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M. A. Henry Consulting, LLC to Evaluate \$5 Million Statewide Missouri Education Research Project

ST. LOUIS, MO – September 15, 2009 – M.A. Henry Consulting, LLC, the St. Louis region’s leading provider of external evaluation of federal education programs, has contracted with the University of Missouri to evaluate the five-year, \$5 million National Science Foundation project A TIME for Freshman Physics, a statewide education research project in ninth grade physics.

A TIME for Freshman Physics is a Math and Science Partnership of the University of Missouri, school districts, Lincoln University, William Woods University, and a host of other organizations across the state. The project aims to increase teacher physics content and teaching and leadership skills, leading to improved student outcomes in physics and science course taking and career choices. The project is led by Meera Chandrasekhar, Curators' Teaching Professor of Physics and Astronomy at the University of Missouri-Columbia.

The evaluation team at M.A. Henry Consulting will work with the project team, faculty, participating teachers, school representatives, and others to ensure that the complex project runs according to plan and is well positioned to test and achieve its research objectives. Professional external evaluation has gained an increasingly important role in securing the best possible results from scarce resources to support education research.

“No other firm in the state has the experience we have in assisting these projects and representing the various stakes of the funders, teachers and students have in their success,” Dr. Martha Henry, President of M.A. Henry Consulting said in announcing the contract. “We love having the opportunity to once again work with Dr. Chandrasekhar and her team. We evaluated their previous three-year project leading up to this NSF grant, and reported on their positive results along side them at the national NSF conference in Washington.”

Along with Dr. Henry, Keith S. Murray, CEO of the firm, will serve as co-lead evaluators.

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