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## TEXAS LOTTERY OPERATIONS DIRECTOR RECEIVES TOP INDUSTRY HONOR

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(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery Commission today announced that Michael Anger, lottery operations director, was a recipient of the 2015 Powers Award at the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries’ (NASPL) seminar held recently in Seattle.

“I want to congratulate Michael on a well-deserved honor,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Michael exemplifies the distinguished performance and overall excellence in the lottery industry that this prestigious national award recognizes.”

Each year, the Powers Awards are presented in recognition of the significant contributions lottery and lottery vendor employees have made through exceptional job performance. These awards are named in honor of the late Edward J. Powers, the “Father of U.S. Lotteries.” Powers spent more than 25 years in the lottery industry helping to define the most effective organizational structures that have become a blueprint for today’s lotteries. The drive, commitment and integrity Powers demonstrated set the standard of excellence exhibited by lottery and vendor employees nominated for this award.

Michael Anger has served as the Texas Lottery’s director of lottery operations since March 2003. His team has been responsible for product sales delivering more than \$1 billion annually in revenue transfers to the state. He currently leads more than 130 agency employees and oversees the lottery’s strategic business planning, product development, advertising and promotions, drawings and claims processing, communication services, retailer licensing and accounting, licensee regulation, lottery operator contract monitoring, retailer development, security and consumer protection.

Since joining the Texas Lottery in 1995, Michael has served in numerous positions throughout his 20-year career with the agency including work in various aspects of claim center and games compliance operations where his work focused on program management, customer support services and the implementation of cost and operational efficiency measures.

Michael is a graduate of the University of Texas where he received a Bachelor of Business Administration.

About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$23 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$46 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$17 billion to the Foundation School Fund, which supports public education in Texas. As authorized by the Texas Legislature, certain Texas Lottery revenues benefit state programs including the Fund for Veterans' Assistance.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including *Powerball*<sup>®</sup>, *Mega Millions*<sup>®</sup>, *Lotto Texas*<sup>®</sup>, *All or Nothing*<sup>™</sup>, *Texas Two Step*<sup>®</sup>, *Pick 3*<sup>™</sup>, *Daily 4*<sup>™</sup>, *Cash Five*<sup>®</sup> and scratch-offs. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at [www.txlottery.org](http://www.txlottery.org).

**Editors/News Directors, note:** An image of Michael Anger is attached in JPEG format.

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