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## Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. Announces Tax Reporting Information for 2012 Distributions

SAN DIEGO, Jan. 18, 2013 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (Nasdaq:ROIC), announced today the federal tax treatment of the 2012 distributions on its shares of common stock ("Shares") (CUSIP #76131N101) and units, each consisting of one Share and one warrant exercisable for one Share (CUSIP #76131N200). The federal tax treatment of the 2012 distributions as it is expected to be reported on Form 1099-DIV is as follows:

Record Date	Payable Date	Total Distribution	Ordinary Income	Return of Capital
		per Share	per Share (1)	per Share
2/29/2012	3/15/2012	\$0.12000	\$0.07086	\$0.04914
5/16/2012	5/30/2012	\$0.13000	\$0.07676	\$0.05324
8/14/2012	8/31/2012	\$0.14000	\$0.08267	\$0.05733
11/14/2012	11/30/2012	\$0.14000	\$0.08267	\$0.05733

<sup>1</sup> Ordinary Income per Share is non-qualified dividend income.

Stockholders are encouraged to consult with their personal tax advisors as to their specific tax treatment of ROIC's distributions.

### About Retail Opportunity Investments Corp.

Retail Opportunity Investments Corporation (Nasdaq:ROIC) is a fully integrated, self-managed real estate investment trust. The Company specializes in the acquisition, ownership and management of necessity-based community and neighborhood shopping centers, anchored by national or regional supermarkets and drugstores. At September 30, 2012, ROIC's property portfolio included 40 shopping centers totaling approximately 4.3 million square feet. Additional information is available at [www.roicreit.net](http://www.roicreit.net).

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

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