### LEGG MASON CAPITAL MANAGEMENT INC

Form SC 13G February 14, 2006

Securities and Exchange Commission Washington, D. C. 20549

Schedule 13G Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Centex Corporation
Common Stock
CUSIP Number 152312104

Date of Event Which Requires Filing of this Statement: December 31, 2005 Check the appropriate box to designate the rule pursuant to which this Schedule is filed: [ X ] Rule 13d-1(b) [ ] Rule 13d-1(c) [ ] Rule 13d-1(d) CUSIP No. 152312104 1) Name of reporting person: Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc. Tax Identification No.: 52-1268629 2) Check the appropriate box if a member of a group: a) x b) n/a 3) SEC use only Place of organization: 4) Maryland Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with: - 0 -5) Sole voting power: 8,504,600 Shared voting power: 6) - 0 -Sole dispositive power: 7) Shared dispositive power: 8,504,600 Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person: 9) 8,504,600 10) Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares:

Percent of class represented by amount in row (9):

CUSIP No. 152312104

11)

6.66%

IA, CO

Type of reporting person:

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Name of reporting person:
         1)
                  Legg Mason Funds Management, Inc.
               Tax Identification No.:
                   52-2268681
              Check the appropriate box if a member of a group:
                  b)
                        n/a
         3)
               SEC use only
                Place of organization:
         4)
                  Maryland
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:
                Sole voting power: - 0 - Shared voting power: 1,792,
         5)
                                           1,792,750
         6)
                Sole dispositive power: - 0 -
         7)
                Shared dispositive power: 1,792,750
         9)
                Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person:
                  1,792,750
         10)
               Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares:
         11)
                Percent of class represented by amount in row (9):
                  1.40%
                Type of reporting person:
         12)
                  IA, CO
CUSIP No. 152312104
              Name of reporting person:
         1)
                 LMM LLC.
               Tax Identification No.:
                   52-2204753
              Check the appropriate box if a member of a group:
                  a)
                         Х
                  b)
                         n/a
         3)
               SEC use only
               Place of organization:
         4)
                  Delaware
Number of shares beneficially owned by each reporting person with:
         5)
                Sole voting power: - 0 -
                Shared voting power:
Sole dispositive power:
                                           1,200,000
         7)
                                            - 0 -
         8)
                Shared dispositive power: 1,200,000
         9)
                Aggregate amount beneficially owned by each reporting person:
                 1,200,000
         10)
               Check if the aggregate amount in row (9) excludes certain shares:
                  n/a
         11)
                Percent of class represented by amount in row (9):
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0.94%

12) Type of reporting person: IA, OO Item 1a) Name of issuer: Centex Corporation Address of issuer's principal executive offices: Item 1b) 2728 N Harwood Dallas TX 75201 Name of person filing: Item 2a) Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc. Legg Mason Funds Management, Inc. LMM LLC. Item 2b) Address of principal business office: 100 Light Street Baltimore, MD 21202 Item 2c) Citizenship: Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc. Maryland corporation Legg Mason Funds Management, Inc. Maryland corporation LMM LLC. Delaware limited liability company Item 2d) Title of class of securities: Common Stock Item 2e) CUSIP number: 152312104 Item 3) If this statement is filed pursuant to Rule 13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b), check whether the person filing is a: Broker or dealer under Section 15 of the Act. | Bank as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act. (b) [ Insurance Company as defined in Section 3(a)(6) of the Act. (d)[ ] Investment Company registered under Section 8 of the Investment Company Act. (e)[ ] Investment Adviser registered under Section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940. ] Employee Benefit Plan, Pension Fund which is subject to ERISA (f)[ of 1974 or Endowment Funds; see 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(F). ] Parent holding company, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(ii)(G) (h)[X ] Group, in accordance with 240.13d-1(b)(1)(ii)(J). Item 4) Ownership: Amount beneficially owned: 11,497,350 (a) (b) Percent of Class: 9.00% (c) Number of shares as to which such person has: sole power to vote or to direct the vote: (i) - 0 -(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote: 11,497,350 (iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: - 0 -

- (iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition of: 11,497,350
- Item 5) Ownership of Five Percent or less of a class:  $\ensuremath{\text{n/a}}$
- Item 6) Ownership of more than Five Percent on behalf of another
   person:

Various accounts managed by the investment advisers identified in Item 8 have the right to receive or the power to direct the receipt of dividends from, or the proceeds from the sale of shares of the issuer. No such account owns more than 5% of the total outstanding shares.

- Item 8) Identification and classification of members of the group:
   Legg Mason Funds Management, Inc.-investment adviser
   Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc.-investment adviser
   LMM LLC. investment advisor
- Item 9) Notice of dissolution of group: n/a
- Item 10) Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date - February 14, 2006

Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc.

By\_\_\_\_\_\_Andrew J. Bowden, Senior Vice President

Legg Mason Funds Management, Inc.

By\_\_\_\_\_\_Andrew J. Bowden, Senior Vice President

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LMM LLC

Ву
Jennifer Murphy, Chief Operations Officer
Exhibit A  Joint Filing Agreement
This Joint Filing Agreement confirms the agreement by and among the undersigned that the Schedule 13G is filed on behalf of each member of the group identified in Item 8.
Legg Mason Capital Management, Inc.
ByAndrew J. Bowden, Senior Vice President
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