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## **SHARED WORK ENVIRONMENT CATERS TO THE SELF EMPLOYED AND WORK AT HOME CROWD**

*The downside of working at home prompts some to seek refuge at Corporate Office Centers in Rancho Santa Margarita*

**RANCHO SANTA MARGARITA** (September 17, 2008) Since the explosion of the internet and constant breakthroughs in technology, entrepreneurs and thousands of employees nationwide have opted to work from their home. Enjoying perks such as working in pajamas and keeping flexible hours, working from a home office has long been the envy of multitudes of people who report to work in a traditional office environment.

But as we all know, with every pro there is a con and working at home has its share of downsides. Most notable of these disadvantages are the lack of social interaction that goes hand in hand with heading to the office, missed networking opportunities and the most basic of perks; a quiet office to make a phone call without the dog barking, baby crying or the kids coming home from school. And the top reason some people do not work well from home? Because working alone from home is, well, lonely. Humans have a social nature and sometimes the need for interaction is crucial. With the need for traditional office options comes a solution in the form of a shared work environment.

Companies like Corporate Office Centers, located in Rancho Santa Margarita, provide a cure for the common home office. Offering part- and full-time offices, Corporate Office Centers' clients pick and choose the services that meet the needs of their business and lifestyle best. "I wanted a professional business address with a suite number and someone to answer my calls for me" said Ted Erickson of Sunset Construction, a Corporate Office Centers' virtual office client. "And it has proven to be a much better alternative than using my home address or a P.O. Box number. I have access to office equipment and conference rooms, and I don't pay for office space I don't need." Shared work environments also provide freedom from the background noise of a Starbucks or restaurant and eliminate the hassle of trying to find a seat or a wireless internet connection.

“I am able to fully concentrate on my work without the interruptions of a home office” said David Drakeford of Debt Relief Group, new to the shared work environment concept and a full-time office client at Corporate Office Centers. “I was getting side tracked and can now separate work from my home life.” David also uses administrative services rather than hiring a part- or full-time employee. “I only pay for the administrative services I need without the expense of hiring and employee benefits and taxes.”

Typically, services start at approximately \$100 for a basic virtual office plan. Office rates start at approximately \$500. “In addition to offering a full spectrum of services at various price points, we find that our client’s enjoy the interaction our office environments provide and many have established new business relationships and clientele they otherwise would not have been able to build working at home” said Gayle Smith, Executive Director for Corporate Office Centers.

*To find out more about shared office environments, please call Shirley Wright at Corporate Office Centers, 949-888-6600 or visit their website at [www.corporateofficecenters.com](http://www.corporateofficecenters.com)*

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