



BNY Mellon Shareowner Services Appointed as New Transfer Agent for Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.

PURCHASE, N.Y., May 27, 2010 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (the "Company") (Nasdaq:ROIC), a fully integrated owner and operator of shopping centers, announced that effective as of May 24, 2010, The Bank of New York Mellon (operating with the service name BNY Mellon Shareowner Services) has been appointed as its new transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursing agent.

As transfer agent, BNY Mellon will provide a variety of services for the Company and its registered stockholders, including core stock transfer and stockholder meeting services.

The Company's stockholders who have questions about their accounts, need to make an address change, or want to conduct other transactions, should contact BNY Mellon at:

BNY Mellon Shareowner Services

P.O. Box 358015

Pittsburgh, PA 15252

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"I am pleased to announce the appointment of BNY Mellon as Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.'s new transfer agent, registrar and dividend disbursing agent. BNY Mellon has an excellent reputation and offers a wide array of services that will benefit both the company and our stockholders," said John B. Roche, the Company's Chief Financial Officer.

ABOUT RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.

Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. is a corporation that intends to qualify as a REIT for U.S. federal income tax purposes and acquires, owns, leases, repositions and manages necessity-based retail properties, including, primarily, well located community and neighborhood shopping centers anchored by national or regional supermarkets and drugstores. The Company targets properties strategically situated in densely populated, middle and upper income markets in the eastern and western regions of the United States.

The Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. logo is available at <http://www.globenewswire.com/newsroom/prs/?pkgid=6855>

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