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M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC Awarded Contract to Evaluate Six-Site Missouri Foundation for Health Childhood Asthma Program

ST. LOUIS, MO – October 2, 2008 – M.A. Henry Consulting, LLC, a leading evaluator of externally funded projects in the St. Louis area, has been awarded the external evaluation contract for the Missouri Foundation for Health *Childhood Asthma Linkages in Missouri (CALM)* Program, now operating through six five-year projects reaching 71 counties across Missouri.

Prevalence of childhood asthma has been on the rise over many years. The disease disproportionately affects children in low-income populations, minorities, and those living in remote rural communities and inner cities. The CALM grant projects represent community-based collaborations among community and school health professionals, physicians, clinics, hospitals and schools to address childhood asthma awareness and treatment, reduce barriers to care and reduce disabling asthma in children.

“With the economic challenges and reduced resources we now face, ensuring that privately and publicly supported programs are well designed and delivered becomes even more crucial,” Keith Murray, C.E.O. of M.A. Henry Consulting said. “Evaluation can help focus the effort and ensure that objectives are set and met. When children’s health is concerned, every dollar counts. The Missouri Foundation for Health is one of the few foundations in our region committed to building evaluation into its grants in this way.”

In accepting this evaluation contract, M.A. Henry Consulting extends its reach in the region and expands its services to the foundation- and government-funded health, social and education grantors and programs with which it partners. The firm is the

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