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TEXAS LOTTERY FINANCIAL OPERATIONS MANAGER RECEIVES TOP INDUSTRY HONOR

(AUSTIN) – The Texas Lottery Commission today announced that Kelly Stuckey, the agency’s financial operations manager, was named a recipient of the 2019 Powers Award at the North American Association of State and Provincial Lotteries’ (NASPL) seminar, which is being held this week in Phoenix, Arizona.

“I want to congratulate Kelly on this prestigious honor,” said Gary Grief, executive director of the Texas Lottery. “Kelly strives for excellence in all that she does. Her careful attention to detail and job knowledge, as well as expertise of the gaming system and internal financial system, allow her to be proficient in her job duties. Kelly has been an integral part of the Texas Lottery’s success for many years, and she is very well-deserving of this year’s Powers Award.”

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.

Stuckey joined the Texas Lottery Commission in December 2005 as financial operations manager. She is responsible for administering the daily operations and activities for budget, payroll, jackpot estimation, large winner payments and various financial analysis. During her 13-plus years, Stuckey has served as the second in command for the agency’s Controller and is relied upon by many members of senior management for financial guidance.

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated \$29 billion in revenue for the state and distributed \$61 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$23 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. Since the first veterans' themed scratch ticket game was launched in 2009, the Texas Lottery has contributed more than \$117 million for programs supporting Texas veterans.

The Texas Lottery provides several entertaining games for lottery players including Powerball®, Mega Millions®, Lotto Texas®, All or Nothing™, Texas Two Step®, Pick 3™, Daily 4™, Cash Five® and scratch ticket games. For more information visit us on Facebook, Twitter, Instagram, YouTube or at www.txlottery.org. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

Editors/News Directors, note: An image of Kelly Stuckey is attached in JPEG format.

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