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OFFICE DEPOT TO CELEBRATE OPENING OF FIRST STORE IN SEGUIN, TEXAS, WITH FEBRUARY 21 RIBBON-CUTTING CEREMONY

*Event to Include Donations to Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center,
Seguin Education Foundation and Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter;
Remarks by Local Business and Government Officials*

Seguin, Texas, 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 Seguin on Thursday, February 21, 2008, at 2:00 p.m. The store is located at 1500 E. Court St. in the Seguin Crossroads Shopping 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: Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center, Seguin Education Foundation and Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter. In addition, State Representative Edmund Kuempel; Brady Satcher, District Manager for State Senator Jeff Wentworth; Councilman Bob Pees; Councilman Don Keil; Shanta Kuhl, President, Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce; and Ernest Leal, Office Manager, Seguin/Gualalupe County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce, will offer welcoming remarks. The Ambassadors from the Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce will also attend. The public is invited to attend the event.

About the New Office Depot Store in Seguin

According to Store Manager Mike Romero, the new Seguin 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 26,797 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 7:00 p.m. The telephone number for the store is 830-372-2310.

About the Ribbon-Cutting Ceremony

Special guests scheduled to participate in the February 21, 2008 ribbon-cutting include:

Non-Profit Organization Representatives:

- Paul Marsh, Executive Director, Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.
- Michele Schryver, Executive Director, Seguin Education Foundation
- Linda Rutherford, Executive Director, Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter
- Mark Soulard, Grant Administrator, Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter
- Laura Ecker, Children's Advocate, Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter

State Officials:

- Representative Edmund Kuempel
- Brady Satcher, District Manager for State Senator Jeff Wentworth

City Officials:

- Councilman Bob Pees
- Councilman Don Keil

Seguin Area Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Shanta Kuhl, President

Seguin/Gualalupe County Hispanic Chamber of Commerce Representative:

- Ernest Leal, Office Manager

"Office Depot is strongly committed to enhancing the quality of life in the communities in which our company conducts business," said Romero. "We are excited to open our first store in Seguin 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 Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center, Inc.

The Guadalupe County Children's Advocacy Center provides a warm, homelike environment for children to be interviewed about physical or sexual abuse. The primary emphasis of the Center is the well-being of the child to prevent further trauma. The Center also coordinates the local community's response to child abuse by facilitating the efforts of partner agencies which include law enforcement, Child Protective Services, the District Attorney's and County Attorney's offices, as well as medical and mental health professionals.

About Seguin Education Foundation

The Seguin Education Foundation is the philanthropic organization of business, community and educational leaders sharing a vision of enhancing education in Seguin ISD. The foundation fosters creative approaches to education through grants to teachers for educational programs and activities above and beyond the scope of the district's budget. The foundation encourages and recognizes student academic excellence; supports staff for innovative and exemplary teaching; helps promote an academic mindset in the community; and inspires parents, community and alumni to participate with the school district in enriching education.

About Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter

The mission of the Guadalupe Valley Family Violence Shelter is to provide shelter, safety and supporting services to victims of domestic violence and sexual assault. They also assist victims in becoming self-sufficient through education, counseling and legal advocacy.

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