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M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC Awarded Evaluation Contracts Totalling \$450,000

ST. LOUIS, MO – December 15, 2005 – M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC, has announced the acquisition of evaluation contracts for science and arts education programs totaling \$450,000 from University of Missouri – Columbia, Washington University in St. Louis, Saint Louis Symphony Orchestra and Metro Theater Company, with evaluations to be led by the firm's president, Dr. Martha A. Henry, and CEO Keith S. Murray.

The University of Missouri – Columbia's A TIME for Physics First program is funded by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education in partnership with several partner school districts across Missouri. The \$2.4 million project is aimed at improving physics achievement among the state's ninth graders through teacher professional development. M.A. Henry Consulting will track the program's success in achieving its objectives.

M.A. Henry Consulting also is evaluating a community education program developed by Washington University, St. Louis Science Center, Missouri Botanical Garden and Saint Louis Zoo. The \$3.7 million program delivers science learning to grades Kindergarten through second grade to St. Louis area schools. The firm is charged with research and evaluation to test the project's effect on science knowledge and test scores.

The Saint. Louis Symphony's Adopt-A-School Program sends symphony musicians and education staff into schools to deliver semester-long educational programming to second graders in selected St. Louis Public Schools. The evaluation will investigate the program's effect on student knowledge and attitude about music, as a step in the St. Louis Symphony Orchestra's ongoing expansion of its education outreach efforts.

The Reaching All the Learners Through the Arts Program is a collaborative program between Metro Theater Company and Maryville University in which area teachers receive graduate credit for participating in a year-long course that addresses how the arts and arts techniques can be applied to enhance learning in all subjects. M. A. Henry Consulting will evaluate the program's effect on teachers' teaching methods and class activities.