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Republic Title Company Selects Industry-Leading 1031 Qualified Intermediary Nationwide Exchange Services (NES) to Enhance Tax-Deferred Exchange Offering.

Chicago, February 1, 2006 – Republic Title Company, a Chicagoland premier title insurance agency, announced today that tax-deferred 1031 exchange services would now be offered to its attorney agents and other customers through an alliance with Nationwide Exchange Services (NES).

NES is a Qualified Intermediary that provides a full suite of customer-driven 1031 tax-deferred exchange solutions with the highest level of customer service at the industry's most competitive pricing. This strategic selection of NES as the preferred 1031 Qualified Intermediary partner highlights Republic Title's commitment to offer a full range of best-in-class services to its customers.

"Republic Title Company is pleased to be affiliated with Nationwide Exchange Services," said Jeff Picklin, a Principal of Republic Title. "This alliance provides our attorney agents and customers access to a full-service exchange organization to handle their clients' needs and receive expert advice to facilitate their closing."

Since 1990, NES has conducted tens of thousands of successful 1031 exchange transactions across the nation. Today, NES applies advanced technologies and business processes to create new standards of customer-driven products and services for tax-deferred 1031 exchanges. Michael Halloran, President of Nationwide Exchange Services, pointed out, "The addition of Republic Title as one of our preferred partners allows us to provide their title customers with the highest level of 1031 transaction visibility, superior customer service, and at the most competitive price in the market. This will further position Republic above other title companies in their ability to fully meet diverse customers' strategic needs."

“Republic Title Company has a great reputation for working with the best real estate attorneys in the Chicago land area, offering superior title services. NES, also known for providing excellent service, is thrilled to partner with Republic Title Company and continue to build our strategic alliances,” said Scott Nathanson, Vice President and Managing Director at NES. “At \$399 for a delayed 1031 Exchange, NES offers its comprehensive service at the most competitive fees in the market place to legal, financial and real estate service providers.”

About Republic Title Company

Founded in 1983, Republic Title Company is one of the largest title insurance agencies in the Chicago metro area.

About Nationwide Exchange Services

Nationwide Exchange Services (NES – www.nationwide1031.com) is a leading Qualified Intermediary for tax-deferred 1031 exchanges. Since 1990, NES has conducted tens of thousands of successful 1031 exchange transactions across the nation. Today, NES applies advanced technologies and business processes to create new standards of customer-driven products and services for tax-deferred 1031 exchanges. In the Midwest, NES is partnered with Cole Taylor Bank (NASDAQ:TAYC) as the Qualified Escrow Bank for exchangor assets.