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TEXANS PLAYING TO WIN HIGHEST CASH VALUE JACKPOT IN U.S. HISTORY

Mega Millions® jackpot climbs to \$363 million with a cash value of \$259.8 million

(AUSTIN) –Texans have the opportunity to win big by participating in the drawing for Tuesday night’s estimated \$363 million *Mega Millions®* jackpot. If one ticket matches all six numbers in Tuesday’s drawing, the holder of that ticket can choose between receiving the full jackpot amount in 26 annual payments, or a one-time cash payment of \$259.8 million.

“That’s an awful lot of money, no matter how you choose—all at once or over the next 26 years,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Texas hasn’t had a *Mega Millions* jackpot winner since 2010, so I think we’re past due for a big winner.”

FACTS ABOUT THIS JACKPOT:

- Features the third largest jackpot in *Mega Millions* history
- The highest cash value option jackpot in U.S. lottery history (\$259.8 million)
- Ties for fourth largest jackpot for any lottery game in U.S. history (estimated \$363 million)
- Ties for fourth largest jackpot in world history (estimated \$363 million)

Tomorrow’s jackpot has been increasing since January 27, as the *Mega Millions* jackpot was last won on January 24. The jackpot has now rolled 17 times without a winner. The odds of winning the jackpot are approximately one in 176 million. The odds of winning any of the *Mega Millions* prizes are approximately 1 in 40.

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery® has generated more than \$19 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$37 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$14 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports

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public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

Celebrating its 20th anniversary this year, the Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*[®], *Mega Millions*, *Lotto Texas*[®], *Texas Two Step*[®], *Pick 3*[™], *Daily 4*[™], *Cash Five*[®] and scratch-offs. For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit www.txlottery.org.

Top Mega Millions Jackpots			
Rank	Draw Date	Advertised Jackpot	Cash Value
1	March 6, 2007	\$390 million	\$233.1 million
2	Jan. 4, 2011	\$380 million	\$240 million
3	March 27, 2012	\$363 million	\$259.8 million

Top U.S. Lottery Jackpots				
Rank	State	Prize Amount	Draw Date	Game
1	GA, NJ	\$390 million	March 6, 2007	Mega Millions
2	ID, WA	\$380 million	Jan. 4, 2011	Mega Millions
3	NE	\$365 million	Feb. 18, 2006	Powerball
4	?	\$363 million	March 27, 2012	Mega Millions
4	IL, MI	\$363 million	May 9, 2000	The Big Game
5	OR	\$340 million	Oct. 19, 2005	Powerball
6	RI	\$336 million	Feb. 11, 2012	Powerball
6	CA, NY	\$336 million	Aug. 28, 2009	Mega Millions
7	GA, IL, NJ	\$331million	April 16, 2002	The Big Game
8	MD, NJ, TX, VI	\$330.0 million	Aug. 31, 2007	Mega Millions
10	NY	\$319.0 million	March 25, 2011	Mega Millions

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