

Texas Lottery Commission Press Release - November 19, 2004

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## Texas-Size Jackpot Offers 149 Million Reasons To Play *Mega Millions*™ Tonight

(Austin, November 19) - No tickets in the multi-state *Mega Millions*™ game matched all six numbers in Tuesday's drawing, so tonight's jackpot has climbed to an estimated \$149 million. This jackpot is currently the largest in the United States and the largest for *Mega Millions* since July 2. The Cash Value Option payment is worth approximately \$87 million.

"Texas joined the *Mega Millions* game almost a year ago to add even more excitement to the *Games of Texas*, and I'd say tonight's \$149 million jackpot has done just that," said Reagan E. Greer, Executive Director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "*Mega Millions*' second- and third-tier prizes are pretty exciting too, especially in Texas, where for an extra dollar the *Megaplier*™ option allows players the chance to multiply their non-grand/jackpot winnings two, three or even four times."

The last *Mega Millions* jackpot winner was Ut Van Nguyen of Carrollton, Texas, who took home more than \$62 million, the Cash Value Option of the advertised \$101 million jackpot for the October 1 drawing.

"I'm hoping that we can make it two in a row and bring the next *Mega Millions* jackpot home to Texas," said Greer. "As always though, we want to remind everyone to play responsibly; it only takes one ticket to win!"

Friday's drawing will be the 101st since the Texas Lottery® joined *Mega Millions* in December 2003. To play *Mega Millions*, players choose 5 numbers from 1 to 52, and one Mega Ball number from a second field of numbers from 1 to 52. Each play costs a dollar. Players must match the five numbers plus the Mega Ball to win the jackpot, which starts at \$10 million and increases until it is won.

In addition to Friday's \$149 million *Mega Millions* jackpot, Saturday's *Lotto Texas*® jackpot is an estimated \$15 million.

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