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## **STAPLES CANADA WINS TWO AWARDS AT RETAIL COUNCIL OF CANADA**

*National office supply retailer walks away with two retail awards for excellence in the areas of health and safety and technology*

**Richmond Hill, ON, June 4, 2009** – STAPLES Canada was awarded the Retail Council of Canada's Retail Technology Innovation Award and Retail Health and Safety Award at the Excellence in Retailing Awards on Monday, June 1.

"This is such an honour, being recognized for our efforts in making workplace safety a priority," commented Al Ward, vice president of human resources on winning the Retail Health and Safety Award for the 'Got Ouch?' program.

STAPLES Canada also went home with the Retail Technology Innovation Award for STAPLES innovative new recruitment site – STAPLESville.ca. "The site is truly cutting edge. It's interactive and uses music and characters to identify job opportunities. The STAPLESville site really appeals to a younger audience who are looking for a career in retail, and sets us apart from other employers," said Steve Matyas, president of STAPLES Canada.

STAPLES is proud to accept these awards and bring the best products, services and everyday low prices to its customers. In 2007, STAPLES Canada President, Steve Matyas, was inducted into the STAPLES Canadian Retail Education Hall of Fame.

### **About STAPLES Canada**

Founded in Toronto in 1991, The Business Depot Ltd./STAPLES Canada Inc. is Canada's largest supplier of office supplies, business machines, office furniture and business services for the small business and home office customer. The company is an everyday low price retailer. The chain operates stores in all provinces across Canada under the banners STAPLES Canada and Bureau en Gros<sup>MC</sup>. Marketing Magazine's Marketing/Leger 2008 Corporate Reputation Survey ranked STAPLES Canada/Bureau en Gros **number one among Canada's top 100 companies surveyed in Canada**. The company has over 13,500 employees serving customers through more than 300 office superstores, catalogue, and e-commerce. STAPLES, STAPLES<sup>®</sup>/Bureau en Gros<sup>MC</sup> is committed to making shopping easy by offering customers three ways to shop: online, by catalogue and in-store. More information is available at [www.staples.ca](http://www.staples.ca)

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