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OFFICE DEPOT

Retailer's prices for federal agencies probed

CHICAGO – The federal government has started an investigation into the prices that Office Depot Inc. charges federal agencies for office supplies, according to a regulatory filing.

The joint investigation by the U.S. Department of Defense, the Department of Education and the General Services Administration are being coordinated by the Department of Justice, the company said. They come on the heels of at least two state investigations into similar complaints.

Office Depot, based in Boca Raton, Fla., said it was cooperating with investigations in Florida and in Missouri, where the attorney general contends the company overpriced government contracts for school supplies.

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