

## Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. Awarded 2021 Green Lease Leader

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SAN DIEGO, May 17, 2021 (GLOBE NEWSWIRE) -- Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (NASDAQ:ROIC) announced today that it has been selected as a 2021 Green Lease Leader by the U.S. Department of Energy's Better Buildings Alliance and the Institute for Market Transformation. Specifically, ROIC was awarded the highest "Gold" level designation in recognition of its initiatives to incorporate critical energy efficiency, cost savings, air quality and sustainability criteria into its leases.

Stuart A. Tanz, President and Chief Executive Officer of Retail Opportunity Investments Corp., stated, "We are pleased to have earned this award and to again be recognized as a leader in terms of our environmental, social and governance best practices. As this latest award reflects, we are proactively engaged and working collaboratively with our tenants to integrate environmental sustainability into every aspect of our portfolio operations."

## ABOUT RETAIL OPPORTUNITY INVESTMENTS CORP.

Retail Opportunity Investments Corp. (NASDAQ: ROIC), is a fully-integrated, self-managed real estate investment trust (REIT) that specializes in the acquisition, ownership and management of grocery-anchored shopping centers located in densely-populated, metropolitan markets across the West Coast. As of March 31, 2021, ROIC owned 88 shopping centers encompassing approximately 10.1 million square feet. ROIC is the largest publicly-traded, grocery-anchored shopping center REIT focused exclusively on the West Coast. ROIC is a member of the S&P SmallCap 600 Index and has investment-grade corporate debt ratings from Moody's Investor Services, Standard & Poor's, and Fitch Ratings, Inc. Additional information is available at: <a href="https://www.roireit.net">www.roireit.net</a>.

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