

A MESSAGE FROM OUR CEO:



At Staples, we are strengthening our business, fueling local economies and promoting entrepreneurship.

Staples now operates in 27 countries around the world, but like many of our diversity suppliers, we started as a small business.

Staples' history is just one of the reasons why I am personally committed to supporting and promoting supplier diversity. In doing so, we honor our entrepreneurial roots and create mutually beneficial growth for Staples and our diversity suppliers.

As we strive to become the world's best office products company, our Diversity Supplier Program presents Staples with several unique opportunities to:

- strengthen our own business by providing customers access to valuable products and services;
- deepen and enrich the relationships we have with our customers and associates;
- fuel local economies through building prosperous business communities and creating job growth;
- help position us to move from a multinational to a global company; and
- stand out among our competition.

Developing a thriving supplier diversity program is consistent with our Staples Soul values and will continue to be part of our business strategy in the coming years.

We pledge to make it easy for all suppliers to compete fairly for Staples' business, provide diversity suppliers with access to our flourishing customer base, and mentor our diversity suppliers so they can best meet our customers' needs.

A win for our customers, a win for our suppliers, a win for us. That's Staples' commitment to supplier diversity.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Ron Sargent". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Ron Sargent
Chairman and CEO