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## **NEH Grant Awarded to The Henry Ford for Promising, Distinctive Educational Program**

America's Industrial Revolution recognized as an engaging, educational project

(**Dearborn, MI – Nov. 10, 2010**) – The Henry Ford was recently awarded its sixth National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) Landmarks of American History and Culture Workshop for School Teachers Grant, the only organization in the state of Michigan to receive funding in this category again this year.

"We are proud of the impact these programs are making in the realm of education," said Paula Gangopadhyay, Director of Education at The Henry Ford, who will be leading both grant projects. "These national endorsements help us reach our goal, providing a wide variety of learning for teachers and students."

The American Industrial Revolution workshop at The Henry Ford supports two, one-week Landmarks workshops on America's Industrial Revolution for 80 school teachers. This topic is interpreted through the historic buildings and collections throughout The Henry Ford's Greenfield Village, including Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory, Hermitage Plantation Slave Quarters, 1880s Firestone Farm, a working railroad roundhouse, and a 19<sup>th</sup> century printing office.

Workshops offered by NEH provide the opportunity for K-12 summer scholars to engage in intensive study, and discussion of important topics in American history with nationally-recognized guest scholars, master teachers and The Henry Ford's host scholars. These one-week academies give summer scholars direct experiences in the interpretation of significant historical sites and the use of archival and other primary historical evidence. Upon conclusion of the workshops, summer scholars will incorporate these tools into lesson plans for use in their classrooms. Past participants found the programs to be educational, energizing and empowering.

## **About The Henry Ford**

The Henry Ford, located in Dearborn, Michigan was founded in 1929 by automotive pioneer Henry Ford. This history destination includes Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre, The Benson Ford Research Center and The Ford Rouge Factory Tour. The Henry Ford, America's Greatest History Attraction, is the history destination that brings the American experience to life. For more information, please visit our website thehenryford.org.