December 19, 2005

Members of the Legislative Audit Committee:

In our audit report dated December 14, 2005, the State Auditor’s Office determined that the financial statements of the Texas Lottery Commission (Commission) for the year ended August 31, 2005, are materially correct and presented in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We also issued a report on internal control over financial reporting and on compliance and other matters as required by auditing standards. Our procedures were not intended to provide an opinion on internal control over financial reporting or compliance with certain provisions of laws and regulations. However, our procedures did not identify any material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting or instances of noncompliance or other matters that materially affected the financial statements.

We appreciate the cooperation and assistance of Commission staff during this audit. If you have any questions, please contact Mike Apperley, Audit Manager, or me at (512) 936-9500.

Sincerely,

John Keel, CPA
State Auditor

cc: Members of the Texas Lottery Commission
    Mr. C. Tom Clowe, Jr., Chair
    Mr. James A. Cox, Jr.
    Mr. Gary Grief, Acting Executive Director, Texas Lottery Commission
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