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The Architectural Team, Inc. Awarded the Sara R. Delano Award for its Preservation Design of Whaler's Place Apartments

Chelsea, MA, July 13, 2007 – The Architectural Team's historic preservation and adaptive reuse design of the Whaler's Place Apartments in New Bedford, MA was recently honored with a Sara R. Delano Preservation Award by the New Bedford Waterfront Historic Area League (WHALE). The awards recognize New Bedford area individuals and organizations that have made outstanding contributions to the rehabilitation, restoration, and interpretation of the historic character and environment of Greater New Bedford.

The Architectural Team designed the historic preservation and conversion of the south portion of Mill #1 of the Whitman Mill into Whaler's Place, an affordable residential rental community for active adults ages 55 and older, for Winn Development of Boston, MA. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the two-story, 120,000 square foot building was renovated in compliance with the National Park Service guidelines. The design entailed the historic restoration of the masonry façade, and the recreation of a portion of the exterior façade. Additionally, the exposed heavy timber framing and floor boards were carefully restored. Whitman Mills, once a cotton textile manufacturing facility, now provides upscale affordable housing for independent seniors.

"We are delighted to be honored with the Sara R. Delano Preservation Award," said Robert J. Verrier, AIA, NCARB, Vice President and Managing Partner of The Architectural Team. "The award is a tribute to the firm's long-standing dedication to the thoughtful preservation of historic buildings and conversion to modern use. The development of Whaler's Place salvaged an abandoned historic building, giving us the opportunity to provide our client with a design solution to make the building valuable again with a new programmatic context."

Whaler's Place, which opened in December 2006, includes 75 affordable apartments that feature soaring timber beam ceilings, as well as several resident amenities, including a community room and cafe, fitness center, computer center, and billiards room.

Founded in 1971, The Architectural Team, Inc. (TAT) is a 60-person architectural firm that has successfully grown through its design excellence and commitment to responsive and collaborative client relationships. TAT has developed a portfolio of distinctive design solutions, which includes a broad range of building types and programs, and has earned the firm more than 60 awards for design excellence. These include the new construction of large urban mixed-use developments, residential, commercial, hospitality, recreational, and academic facilities, as well as a national reputation in the area of historic preservation and adaptive reuse. Located on the water on Admiral's Hill in Chelsea, Massachusetts, The Architectural Team's office occupies the restored historic Commandant's House originally built in the 1840s, on the grounds of the former Chelsea Naval Hospital site. For more information please go to www.architecturalteam.com

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