Teachers Can Get Their Own Backstage Pass to History at The Henry Ford Application deadline for educators is March 1, 2011

(**Dearborn, MI – February 23, 2011**) - Join K-12 educators, leading humanities scholars, museum historians and curators for a unique immersive learning opportunity that brings the Industrial Revolution to life. The National Endowment for the Humanities (NEH) summer workshops, *America's Industrial Revolution*, will be held at The Henry Ford, July 17-22 and August 7-12, 2011. Workshops are limited to 40 participants for each session, with a deadline for application by March 1, 2011. Participants earn a flat stipend of \$1200 for attending the full workshop and can additionally earn continuing education credits. For more information and application guidelines, visit <u>www.thehenryford.org/neh</u>.

Participants will explore the diverse ways that Americans experienced change at home and at work between the 1760s and 1920s through lectures, discussions, lesson-planning activities and visits to selected sites and exhibits at The Henry Ford including Thomas Edison's Menlo Park Laboratory, Hermitage Plantation Slave Quarters, 1760s Daggett Farm, 1880s Firestone Farm and the historic and fully operational D, T & M Roundhouse. Along with evening social activities, the workshops will culminate with a visit to the Ford Rouge Factory Tour to explore the rich history of the Rouge complex and witness the future of manufacturing through the assembly of the new F-150.

"The Henry Ford is the only site in the Midwest, and one of two in the nation, offering a dedicated workshop on the topic of the Industrial Revolution," said Paula Gangopadhyay, Director of Education at The Henry Ford. "Our workshops provide a uniquely-enriching, professional development experience that combines scholarly lectures with insightful talks from public historians and curators, behind-the-scenes tours and opportunities for collaborative lesson plan development. Past participants have found these programs to be educational, energizing and empowering."

Completed applications must be postmarked by March 1, 2011. For assistance in the application process, please contact Mary Wyatt, Associate Curator of Education at 313-982-6100, ext. 2261 or visit the website at www.thehenryford.org/neh.

About The Henry Ford

The Henry Ford, in Dearborn, Michigan, is the world's premier history destination and a National Historic Landmark that celebrates American history and innovation. Its mission is to provide unique educational experiences based on authentic objects, stories and lives from America's traditions of ingenuity, resourcefulness and innovation. Its purpose is to inspire people to learn from these traditions to help shape a better future. Five distinct attractions at The Henry Ford captivate more than 1.5 million visitors annually: Henry Ford Museum, Greenfield Village, The Ford Rouge Factory Tour, The Benson Ford Research Center and The Henry Ford IMAX Theatre. The Henry Ford is also home to Henry Ford Academy, a public charter high school which educates 485 students a year on the institution's campus and was founded in partnership with The Henry Ford, Ford Motor Company and Wayne County Public Schools. For more information please visit our website thehenryford.org.