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**GAMMA HEALTHCARE SELECTS MISSOURI ENTERPRISE  
TO PROVIDE CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT PROJECT**

Poplar Bluff, Missouri, February 17, 2006 – Gamma Healthcare, Inc. a multi location medical testing laboratory, assisted by Missouri Enterprise, has begun an extensive continuous improvement program, according to Jerrod Murphy, the company president.

The program includes both staff training and hands-on implementation support and is intended to help the company incorporate industry “best practices” and state-of-the-art techniques to enhance productivity, Murphy said.

Twenty-five year old Gamma Healthcare, with laboratories in Sikeston, St. Louis and Memphis, TN, as well as its Poplar Bluff headquarters, is southeast Missouri’s largest independent medical laboratory. The company currently provides service to clients in Missouri, Arkansas, Tennessee, Illinois, Oklahoma, and Kansas.

Gamma Healthcare is managed and operated by experienced medical professionals and maintains the highest standards of quality and service, using state of the art instrumentation and a rigorous in-house quality control program. Gamma Healthcare also participates in the external proficiency monitoring programs of the College of American Pathologists

The first phase of the program will introduce and train employees in “Lean Enterprise” principles. This introduction will demonstrate how “Lean Enterprise” tools reduce processing time, increase productivity and product quality and make better use of laboratory space by improving organization and material flow through the facility.

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Following the introductory training, Missouri Enterprise will assist the company's "Lean" team and management in developing current and future state value stream maps.

Value stream mapping is a "Lean Enterprise" tool used that creates a graphical representation of all the actions, both value added and non-value added that are part of the company's operation. A future state map is a guide to the things that can be done to improve how the company operates.

Based on the value stream maps created, Missouri Enterprise will help the Gamma's "Lean" team and management examine and prioritize continuous improvement opportunities; and will help the company conduct a series of very intensive and highly focused continuous improvement efforts, called Kaizen Events, to eliminate non-value added activities.

Missouri Enterprise Project Manager Jim Devereux will lead the Missouri Enterprise team assisting Gamma Healthcare, Inc.