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## **St. Louis' M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC Expands into National Evaluation Arena with Three New Contracts**

ST. LOUIS, MO – October 4, 2006 – M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC, the St. Louis area's leading evaluator of externally funded education projects, has signed on as evaluator for three new federal grants totaling \$9.3 million, expanding the firm's work to projects nationwide.

The three new projects are math and science partnerships, two funded by the National Science Foundation and one by the U.S. Department of Education. All three projects are multi-year efforts that focus on enhancing math or science teacher performance through intensive training and sustained support, ultimately improving student achievement.

Washington University in St. Louis' *Life Sciences Teacher Institute: Education for a Global Community* will work with high school biology teachers drawn from St. Louis Public Schools and from national recruitment. The University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign's *Institute for Chemistry Literacy and Computational Science for the 21st Century* will work with high school chemistry teachers across Illinois. *Strengthening Strands: Improving Math Content and Pedagogy in Middle School Teachers for Minidoka and Cassia Counties* will operate out of the College of Southern Idaho with the Idaho Department of Education.

The evaluation and research projects 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. ###