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**The Architectural Team honored with Paul E. Tsongas Award from Preservation Massachusetts**

**Chelsea, MA,** May 13, 2008 – The Architectural Team (TAT) has received a Paul E. Tsongas Award from Preservation Massachusetts for its historic renovation and conversion designs of Whaler's Place Apartments in New Bedford, MA and Baker Square II in Dorchester Lower Mills, MA. TAT shares the award with WinnDevelopment of Boston, and Keith Construction of Stoughton, MA, developer and contractor, respectively, of the developments. The Tsongas Award, which recognizes exceptional efforts in promoting historic preservation across the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, was presented at an awards dinner on May 7, 2008.

Completed in 2007, Whaler's Place Apartments involved the conversion of the Whitman Mill No. 1 into a 75-unit affordable residential community for active adults aged 55 years and older. Listed on the National Register of Historic Places, the 120,000 square foot former cotton textile mill building was constructed in 1895 and employed 1,750 people during its business peak.

Located in the Dorchester Lower Mills Industrial historic District, Baker Square II entails the conversion of three of the last remaining buildings of the Walter Baker Chocolate Factory complex – Mill No. 4, the powerhouse, and the refrigeration plant, into 61 apartments. TAT previously completed the conversion of the Baker Chocolate Factory into a 142-unit apartment community, and the factory administration building into Baker Chocolate Lofts, which features 13 artist lofts and community space. TAT's historic rehabilitation of the Baker Chocolate Factory complex over the last 20 years has been instrumental in rejuvenating the historic manufacturing plant into a thriving and architecturally rich residential and commercial neighborhood.

Founded in 1971, The Architectural Team, Inc. (TAT) is a 50-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](http://www.architecturalteam.com).

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