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**OFFICE DEPOT HONORED WITH CALIFORNIA'S PRESTIGIOUS
FLEX YOUR POWER AWARD**

San Francisco, CA—May 1, 2007 — Flex Your Power, California's statewide energy efficiency campaign, has recognized Office Depot (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, with a Flex Your Power Award. The Flex Your Power Awards honor corporations, schools, municipalities and other organizations in California that serve as leaders in the areas of overall energy commitment, energy efficiency, demand response, education and leadership, and innovative products and services.

Office Depot was highlighted in the category of energy efficiency. Forty-one winners, including Office Depot, were selected from several hundred applicants. Cumulatively, award winners over the last two years have saved more than \$172 million, one billion kilowatt hours and reduced greenhouse gas emissions equivalent to removing almost 85,000 cars from the road.

This year's 5th Annual Flex Your Power Awards Ceremony will be held at 1:30 p.m. Saturday, May 5 at the San Francisco Concourse Exhibition Center.

Office Depot was highlighted for the company's commitment to increasingly "buy green," "be green," and "sell green." As part of Office Depot's efforts to be green and reduce its energy usage, the company converted almost all of its 1,178 retail store locations to T5 energy efficient lighting, which is 35% more efficient than the lighting used previously. Additionally, Office Depot has made HVAC upgrades and installed cool roofs at select locations in its retail chain. Already, the upgrades have saved Office Depot 66.9 million kWh (10%) of electricity and \$6 million.

Of the award winners, Director Walter McGuire of Flex Your Power said, "The awards present an opportunity for California to congratulate the leadership shown by this year's Flex Your Power award winners who have demonstrated that we can all save money and the environment. By reducing their energy use, this year's Flex Your Power award winners have saved more than \$30 million and reduced global warming emissions equivalent to taking 40,250 cars off the road."

In addition to the California Public Utilities Commission, Flex Your Power Award winners were selected by senior representatives from the California Independent System Operator, California Energy Commission, California Urban Water Conservation Council, League of California Cities, Los Angeles Department of Water and Power, Building

Owners and Managers Association, Silicon Valley Leadership Group, and Southern California Edison. For more information on the 5th Annual Flex Your Power Awards, visit www.flexyourpower.org.

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 over \$15 billion, and employs approximately 52,000 associates around the world. Currently, the Company sells to customers directly or through affiliates in 42 countries.

Office Depot is a leader in every distribution channel -- from retail stores and contract delivery to catalogs and e-commerce. As of March 31, 2007, Office Depot had 1,174 retail stores in North America and another 360 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 \$4.5 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>.