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With 35+ years of design expertise, The Architectural Team, Inc. puts its signature on Boston's distinctive neighborhoods

Chelsea, MA – Walk through any Boston neighborhood and you're likely to see a building that has been designed or renovated by The Architectural Team of Chelsea, MA. After more than 35 years, The Architectural Team (TAT) has developed a portfolio of distinctive design solutions which span a broad range of building types and programs. 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.

“Boston is the charismatic collective of unique interlocking neighborhoods. Our design solutions are often derived from the compelling characteristics of the neighborhood itself – inspiring designs that are historically appropriate and respectful of context,” says Robert J. Verrier, AIA, NCARB, principal and founding partner of The Architectural Team. “It has been a great honor to not only preserve and readapt buildings in Boston, but also to design exciting new developments that fit in well with the City's historic landscape, and in doing so, create opportunities for community revitalization.”

In Boston's newly emerging Bulfinch Triangle – where the removal of the Route 93 overpass has transformed the area into a prosperous and enlivened neighborhood with hotels, restaurants and new residences – TAT is responsible for the design of two significant developments, the award winning design of West End Place and the Buildings at Lovejoy Wharf. The Buildings at Lovejoy Wharf include the adaptive reuse of an existing nine-story building and the design of a new 14-story building to create a stunning new, mixed-use development where the Charles River meets Boston Harbor.

Travel down the waterfront to the North End where TAT designed Battery Wharf, the new mixed-use development currently being heralded as “the most extraordinary waterfront living available” in Boston. The 475,000 square foot waterfront destination point for residents and visitors alike includes 104 luxury condominiums, a 5-star Regent hotel, fitness center and Guerlain spa, retail space, underground parking and a public waterfront promenade. Battery Wharf extends the existing street grid and neighborhood fabric in a natural way to the water; in this way, the view down Battery Street in the North End extends through the site, directly to the harbor. There will be tie-ups for boats, a water taxi, and public facilities including a Coast Guard museum to draw the public into the site.

Battery Wharf is directly adjacent to another TAT waterfront design, Lincoln Wharf, which TAT converted from a 1920s coal fired electric power plant into the 192 unit San Marco/Lincoln Wharf condominiums. Across Boston Harbor in Charlestown, Building 114 was the sawmill of a former Navy joinery shop which TAT adapted into a 100,000 square foot state-of-the-art biomedical research facility for Partners HealthCare. The development won coveted awards from both the Massachusetts Historical Commission and Boston Preservation Alliance.

In the heart of Boston's Back Bay neighborhood, The Jurys Boston Hotel is The Architectural Team's renovation of and addition to the former Boston Police Headquarters, which they converted into a four-star luxury hotel for Jurys Doyle Hotel Group, plc, of Dublin, Ireland and the Saunders Hotel Group of Boston. As part of this development, The Architectural Team preserved the architectural integrity of the existing building's exterior while accommodating a luxurious full-service hotel program within a tight building footprint, earning the firm a Preservation Achievement Award from the Boston Preservation Alliance. In nearby Chinatown, The Architectural Team's design of The Metropolitan, a 23-story mixed-use, mixed-income development, includes rental apartments, condominiums, retail, commercial, and community program space, underground parking and a public courtyard.

In Roxbury, TAT designed the complete renovation and expansion of the existing The Yawkey Club of Roxbury Boys & Girls Club – one of four Boys and Girls Club facilities that the firm has designed – to include a new computer clubhouse, fitness room, commercial kitchen, expanded game room and teen lounge. This appropriately distinguished design response is respectful of the scale and surrounding architectural elements – much like their award-winning Gerald and Darlene Jordan Boys & Girls Club of Chelsea, recognized for innovative educational facility design. In each of these instances, these developments successfully transformed overlooked city districts, enriched the built environment and enlivened neighborhoods with sensitivity to community concerns.

“The Architectural Team's designs have done so much to improve the image of not only the Boys & Girls Clubs of Boston, but for these types of facilities nationwide. TAT creates a powerful image that works – a design and style that is easily understood, is upscale and expressive without being excessive, and most importantly, is obviously focused on youth learning and fun,” says R. Leslie Nichols, AIA, vice president of club safety & design, Boys & Girls Club of America. “The Architectural Team's design of several Boston area Boys & Girls Club clubhouses demonstrates their ability to transform the program's image into their designs. In fact, we feature The Architectural Team's design of the Jordan Boys & Girls Club in Chelsea as our signature club on the Boys & Girls Clubs of America's Building Services web site. It's a fantastic example of a great, kid-friendly design.”

In Dorchester, TAT also designed The Ray and Joan Kroc Corps Community Center of Boston, one of eight new Salvation Army centers nationally, a development that will be one of Boston's largest and most comprehensive community centers, including both indoor and outdoor program space. In that same area, TAT also redesigned the existing MBTA parcel at Ashmont Commons and created the new design of The Carruth, a new Transit-

Oriented Development (TOD) being built as part of the MBTA's Ashmont Station which has enlivened the community and brought new businesses to the area.

North of Boston, TAT designed the rehabilitation and adaptive reuse of The East Mill Building and portions of The Boott Mills Complex into 154 residential units. Incorporated in 1835, Boot Mills is one of the oldest surviving and most architecturally significant millyards in the U.S. and is the cornerstone of Lowell's National Historic Park. For TAT's design portions of Boott Mills, they were awarded the 2006 J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation from the National Housing & Rental Association.

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 numerous historic renovation developments, which have established 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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