retail division are available at <http://mediarelations.officedepot.cc/m2>

About the Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation is an independent foundation that serves as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot. In keeping with its mission, Listen Learn Care, the Foundation strives to make a positive impact on many lives in many communities around the world. The Foundation supports a variety of programs that enhance the quality of life for children, strengthen communities, encourage local and global economic growth, and empower schools and non-profit organizations. It also provides support when disasters strike – doing what it can, not only to speed the process of rebuilding, but also to mitigate the impact of future disasters. Visit www.officedepotfoundation.org for more information.

About Exploration Station

The Exploration Station, a Children's Museum, was transplanted onto the Perry Farm Park in 1997 and into its new 10,700-square-foot facility, which includes a unique two-story medieval castle, community room with hands-on exhibits, space center, farm tractor, live animal room, ambulance, arts and crafts table and much more to attract visitors from within and outside of Kankakee County. In its 15-plus years of operation, it has seen more than one-quarter of a million visitors.

About CASA Kankakee County

CASA Kankakee County is a not-for-profit organization that advocates for the best interests of abused and neglected children within the Kankakee County court system. Based on the belief that children are entitled to a safe and permanent home, CASA Kankakee County is dedicated to working in the court system through trained community volunteers, in collaboration with key agencies, legal counsel and community resources to serve as the child's advocate and represent the best interests of the child in Juvenile Court.

About Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library

The Friends of the Bourbonnais Public Library provides volunteer services and funds for special library needs. It helps to promote the library's mission of offering a lifelong learning experience for the people in the community it serves, by providing access to global information resources and an inviting environment for cultural interaction.