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**OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE
IN RICHLAND, WASH., WITH FEBRUARY 28 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY**

*Event to Include Donations to Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties,
Children's Developmental Center and Friends of the Richland Library;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Richland, Wash., February 25, 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 Richland on Thursday, February 28, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 1717 George Washington Way, in the Washington Plaza.

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: Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties, Children's Developmental Center and Friends of the Richland Library. In addition, Barb Lisk, District Director for United States Congressman Doc Hastings; Richland Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Revell; and Mel Kent, President and CEO of the Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Richland

According to Store Manager Kyle Monoian, the new Richland 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 21,370 square feet of customer space.

Store hours are Monday through Friday 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.; Saturday 9:00 a.m. to 8:00 p.m.; and Sunday 10:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 509-946-3747.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the February 28 ribbon-cutting include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Greg Falk, President, Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties
- Jessica Hoefer, Vice President of Communications and Resource Development, Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties
- Cathy Tames, Executive Director, Children's Developmental Center
- Pamela Hughes, President, Friends of the Richland Library
- N. Lee Prince, Communications and Marketing Chair, Friends of the Richland Library
- Roberta Abrams, Secretary, Friends of the Richland Library
- Carolyn Slippern, Book Room Liaison, Friends of the Richland Library

Federal Official:

- Barb Lisk, District Director for United States Congressman Doc Hastings

City of Richland Official:

- Mayor Pro-Tem Ed Revell

Tri-City Regional Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Mel Kent, President and CEO

"Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business," said Monoian. "We are excited to open our first store in Richland 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 Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties

The Boys & Girls Clubs of Benton and Franklin Counties serve about 3,000 local kids at 11 sites. It serves youth ages 3-18 years old with fun activities and positive adult role models. Its mission is to enable all young people – especially those who need them the most – to realize their full potential as productive, caring and responsible citizens. To accomplish this mission, the Boys & Girls Clubs provide a safe and positive place to learn and grow, ongoing relationships with caring, adult professionals, life-enhancing programs, character development experiences, hope and opportunity.

About Children's Developmental Center

Many babies begin their life with a delay in one or more areas of their development. At the Children's Developmental Center, with help from early intervention specialists, many children overcome their delays. By improving early learning experiences of children ages birth to three, the Children's Developmental Center enhances these children's chances for success in school and in life. Specially trained teachers and therapists provide learning opportunities and activities that address the special needs of each individual child. These activities stimulate development of skills in fine and gross motor, language, cognitive, self-help, sensory and social interaction.

About Friends of the Richland Library

The Friends of the Richland Library is an organization of volunteers who support the Richland Library. By the money raised through the sale of donated printed and other media materials in its book room, it provides services beyond the regular library budget. Two big book sales each year give the public an opportunity to stock up on their favorite authors while helping raise money for various library programs and equipment. Volunteers are welcome to help in the book room and at the book sales.

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