



Over \$850,000 Arkansas Income Tax Withheld On Winning Powerball® Ticket

Little Rock – For immediate release Feb. 2, 2010 - \$850,754 in Arkansas Income Tax was withheld by the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery (ASL) from the winning Powerball® ticket sold for the drawing on January 2, 2010. The player claiming the prize selected the cash option of \$12,153,621.78

“The \$850,754 in Arkansas Income Tax withheld by the ASL from the winning ticket will be remitted, with other state income taxes on lottery prizes, to the Arkansas Department of Finance and Administration, and will be part of the budget that state lawmakers will appropriate separately from the Lottery Challenge Scholarship proceeds,” said Ernie Passailaigue, ASL Executive Director. “We all recognize that state tax collections are challenged right now because of this recession, so this will help other fund other critical budget needs of our State,” Passailaigue added.

About Powerball® and the Arkansas Scholarship Lottery:

Arkansas became the 31st state, along with the District of Columbia and the U.S. Virgin Islands, to offer the Powerball® game when ticket sales began on Saturday, October 31, 2009. For more information on Powerball, visit www.powerball.com.

The purpose of the ASL is to provide scholarships and grants to Arkansas residents enrolled in public and private nonprofit two-year and four-year colleges and universities within the state. At the end of December, 2009, the ASL reported net proceeds for college scholarships that exceeded \$29.2 million. For more information on the ASL, visit www.myarkansaslottery.com.