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M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC Continues to Track Effects of Arts Education with New Program Evaluation Project

ST. LOUIS, MO – September 24, 2007 – M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC, the St. Louis area’s leading evaluator of externally funded education projects, will investigate the outcomes of a collaboration between area schools and local arts organizations by evaluating a new project implemented by the Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra’s Education Department.

Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra’s “Adopt A School” Program, funded by the National Endowment of the Arts, aims to enhance young students’ understanding of and attitudes about music and support achievement in other subjects by sending musicians to area schools and bringing students to Powell Symphony Hall within an intensive music curriculum. An evaluation performed for an earlier implementation of the project found statistically significant increases in knowledge among students in the program compared to music students who were not part of the program.

The evaluation and research project will be led by M.A. Henry Consulting President, Martha A. Henry, EdD, and company CEO Keith S. Murray. Dr. Henry has headed the company for 13 years. She, Mr. Murray and the company staff offer expertise in education; research and evaluation of social science; health and education projects; and curriculum development. ###