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### AVANT ASSESSMENT REPRESENTATIVE HONORED WITH FOREIGN LANGUAGE SERVICE AWARD

**(EUGENE, Ore.) – February 26, 2008** – Ms. Dagmar Haney, a product specialist with Avant Assessment, was recently honored by the Board of Directors of the Colorado Congress of Foreign Language Teachers (CCFLT) with the prestigious Genevieve Overman Memorial Service Award. This annual award recognizes the significant dedication and contributions by a world language educator, both within the teaching profession and in service to the CCFLT.

Ms. Haney was nominated for this honor by several colleagues on the State World Language Advisory Council and by Pueblo (Colorado) school administrators who were familiar with her work supporting the German and Foreign Language programs through local, statewide and national initiatives.

Serving the foreign language teaching and assessment community for more than three decades in the classroom and through leadership on various language-related advisory panels and councils, Ms. Haney has established herself as a pacesetter in foreign language education. She has served as the World Language Coordinator for Pueblo City Schools, as chairman of the State World Language Advisory Council, as representative on the National Council of State Supervisors for Foreign Languages, in leadership positions with the CCFLT and as a delegate to the American Council on the Teaching of Foreign Languages (ACTFL).

“We are so pleased to see Dagmar honored with an award like this one from the CCFLT,” said David Bong, CEO of Avant Assessment. “Her tireless commitment to improving the quality of foreign language education is an inspiration to us all. We are delighted to have her on the team at Avant.”

After becoming familiar with Avant’s STAMP assessment tool and working with educators putting it to practical use in foreign language programs, Ms. Haney joined Avant as a representative, delivering presentations on language proficiency assessment and conducting STAMP workshops at conferences in the education field.

The company’s STAMP product is a Web-based test based on national standards that assess students’ language proficiencies from Novice-Low through Intermediate-Mid. The adaptive test reacts to the students’ levels of proficiency and automatically adjusts the difficulty level of the test items for each student. STAMP is used to assess middle school, high school and college level foreign language students, and can be used for placement and program review purposes.

Avant has rapidly emerged at the forefront of the language assessment field by combining proprietary technology with expertise in linguistics and assessment design. The company’s innovative Web-based, computer-adaptive approach to language assessment reduces test administration times and related costs, improves test reliability, provides faster reporting, and delivers more comprehensive test data.

#### **About Avant Assessment**

Avant Assessment was founded in 2001 in Eugene, Ore., as Language Learning Solutions. The company is a recognized leader in the Web-based language assessment field. Avant designs, develops, delivers, scores and reports four-skills, Web-based language assessments to meet the diverse needs of education, business and government. The company has an academic research partnership with the Center for Applied Second Language Studies (CASLS), a National Foreign Language Resource Center, at the University of Oregon and also works closely with other partners to deliver a suite of online language assessment tools for diverse fields.