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Office Solutions Honored for Recycling Efforts

State of California Announces Best Businesses in Recycling for 2009:

Office Solutions is one of several companies throughout the state honored for extraordinary waste reduction efforts

Yorba Linda, Calif. (October 30, 2009) – For the second consecutive year, Office Solutions, an Orange County based commercial office supplier, has been chosen as one of the recipients of the 2009 California Waste Reduction Awards. The Waste Reduction Awards Program (WRAP), established in 1993, is an annual program administered by the California Integrated Waste Management Board. The program recognizes California businesses that have made outstanding efforts to reduce non-hazardous waste and send less garbage to our landfills. Other 2009 recipients include Southern California Edison, Apple Inc. and Google.

Since the inception of their recycling program, Office Solutions has recycled over 210 tons of material.

Office Solutions continues to prove itself as a strong business leader committed to conserving resources and reducing waste disposal. Since its founding in 1984, Office Solutions has maintained an internal recycling program. In 2007, Office Solutions chose to extend the program to its customers. "We wanted to encourage our customers to develop their own recycling programs or green initiatives and we provided a manual on how to launch these programs. Whether they implemented their programs or not, we will continue to offer our recycling program to our customers as a value added complimentary service," said Office Solutions President and co-owner, Bob Mairena. "Recycling has always been an important part of our value system – well before green was marketable. Now the program has become so well received, that in addition to recycling paper, toners and e-waste, we have added shredded paper and dry-cell batteries to the list," concluded Mairena.

Office Solutions distinguishes itself as an innovative leader within the office supply industry and by building awareness and meeting the needs of its recycling services for its customers in many ways.

- ◆ Customers receive a quarterly emailed newsletter containing recycling related articles and recycling statistics. Customers are also offered a "green" catalog featuring over 4,700 eco-friendly products.
- ◆ Office Solutions' customers receive this one-of-a-kind recycling service with free pick-up to reduce the amount of waste transported to the landfills and to help encourage more businesses to reduce waste. In early 2009, Office Solutions added the pick-up of shredded paper and most recently, recycling dry-cell batteries.

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- ◆ To date, over 100 businesses are utilizing the Office Solutions recycling program.

WRAP provides an opportunity for California businesses to gain public recognition for outstanding waste reduction efforts. Award winners receive authorization to use the WRAP winner logo with their products, advertising, and business websites to publicize waste reduction efforts and help the community know what businesses take waste reduction seriously.

Office Solutions, the largest independent commercial office 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. It is continually recognized in the Orange County Business Journal as one of the top 25 Orange County women-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 Festival of Children, City of Hope, The Wooden Floor, and numerous other local organizations.

Office Solutions continues to strive for the spirit of creativity and teamwork, as well as its commitment to exceptional customer service.

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BACKGROUND

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Office Solutions, established in 1984, is currently the largest independent commercial office supplier and services distributor in Southern California, and is considered one of the fastest growing companies in Orange County.

With approximately 100 employees, the company offers next-day delivery of more than 32,000 business products from paper clips to office furniture. The company distributes merchandise with their fleet of trucks servicing all of Southern California.

Office Solutions is also a key supplier to national corporate accounts throughout the United States with next-day service, and offers some of the most advanced procurement systems in the industry.

Due to their success, Office Solutions is perceived as one of the most progressive, creative companies in the marketplace and still remains solely owned by the original founders. The company strives to foster a spirit of creativity and teamwork, a commitment to exceptional customer service and a responsibility to give back to the communities they serve through advanced recycling programs and support of local and national charitable organizations.

Established in 1984 by founders Bob and Cindy Mairena, Office Solutions is headquartered in Yorba Linda, California.

Executive Management Team Members:

Robert J. Mairena, President
Joel Biales, Vice President, Finance
John Acampora, Vice President, Sales & Marketing
Dave Cravitz, Vice President Furniture Interiors Division

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