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Mega Millions Is Coming to Washington, D.C.!

Tickets go on sale January 31

Washington, D.C. – Beginning on January 31, Mega Millions[®], the multi-state jackpot game, will be available to lottery players in the District of Columbia. Players in the Washington Metropolitan Area can now play their favorite jackpot games at their local D.C. Lottery retail location.

“We’re always excited to provide new games and more winning opportunities to our players,” said Buddy Roogow, the new executive director of the D.C. Lottery. “The addition of Mega Millions—with the exclusive Megaplier—coupled with POWERBALL[®], makes D.C. *the* winning destination for residents, commuters, and visitors to our great city. Now, there are more chances to win millions with the D.C. Lottery.”

Jackpots for Mega Millions start at \$12 million. Other prizes range from \$2 to \$250,000. Tickets for Mega Millions are \$1. To play, players pick six numbers from two separate pools of numbers—five different numbers from 1 to 56 and one number from 1 to 46 (The Mega Ball)—or select Easy Pick. The game’s prize structure offers nine ways to win.

To add to the anticipation of the Mega Millions launch, the D.C. Lottery is the *only* local jurisdiction to offer the Megaplier option. For an extra \$1 per play, players can add the Megaplier. Prior to the Mega Millions drawing, the Megaplier number – ranging from two to four – is randomly selected. All prizes, except the jackpot, from winning tickets with the Megaplier option, will be multiplied by the Megaplier number, giving players a chance to quadruple their winnings up to \$1 million.

“Only at the D.C. Lottery will players have the opportunity to increase their winnings,” exclaimed Roogow. “Our players have multiplied their winnings with POWERBALL’s Power Play feature; now, they will be able to do the same with their Mega Millions featuring Megaplier prizes – only in Washington, D.C.”

The Multi-State Lottery Association, which manages the POWERBALL game, and the Mega Millions consortium recently reached an agreement on cross-selling POWERBALL and Mega Millions across U.S. lottery jurisdictions.

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Currently, the District of Columbia, 31 states, and the U.S. Virgin Islands sell POWERBALL. Twelve states currently sell Mega Millions.

“This alliance between lottery states translates into a new, exciting opportunity for our players and increased proceeds for essential city services benefiting District of Columbia residents and visitors,” added Roogow.

Mega Millions tickets will be available for purchase at all D.C. Lottery retailers, where players already purchase POWERBALL tickets and other games. The addition of Mega Millions to the D.C. Lottery’s suite of games is expected to generate \$19 million in sales during the first full fiscal year, with a forecast of \$8 million for the current fiscal year to benefit city-wide services funded by the District of Columbia General Fund.

The Mega Millions jackpot offers an annuity (26 annual payments) or cash option. Drawings are held weekly on Tuesday and Friday. Sales for Mega Millions began on May 15, 2002, and its first drawing was May 17, 2002. Mega Millions awarded North America’s largest jackpot, \$390 million, from its March 6, 2007, drawing.

Sales for POWERBALL began on April 19, 1992 and the first drawing was held on April 22, 1992. POWERBALL drawings are held weekly on Wednesday and Saturday. Jackpots start at \$20 million. The largest POWERBALL jackpot won was \$340 million from its October 19, 2005 drawing.

With Mega Millions and POWERBALL, the D.C. Lottery offers players two jackpots and four chances to win.

More information about Mega Millions and POWERBALL is available at dclottery.com.

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