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## **OFFICE DEPOT TO BE THE PRESENTING SPONSOR OF THE FOURTH ANNUAL LOS ANGELES ORGANIZING AWARDS**

Event Honors the People, Products and Services that Make the World Neater and More Productive

**LOS ANGELES, CA (January 13, 2009)** – The Los Angeles chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers (NAPO-LA) is proud to announce Office Depot (NYSE:ODP), a leading global provider of office products and services, as the Presenting Sponsor of the Fourth Annual Los Angeles Organizing Awards.

The Los Angeles Organizing Awards, produced annually by NAPO-LA, is a one-of-a-kind public event celebrating the exemplary contributions that have helped shape the organizing industry. The Fourth Annual Los Angeles Organizing Awards concludes National Get Organized Month, with the Awards' ceremony held at the Luxe Hotel Sunset Boulevard in Bel Air on January 30, 2009.

“NAPO-LA is honored to be partnering with Office Depot as the Presenting Sponsor for the 2009 Awards,” said John Trosko, President of NAPO-LA. “Now, more than ever, we both celebrate a clear and passionate mission to simplify everyday tasks by providing smart organizing solutions that encourage people to be more productive at home and work.”

“Getting organized is extremely important for the productivity of both businesses and consumers, and by partnering with NAPO-LA to sponsor this event, Office Depot is able to showcase thousands of products and services available at Office Depot that are truly beneficial to helping customers get organized and work smarter,” said Chuck Rubin, President of Office Depot’s North American Retail Division.

**Voting:**

Awards are chosen by a popular national vote that took place online from October 31 through December 31 with winners announced on the evening of the event. Twenty awards will be given in 2009 - seven awards for organizing products and retailers, five awards for organizing services, five awards to organizing professionals, two awards to media outlets and one special recognition award presented by Office Depot. The chapter will also honor several of its members with chapter awards. The *Volunteer of the Year Award* is presented to the chapter member with an exemplary record of service. The *Leading Edge Award* recognizes a NAPO-LA member whose actions and efforts elevate the quality or profile of professional organizers everywhere.

**Video Submissions:**

Professional organizers and NAPO chapters from across the country are invited to submit videos highlighting their efforts to help clients in the past year. Selected video highlights will be shown at the event, and attendees may hear live testimonials from people whose homes or businesses were transformed by professional organizers.

**Sponsorships:**

Additional Award's sponsorship opportunities are still available in some patron levels. Sponsors for this fundraising event underwrite production costs with proceeds benefitting NAPO-LA for chapter educational programming. Visit <http://www.organizingawards.com> for opportunities and benefits.

For individual ticket purchases,, video submissions, sponsorships and general event information about the Organizing Awards or NAPO-LA, please visit <http://www.organizingawards.com>.

The 2009 Los Angeles Organizing Awards is produced by NAPO-LA with production support by the Dave Linden Group, Inc. Additional sponsorship support has been provided by Green Plug.

**About Office Depot:**

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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 NAPO-Los Angeles:**

NAPO Los Angeles is a non-profit professional organization dedicated to developing, leading and promoting professional organizers and the benefits of better home and business organization. The founding chapter of the National Association of Professional Organizers, "The Organizing Authority®," NAPO-LA provides members with a forum for networking, professional development and raising public awareness since 1985. The chapter produces the Los Angeles Organizing Expo as well as the Los Angeles Organizing Awards and is the recipient of the 2008 NAPO National President's Award for innovative contributions to the organizing industry.