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Government Needs to Clip Coupons Too!

Kankakee, Illinois – In recent months, the Kankakee County Auditor’s Office has solicited office supply costs from several vendors to ensure Kankakee County is receiving the best pricing possible. After reviewing multiple options, Auditor Ekhoﬀ is excited to share that Staples is now Kankakee County’s preferred vendor. On average, the County of Kankakee will see approximately a 20% savings on commonly purchased items such as paper, toner, and other miscellaneous office supplies.

“Since taking Office late last year, I have been shocked to see the variation in prices for office supplies purchased by county departments. This program is a common-sense solution that ensures we are spending taxpayer dollars wisely. People across this county clip coupons to save money, and I believe that as a government, we need to do the same,” said Auditor Ekhoﬀ.

Currently, a case of paper with 5,000 sheets costs roughly \$53.50 on average across county departments. With Staples, the same case of paper will now cost \$39.49—a savings of \$14.01, or 26%. In the Auditor’s Office alone, replacing toner previously cost \$508.00; with the Staples equivalent, the new cost for toner is \$356.00, resulting in a 30% savings. Auditor Ekhoﬀ was also able to work with Staples to provide a two-year warranty on their toner.

As Kankakee County continues to modernize and streamline operations, the Auditor’s Office will continue to identify areas where the County of Kankakee can operate more efficiently and achieve further cost savings. Auditor Ekhoﬀ stated, “These savings may seem small at first glance; however, pennies add up to dollars, and when you think about how many supplies are purchased annually, this program will save thousands of dollars.”

Auditor Ekhoﬀ extends his appreciation to Chief Deputy Auditor Hess, County Board Chairman Alexander-Hildebrand, Finance Director McCarty, Information Systems Director Shane, and Program Manager Cavender for their help in crafting this new partnership and program. “This wasn’t a one-person effort—it took teamwork and collaboration between multiple departments to make sure this program would benefit everyone across county government. I am thankful for their time and input,” stated Auditor Ekhoﬀ.

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