

Office Solutions Turns Trash into California Sustainability Award 3rd Year Consecutively

The state of California honors Office Solutions for their environmentally friendly business strategies and enhanced recycling efforts.

YORBA LINDA, CA (December 2, 2010) —Office Solutions, Southern California's largest independent commercial office product supplier, announced today that they were awarded the 2010 Waste Reduction Award, its third year in a row, by the California Department of Resources Recycling and Recovery (CalRecycle). Established in 1993 the Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP) is an annual program to recognize California businesses for implementing best green practices that help protect the environment and preserve our natural resources. Other 2010 winners include the San Francisco Giants AT&T Park, Apple Inc., Shell Oil Products, and The Walt Disney Company.

In the past year Office Solutions' recycling efforts totaled 681,356 pounds, about the weight of 740 African elephants. The 2010 efforts included 153,018 pounds of cardboard and paper, 11,625 pounds of scrap metal, and 59,009 pounds of electronic waste. To date over 300 companies have signed up for the program!

Office Solutions, a sustainability pioneer and third year WRAP award winner, has maintained and shown their dedication to the conservation of used resources. Started in 1984, Office Solutions has developed and maintained an internal recycling program. To continue their push towards best green practices this internal program became a complimentary service to its clients. "I see the award as affirmation of our company-wide efforts to be a responsible corporate citizen," said Office Solutions President and co-founder, Bob Mairena. "Our environmental efforts are more rewarding because it encourages our customers to put in place their own recycling programs," Mairena concluded.

Office Solutions strives to be a standout leader among the office supply industry, and has created company-wide initiatives to build up their waste reduction campaign.

- Quarterly "Green" newsletters are sent to all customers with information on recycling statistics, tips and eco-friendly product information.
- A step-by-step program was developed to aid customers in launching their own recycling programs. Recycling basics, green product catalogs, sustainability statement templates and environmental impact worksheets are a just a few of the items featured within this program.
- Client site based recycling receptacles with free pick-up of paper, electronics, cardboard, batteries, scrap metal and more helps encourage customers to endorse the Office Solutions' waste reduction business model.

WRAP creates opportunities for California businesses to earn and gain public recognition for their remarkable waste reduction efforts. WRAP 2010 award honorees receive certificates and have the authority to use the WRAP winner logo. The logo is authorized to be used on products, advertising and business websites to show that the State applauds their efforts to reduce waste.

Office Solutions, the largest independent commercial office and technology supplier in Southern California, services national corporate accounts throughout the United States with next-day service along with offering the most advanced procurement systems in the industry. Office Solutions is continually recognized in the Orange County Business Journal as one of the top 25 Orange County woman-owned businesses as well as being in the top Orange County minority-owned businesses. The company has also been acknowledged for encouraging employees to share their time and resources with local charities such as Habitat for Humanity, City of Hope, META and numerous other local organizations.

Office Solutions strives to create a spirit of creativity and teamwork, as well as a commitment to exceptional customer service.

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