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PANHANDLE HAS MEGA MILLIONS® BRAGGING RIGHTS; \$122 MILLION JACKPOT TICKET SOLD IN AMARILLO

(Austin)-- One ticket sold in Amarillo matched the five numbers and the Mega Ball number from last night's *Mega Millions*® drawing.

The advertised estimated jackpot was \$122 million. The quick pick ticket was sold with the Cash Value Option, which allows the claimant to receive a one-time lump sum that is approximately half of the advertised jackpot. That amount comes to \$73,572,690.

"Someone is starting off their new year in very big way," said Texas Lottery Commission Executive Director Anthony Sadberry. "Since Texas joined the *Mega Millions* multi-state game in December of 2003, there have been three jackpot winning tickets sold and now we have four. Also, it's the largest *Mega Millions* jackpot ever won in Texas. The highest was \$112 million from 2003."

Taylor Petroleum Companies Inc. #80, 3400 Coulter Drive, sold the ticket and is eligible to receive a bonus of \$1 million.

Of the more than 2.8 million tickets sold in Texas for last night's drawing, approximately 90,000 tickets won lower- tier prizes that totaled more than \$500,000. The numbers drawn were 54-11-7-38-26, and the Mega Ball was 13.

Friday's Mega Millions jackpot is worth an estimated \$12 million.

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