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TEXAS LOTTERY COMMISSION NAMED TOP WORKPLACE AWARD WINNER BY AUSTIN AMERICAN-STATESMAN

AUSTIN – The Texas Lottery Commission has been recognized as one of the best places to work in Greater Austin with the award of a Top Workplaces 2024 honor. The agency secured a spot in this year's *Austin American-Statesman* Greater Austin Top Workplaces list, which is based solely on employee feedback gathered through a third-party survey administered by employee engagement technology partner Energage. The agency last won the award in 2022, the previous year it applied.

"Our agency is thrilled to be recognized once again as a Top Workplace in Greater Austin," said Ryan Mindell, executive director of the Texas Lottery Commission. "The success of our team in positively impacting public education, veterans and charitable causes across the state would not be possible without our talented, innovative and passionate staff. They bring not only their skills but also their heart to this work every day. This award is a testament to them and to the collaborative, team-centered culture we've built."

The confidential survey measures the employee experience and its component themes, including employees feeling Respected & Supported, Enabled to Grow, and Empowered to Execute.

"Earning a Top Workplaces award is a badge of honor for companies, especially because it comes authentically from their employees," said Eric Rubino, Energage CEO. "That's something to be proud of. In today's market, leaders must ensure they're allowing employees to have a voice and be heard. That's paramount. Top Workplaces do this, and it pays dividends."

The Texas Lottery Commission generates revenue for the State of Texas through the responsible management and sale of entertaining lottery products and provides authorized organizations the opportunity to raise funds for their charitable functions by conducting bingo.

In Fiscal Year 2024, the Texas Lottery <u>achieved its second-best year for total sales and revenue</u>, recording \$8.39 billion in sales, with more than \$2 billion generated for the State of Texas to support public education and veterans' services.

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About the Texas Lottery

Beginning with the first ticket sold in 1992, the Texas Lottery has generated more than \$39 billion in revenue for the state and distributed more than \$89 billion in prizes to lottery players. Since 1997, the Texas Lottery has contributed \$33.9 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 \$250 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, X, Instagram, LinkedIn, YouTube or at texaslottery.com. Must be 18 or older to purchase a ticket or enter a promotional second-chance drawing. PLAY RESPONSIBLY.

About Charitable Bingo

The Charitable Bingo Operations Division of the Texas Lottery Commission is charged with the strict control and close supervision of bingo conducted in Texas. Charitable Bingo provides authorized organizations the opportunity to raise funds for their charitable purposes by conducting bingo and determines that all charitable bingo funds are used for an authorized purpose and that bingo is conducted fairly. Charitable Bingo works to achieve voluntary compliance and assist licensees through training and education. For more information about charitable bingo, please visit the official Texas Charitable Bingo website at www.txbingo.org. Since 1982, charitable bingo has generated approximately \$26.7 billion in gross receipts, awarded approximately \$19.9 billion in prizes, and distributed about \$1.35 billion to charitable causes as of the end of 2023.

About Energage

Energage is a purpose-driven company that helps organizations turn employee feedback into useful business intelligence and credible employer recognition through Top Workplaces. Built on 18 years of culture research and the results from 27 million employees surveyed across more than 70,000 organizations, Energage delivers the most accurate competitive benchmark available. With access to a unique combination of patented analytic tools and expert guidance, Energage customers lead the competition with an engaged workforce and an opportunity to gain recognition for their people-first approach to culture. For more information or to nominate your organization, visit energage.com or topworkplaces.com.