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**WHITE HOUSE, U.S. CHAMBER OFFICIALS TO BE HONORED
DURING OFFICE DEPOT FOUNDATION TROPICAL HOLIDAY CELEBRATION**

December 14 Event to Raise Funds for Children and Community Initiatives

Delray Beach, Fla., December 10, 2007 – The Office Depot Foundation – the independent foundation serving as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot (NYSE:ODP) – will present its inaugural “Listen Learn Care Award” to Jay F. Hein, Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the White House Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives, and Stephen Jordan, Senior Vice President and Executive Director of the U.S. Chamber of Commerce Business Civic Leadership Center (BCLC), during the Foundation’s “Tropical Holiday Celebration” on Friday, December 14.

“We are delighted that Jay and Stephen have accepted our invitations,” says Mary Wong, President of the Foundation. “These awards highlight the Office Depot Foundation’s mission by honoring two individuals who have demonstrated exceptional creativity and innovation in following their dreams and helping others to realize their goals.”

The community is invited to attend the “Tropical Holiday Celebration,” which begins at 6:30 p.m. on December 14 at the Boca Raton Resort and Club’s Mizner Center. Funds raised during the event will support the Foundation’s mission – Listen Learn Care – and its multifaceted strategic priorities, known collectively as the “5 X 5 Program.” These include enhancing the quality of life of children, strengthening local and global communities, empowering non-profit organizations and assisting communities during a natural disaster and through the recovery process.

The event will feature cocktails and hors d’oeuvres, entertainment by jazz pianist Copeland Davis and both silent and live auctions. Tickets to the “Tropical Holiday Celebration” are \$150 for individuals, \$250 for couples and \$1,000 for a table of 10. To make reservations, please call Angela Codd at 561-438-8752 or send an e-mail to angela.codd@officedepot.com. To learn more about the Foundation and its mission, visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.

About the Honorees

Jay F. Hein was named Deputy Assistant to the President and Director of the Office of Faith-Based and Community Initiatives in August 2006. He is the founding president of the Sagamore Institute for Policy Research, an international public policy research firm headquartered in Indianapolis. He also served as Vice President and Chief Executive Officer of the Foundation for American Renewal, which provides financial grants and other support to community-based organizations and educates the general public on effective compassion principles and practices.

Stephen Jordan has headed BCLC since the organization's founding as the Center for Corporate Citizenship in May 2000. He leads BCLC's engagement with a broad spectrum of companies and chambers of commerce in the United States and overseas. In addition, Jordan serves on the boards of the Council for Corporate and School Partnerships, the New World Institute and the Southern Business Leadership Council. He was Executive Director of the Association of American Chambers of Commerce in Latin America from 1997-99.

About the Office Depot Foundation

The Office Depot Foundation is an independent foundation that serves as the primary charitable giving arm of Office Depot. In keeping with its mission, Listen Learn Care, the Foundation strives to make a positive impact on many lives in many communities around the world. The Foundation supports a variety of programs that enhance the quality of life for children, strengthen communities, encourage local and global economic growth, and empower schools and non-profit organizations. It also provides support when disasters strike – doing what it can not only to speed the process of rebuilding, but also to mitigate the impact of future disasters. For more information about the Office Depot Foundation, visit www.officedepotfoundation.org.

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Photos of Jay Hein and Stephen Jordan can be downloaded at:
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