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Boston Architectural College Honors Founder of The Architectural Team with Distinguished Alumni Award**Local architect recognized for his life-work commitment**

Chelsea, MA, January 28, 2008 – Robert J. Verrier, AIA, NCARB, founding principal and managing partner of The Architectural Team, Inc. was recently honored with the Boston Architectural College's Distinguished Alumni in Practice Award at the BAC's Alumni reception at the "Build Boston" convention in Boston. The prestigious annual award honors a fellow graduate of Boston Architectural College for his or her significant design achievements and contributions to the profession of architecture.

Bob Verrier was cited as an exemplary architect, volunteer and visionary. Through Verrier's practice of architecture, his achievements were reflective of all that is good about the BAC. "As an architect, designer and builder of the human environment Bob Verrier's work is testimony to what one person can achieve," said Tom Landsmark, President, Boston Architectural College. "The design of more than 45,000 units of housing are impressive career statistics which alone do not reflect the depth of Bob's life-work commitment to making the world a better place in which to work, to learn, to live, to grow."

"The Architectural Team has been driven by a commitment to exceptional design and an unyielding focus on achieving client objectives. While our work has been honored with many awards, we are most proud of our clients' successes and many long-standing relationships," said Verrier, "I am truly honored to have been nominated for this award by my peers."

Verrier's work has been a hallmark of The Architectural Team's practice for 35+ years; he is an exemplary leader in historic preservation and adaptive reuse, having designed dozens of award-winning certified historic buildings. Among many distinctions, Verrier was personally honored by President Ronald Reagan with a National Historic Preservation Award for the preservation and adaptive reuse of the Baker Chocolate Factory in Dorchester Lower Mills, MA. The Architectural Team is also a two-time consecutive winner of the J. Timothy Anderson "Timmy" Awards for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation by the National Housing and Rehabilitation Association for their design of Whaler's Place Apartments in New Bedford and the historic conversion of The Apartments at Boott Mills in Lowell, MA. Other recent and notable developments include Battery Wharf, Jurys Boston Hotel, Curry College Academic and Performance Center, West End Place, Arlington 360 – a redevelopment of the former Symmes Hospital site, and The Metropolitan in Chinatown.

Verrier is a member of the American Institute of Architects, Boston Society of Architects, Boston Preservation Alliance, National Trust for Historic Preservations, Massachusetts Charitable Mechanics Association and serves on the Board of Overseers for Boston Architectural College. He has lived in Lexington for more than 40 years with his wife Carmen of 44 years.

Verrier co-founded The Architectural Team, Inc. (TAT) in 1971, and has successfully grown the firm through design excellence and a commitment to responsive and collaborative client relationships. TAT's distinctive design solutions span a broad range of development categories – from an award-winning heritage of historic preservation and adaptive reuse design excellence to an innovative and compelling new construction portfolio. TAT creates uniquely suited and inspiring designs in diverse sectors: high-end mixed use, residential, commercial, hospitality, recreation, healthcare and academia. Situated atop Admiral's Hill in Chelsea, Massachusetts, TAT's office is located within 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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