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Nation's Largest Jackpot Up For Grabs Tonight *Mega Millions*™ At \$126 Million

(Austin, November 16) - It could be a nice way to start the holiday season if someone matches the five numbers and the Mega Ball in tonight's *Mega Millions*™ drawing. The \$126 million jackpot is currently the largest in the United States. The Cash Value Option payment is worth approximately \$74 million.

"That kind of money could definitely bring about some real holiday cheer," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "And tonight marks the one hundredth drawing Texas has participated in since joining *Mega Millions* nearly one year ago."

Besides the multi-million *Mega Millions* jackpot, the Texas Lottery® is offering players the chance to win other large monetary prizes with our holiday-themed Scratch Off games. The *Holiday Millions Wishes* game offers a top cash-prize of \$2 million, *12 Days of Winning* offers a \$120,000 top-prize, and *Holiday Gold* has a top cash-prize of \$25,000.

The Texas Lottery *Texas Two Step*® jackpot is currently worth \$1.1 million for Thursday's drawing, and the *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is worth an estimated \$13 million for Wednesday's drawing.

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