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New England Office Supply Wins “Business Buy Recycled & EPP Award” From Commonwealth of Massachusetts

Worcester, MA — At the 7th Annual Buy Recycled and Environmentally Preferable Products (EPP) Vendor Fair held here on October 30th, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts presented New England Office Supply of Braintree with the Business Buy Recycled & EPP Award.

“This award recognizes our company’s long-standing commitment to encourage the purchase and use of environmentally-friendly products by our customers,” stated Indira Patel, President of New England Office Supply (NEOS). For NEOS, this includes promoting environmental product attributes in marketing materials, working with customers to increase their use of EPPs, and partnering with vendors to incorporate environmental criteria into their product lines.

The Business Buy Recycled & EPP Award is sponsored by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts’ Operational Services Division in cooperation with the Executive Office of Environmental Affairs and the Department of Environmental Protection. The award’s purpose is to acknowledge the outstanding environmental efforts of statewide contractors who offer Environmentally Preferable Products.

With this award, the Commonwealth has recognized NEOS’ efforts above and beyond the state’s contractual environmental criteria. Responding to the requirements, NEOS worked with calendar vendors to increase the selection of recycled products. Exceeding the state’s initial request, NEOS not only added two suppliers of environmentally friendly calendars, but also found a third — providing their customers with the broadest selection available.

In addition, NEOS has excelled in increasing the availability of recycled-content office supply goods on the contract annually, and in making every effort to use those materials in their own operations. Several NEOS catalog products offer as much as 100% recycled material, far surpassing the state’s environmental expectations.

About NEOS

NEOS is one of the area's leading sellers of office products and furniture, providing corporations, colleges, non-profit agencies and state and local governments with total business products solutions through contract delivery, the Internet and business-to-business electronic commerce, as well as its own teleservice center.

NEOS is a minority, woman-owned, Small Disadvantaged Business, and SOMWBA-certified dealer. NEOS has also been recognized as the 2001 Affirmative Marketing Program Vendor of the Year by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.