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Tonight's \$177 Million *Mega Millions*™ Jackpot Is Biggest Ever For Texas Lottery® Players

(Austin, February 17) - Texas Lottery players have the opportunity to buy a ticket for the largest jackpot ever offered in Texas, with tonight's *Mega Millions*™ drawing boasting an estimated \$177 million jackpot.

"Tonight's \$177 million prize is the largest ever offered in Texas and more than twice as big as our \$85 million record for a *Lotto Texas* jackpot," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission, which manages the Texas Lottery.

"As much as we want to see a *Mega Millions* jackpot winner in Texas, I urge our players to 'Play Responsibly' because it only takes one ticket to win."

Tickets are available at any of the more than 16,000 Texas Lottery retailers and can be purchased up until 9:45 p.m. this evening.

"Even if we don't have a Texas *Mega Millions* jackpot winner tonight, Texas still comes out ahead," explained Greer. " *Mega Millions* is just like every other Texas Lottery game where an average of 30 cents from every one dollar ticket purchase goes to the Foundation School Fund, which helps support public education in Texas."

If there are no winners tonight, the *Mega Millions* jackpot for Friday will be an estimated \$215 million.

For more information about the Texas Lottery, please visit the official Texas Lottery Commission Web site at <http://www.txlottery.org>