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**Attention Bargain Hunters: Big Lots Grand Opening 17 New Stores Tomorrow,
November 19**

Expansion will create hundreds of new jobs

COLUMBUS, OH (November 18, 2010) — Just in time for holiday bargain shoppers, Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) will expand its presence in the United States with the grand opening of 17 new stores on Friday, November 19. With these new openings, Big Lots has passed the 1,400-store threshold while operating in all of the 48 contiguous states.

“We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of 17 new stores tomorrow, representing one of the single largest days of store opening activity in the Company’s history,” said CEO Steve Fishman. “Adding new stores in these key markets will support local economies by creating new jobs while saving customers lots of money by providing some of the best deals available on a wide range of branded merchandise.”

The grand opening celebrations will include giveaways, Big Lots gift cards, and more. Each new store will also provide direct financial support to local schools through a contribution of \$2,500.

The new locations are:

- Ardmore, OK: 1211 N. Commerce Street
- Brockport, NY: 6515 Brockport Spencerport Rd.
- Cedar Park, TX: 850 N. Bell Blvd.
- Columbia, MD: 6171 Columbia Crossing Circle
- Exton, PA: 201 West Lincoln Hwy.
- Franklin, MA: 275 E Central St.
- Frisco, TX: 3333 Preston Road
- Jacksonville, FL: 9625 Crosshill Blvd.
- Lake City, FL: 2311 West US Hwy 90
- Madison Heights, MI: 32399 John R Rd.
- Manchester, CT: 1470 Pleasant Valley Rd.
- North Augusta, SC: 406 E. Martintown Rd.
- North Haven, CT: 380 Universal Dr. North
- Rancho Santa Margarita, CA: 30501 Avenida De Las Flores
- Sahuarita, AZ: 18705 S. I-19 Frontage Road
- Worcester, MA: 7 Neponset St.
- West Deptford, NJ: 1075 Mantua Pike

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is a Fortune 500 company with over 1,400 stores in 48 states. As the nation’s largest broadline closeout retailer, Big Lots offers consumers a wide range of bargain-priced merchandise, including brand-name closeouts, seasonal products, consumables, furniture, housewares, toys, and gifts. The Company also sells merchandise through **BIG LOTS WHOLESALE, CONSOLIDATED INTERNATIONAL,** and **WISCONSIN TOY,** and www.biglotswholesale.com