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TEXAS LOTTERY PLAYERS WIN MORE THAN \$1.5 BILLION FOR THE YEAR 2000

(Austin, January 17) - Texas Lottery players really had something to celebrate at the end of the millennium. Lottery players won more than \$1.5 billion (\$1,594,886,870) in prizes from the lottery's on-line games and instant tickets in the year 2000!

"Last year was very exciting for the Lottery," said Texas Lottery Executive Director, Linda Cloud. "By listening to the requests of our players, we developed changes to *Lotto Texas* that benefited everyone – especially our players, with bigger jackpots!"

Since four balls were added to *Lotto Texas* in July 2000, sales increased 34-percent in the six-month period following the change compared to the six-month period before the change. The following table shows the total number of winners for Texas Lottery on-line games and instant tickets, and the total amount won by players for each of the games last year.

GAME	# OF WINNERS	TOP-PRIZE WINNERS	TOTAL \$ WON
<i>LOTTO TEXAS</i>	7,492,747	31	\$304,308,039
<i>TEXAS MILLION</i>	1,057,685	8	\$24,008,430
<i>CASH 5</i>	1,445,374	235	\$75,989,563
<i>PICK 3</i>	693,832		\$90,689,930
ON-LINE GRAND TOTAL	10,689,638		\$494,995,962
INSTANT TICKETS	219,873,117		\$1,099,890,908

"While last year was great for everyone, I think the new millennium will bring more enthusiasm and fun for the Texas Lottery, our retailers and our players," Cloud said. "With a \$40 million *Lotto Texas* jackpot earlier this month, we started 2001 off with a bang, and players can look for an exciting new game coming their way this spring!"

Lotto Texas is played twice weekly, with live drawings aired at 9:59 p.m. every Wednesday and Saturday. The lottery's Daily Game, *Pick 3* is played Monday through Saturday, with live drawings starting at 9:59 p.m., *Cash 5* can be played every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday, with live drawings held at 9:59 p.m. those evenings and *Texas Million*, played every Friday, is aired at 9:59 p.m. on Friday evening.

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The Texas Lottery, the 4th largest selling lottery in North America, is "Focusing on the Future of Education, One Ticket At A Time." By providing the 'Games of Texas' for more than 10 years, the Texas Lottery Commission (TLC) has generated more than \$10 billion for the state and paid nearly \$17 billion to players in prizes. For more information about the TLC, please visit the official website at <http://www.txlottery.org>

