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Staples, Inc. is picked for 2007 Climate Champion Award

Presentation at Global Warming and Energy Solutions conference

Manchester, NH – October 12, 2007 -- Office products company Staples, Inc., has received the 2007 award for corporate leadership on climate action from Clean Air - Cool Planet (CA-CP), the leading nonprofit working to find and promote solutions to global warming in the Northeast.

“Staples is receiving this year’s Climate Champion Award because they have chosen to do exemplary work corporate-wide to reduce their environmental impact and operate a more sustainable company,” said Adam Markham, executive director of CA-CP. “Staples exemplifies the kind of commitment to reducing heat-trapping gases and solving the climate change problem that we would like all corporations to emulate.”

Presenting the award at the group’s Global Warming and Energy Solutions conference in Manchester today, Susan Tierney, chair of CA-CP’s board, cited the following among Staples 2006 accomplishments:

- Prevented the release of more than 100,000 tons of CO₂ through purchases of renewable energy – the equivalent of removing 21,000 cars from the road for a year.
- Installed nine rooftop solar systems which will generate enough energy to power more than 220 homes annually.
- Ranked third of the top ten Retail Green Power Partners by the US EPA.
- Improved fleet fuel economy by more than 15 percent saving well over 500,000 gallons of diesel fuel each year.
- Saved more than 1.6 million trees or 5,600 acres of forest through sales of recycled content paper.
- Remanufactured or recycled more than 17.8 million ink and toner cartridges.

“It is clear from these steps that Staples has shown that it possible for businesses to make hugely significant leaps in combating global warming, and the value of leading by example,” Tierney said, as she presented the award to Mark Buckley, Staples Vice President for Environmental Affairs.

Staples is actively engaged in the development of renewable energy production, investing in solar power, wind turbine and fuel cell projects to help achieve its goal of reducing its carbon emissions by seven percent on an absolute basis by 2010, starting from the base year of 2001.

Through its EcoEasy commitment, Staples makes it easy for customers to make a difference for the environment by offering more than 2,900 recycled-content products and providing everyday, in-store recycling for computers, office technology, personal electronics and ink and toner cartridges.

“We’ve been privileged to count Staples among our more active partners,” said Bob Sheppard, director of CA-CP’s corporate program. “By taking innovative steps to reduce greenhouse gas emissions they demonstrate the kind of leadership so essential for real progress.”

The Climate Champion awards are presented every two years at CA-CP’s climate solutions conferences. Past winners among corporate climate leaders include Bank of America, Shaw’s Supermarkets, and the Timberland Company.

Oakhurst Dairy of Portland, Maine, also won the CA-CP corporate honor this year.

For more on Staples’ environmental initiatives, please visit www.staples.com/ecoeasy.

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