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### **Indiana Department of Labor Honors OFS Brands, Plant #5 in Huntingburg, Indiana with Safety Award**

**Indianapolis, IN February 5, 2008** – The Indiana Department of Labor is pleased to announce the certification of Huntingburg, Indiana’s OFS Brands, Plant #5 in Indiana’s Voluntary Protection Program (VPP).

VPP, Indiana's Voluntary Protection Program, was established to recognize and promote safety and health management programs throughout the state. All companies, regardless of size or business, can participate in VPP - where management and employees work together to create and maintain a healthy working environment.

Founded in 1937 as a residential furniture manufacturer, OFS Brands now manufactures, sells and distributes a complete line of executive office and high end conference room furniture under the brand names of OFS and First Office. The company is headquartered in Huntingburg, Indiana, but has offices and facilities nation-wide.

The VPP “Star” certification ceremony was held on February 4, 2008 in Huntingburg, Indiana. The ceremony provided an opportunity for OFS Brands employees and management to showcase their exemplary status to the media, state officials, and local elected officials. “OFS Brands is a cutting edge, highly innovative homegrown company. The process improvements that they have put into place have contributed immeasurably to their profitable and safe operation. OFS Brands is a jewel in southern Indiana. The Department of Labor is pleased to partner with and congratulate OFS Brands for worker safety and health excellence,” commented Commissioner of Labor Lori A. Torres.

OFS Brands safety committee employees conduct monthly safety and health audits. Operations are halted if worker safety or health is compromised. Employees on the safety committee also participate in accident and near-miss investigations. “Active employee awareness and participation is essential to the success of any workplace safety and health program. The Indiana Department of Labor commends OFS Brands for the integration of a successful site-specific safety and health management system,” added Torres.

VPP “Star” status is the highest level of recognition of occupational safety and health management that can be awarded. OFS Brands Plant #5 is the first OFS plant nation-wide to receive VPP status.

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