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**Big Lots Invites the Public to Vote for Winner of
Lots2Give Video Contest**

Thirty-five schools will share \$100,000 in cash prizes

COLUMBUS, OH (June 6, 2011) — Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is turning to America to determine the 35 winners in this year's Lots2Give video contest by voting online for their favorite video. The contest is part of the fourth-annual Lots2Give program launched by Big Lots to help schools in need of financial support across America.

Big Lots asked participating schools to put their creativity to the test by submitting a short video and brief essay explaining why their school is in need of financial support. Cash prizes include thirty \$2,000 second place prizes, four \$5,000 first place prizes, and one \$20,000 grand prize – the contest's biggest prize ever.

From June 6 through July 4, the public can vote for their favorite video entries up to three times a day by visiting www.biglots.com/lots2give. Those votes will determine the schools that will share \$100,000 in cash prizes.

"The Lots2Give program makes a positive impact on schools in need across the country," said CEO Steve Fishman. "We invite America to join us in selecting the winners of our Lots2Give video contest and promoting an important cause."

In addition to the Lots2Give video contest, participating schools will be the recipients of an in-store donation program. Customers can help selected schools by donating \$1 or \$5 at participating Big Lots stores through July 4. One hundred percent of donations will go to participating schools.

For additional information and to vote for your favorite video, please visit www.biglots.com/lots2give.

About Big Lots, Inc.

Headquartered in Columbus, Ohio, Big Lots (NYSE: BIG) is a Fortune 500 company with more than 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

