

Office Depot Forms Strategic Alliance with Certified LGBT-Owned Business Enterprise

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(October 28, 2010-Washington, DC): Office Depot® (NYSE:ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, and OutSmart Office Solutions, Inc., an office furniture and supplies distributor, today announced their strategic alliance to provide office products and services to businesses, corporations and individual customers. Through this Tier One Supplier Diversity Partnership, OutSmart Office Solutions - a certified Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual, Transgender owned Business Enterprise (LGBTBE) - will become a distributor of Office Depot products throughout the United States.

"This particular strategic alliance will give Office Depot the opportunity to extend the capabilities of an established LGBTBE," said Frantz Tiffeau Jr., Senior Manager of Supply Chain Diversity for Office Depot. "We enter into these diverse relationships to provide our customers with the best of both worlds; the flexibility and personalized touch that a small organization can provide, along with the distribution capabilities and breadth of product that they would expect from a global office solutions provider.

As a corporate member of the National Gay & Lesbian Chamber of Commerce (NGLCC), Office Depot is committed to working with LGBT owned and operated companies like OutSmart Office Solutions. The NGLCC's Supplier Diversity Initiative helped set the stage for the first ever, strategic alliance between a global corporation and a certified LGBT Business Enterprise.

"The NGLCC is thrilled to promote the partnership of two leaders within the office supply industry and looks forward to the continued growth of both OutSmart Office Solutions and Office Depot, which is sure to result," said Justin Nelson, president and co-founder of the NGLCC. "Purchasing Office Depot products from a certified LGBTBE directly benefits the LGBT business community, while simultaneously supporting a corporation that embodies fully inclusive diversity.

The Office Depot and OutSmart Office Solutions, Inc. alliance provides an efficient, integrated office products solution for large-scale corporations, as well as customers within the LGBT and women-owned business community.

President and CFO Dawn Ackerman and CEO George Pieper issued a joint statement, "As a LGBTBE and strong supporter of the NGLCC Supplier Diversity Initiative, we are thrilled to be the first to form a Tier One Supplier Diversity Partnership with Office Depot. Now we can offer corporate America the opportunity to fulfill their supplier diversity goals, as well as help to strengthen the 'equality economy.'"

About OutSmart Office Solutions, Inc.

In 2007, after meeting at a NGLCC conference and learning about its Supplier Diversity Initiative, industry veterans George Pieper and Dawn Ackerman combined their years of green office supply and furniture experience to offer office solutions that are ecological and economical at prices that compete for the growing market opportunities presented by corporations and government agencies who increasingly include LGBTBEs in their supplier diversity procurement programs. OutSmart Office Solutions, Inc. is a certified LGBT Business Enterprise and the first of its kind to become a Tier One Supplier Diversity Partner of Office Depot.

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 1,598 worldwide retail stores, a dedicated sales force, top-rated catalogs and a \$4.2 billion e-commerce operation. Office Depot has annual sales of approximately \$12.1 billion, and employs about 41,000 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 53 countries.

About the NGLCC:

The NGLCC is the business advocate and direct link between LGBT business owners, corporations and government. The NGLCC represents the interests of more than 1.4 million LGBT-owned businesses in the United States and is the umbrella organization for 61 state, local and international LGBT chambers of commerce and business organizations.