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OFFICE DEPOT NAMED AS FINALIST IN STEVIE® AWARDS FOR CUSTOMER SERVICE

Boca Raton, Fla., February 2, 2009 -- Office Depot® (NYSE: ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, today announced that it has been named a Finalist in the third annual “Stevie® Awards for Sales and Customer Service” honoring excellence in customer service.

Office Depot is being recognized as a Finalist in three distinct categories: “Innovation in Customer Service,” “Best Use of Technology in Customer Service,” and “Customer Service Team of the Year-Recovery.”

Office Depot won the Stevie Award in 2004 for the Company’s breakthrough “Voice of the Customer” initiative designed to enhance the customer experience, promote quality in customer-related processes and incorporate customer feedback into these processes.

“At Office Depot, customer focus is one of our core values. We listen to our customers’ needs and passionately deliver on our promises,” said Tim McGrath, Vice President of Customer Service for the North American Business Solutions Division of Office Depot. “Being named a finalist in three categories is an honor and a testament to Office Depot’s commitment to taking care of business for our customers.”

More than 500 entries from organizations of all sizes and in virtually every industry were submitted to this year’s competition, which has 27 categories for customer service. Members of the Awards’ Board of Distinguished Judges & Advisors and their staffs will select Stevie Award winners this week from among the Finalists. Finalists were chosen by business professionals worldwide during preliminary judging. The Third Annual Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service will be presented at a gala banquet event in Las Vegas in early February.

For more information about Office Depot’s Business Solutions Division, visit www.officedepot.com/bsd.

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 1,705 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and a \$4.9 billion e-commerce operation. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$15.1 billion, and employs about 49,000 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 48 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>.

About The Stevie Awards

Stevie Awards are conferred in four programs: The American Business Awards, The International Business Awards, The Stevie Awards for Women in Business, and The Stevie Awards for Sales & Customer Service. Honoring companies of all types and sizes and the people behind them, the Stevies recognize outstanding performances in the workplace worldwide. Learn more at www.stevieawards.com.

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