

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**T 617.889.4402 E [mediarelations@architecturalteam.com](mailto:mediarelations@architecturalteam.com)**The Architectural Team, Inc. honored with 2009 J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation for Baker Square II**

**Chelsea, MA, December 31, 2009** – The National Housing + Rehabilitation Association (NH+RA) recently honored The Architectural Team, Inc., with a 2009 J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation for the firm's outstanding historic rehabilitation of Baker Square II in Dorchester, Massachusetts. Awards were presented to ten of twenty-two national finalists based on overall design and quality, interpretation and respect of historic elements, innovative approach to construction and use of building materials, impact on the community and financial and market success of the project. Baker Square II won for Best Mixed-Income Residential.

The J. Timothy Anderson Awards, also known as the “Timmy Awards,” were created in memory of Boston architect and preservation advocate J. Timothy Anderson, and honor outstanding development projects throughout the United States that involve both the rehabilitation of historic buildings and the federal historic rehabilitation tax credit.

Established in 1765, The Baker Chocolate Company has been a dominant presence in the Lower Mills area of the Neponset River since the turn of the twentieth century. In 1965 the business relocated to Delaware, leaving more than fourteen acres of land and buildings abandoned. The Architectural Team has been successfully restoring and renovating the vast Baker Chocolate Mills Complex in three phases; Baker Mill and the Carriage House were among the last derelict mills to be restored.

The Baker Square II project involves the adaptive reuse of two buildings; Winn Development and The Architectural Team preserved the historic character of the buildings while creating sixty one-and-two bedroom units of high-quality rental apartments, 10% of which are affordable. A public path along the Neponset River, complete with a canoe launch, was also created. Baker Mill and the Carriage House have been carefully restored to reflect their original splendor. Their preservation was a major step in completing the rehabilitation of the mills that made up the historic Baker Chocolate Factory.

“The firm is extremely honored to receive a Timmy Award for Baker Square II,” said Robert J. Verrier, AIA, Vice President and Managing Principal at The Architectural Team. “Our portfolio includes more than 200 historic conversion designs -- and this award is testament to our continued commitment and dedication to restoring historical elements in these significant buildings while revitalizing them to new use.”

In 2007 The Architectural Team was honored with a Timmy Award for Whaler's Place Apartments, a \$17 million conversion of the Whitman Mill No. 1 into an 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. Whaler's Place, completed in late 2006, includes 75 apartments. In 2006, the firm was honored with a Timmy Award for the historic conversion of The Apartments at Boott Mills in Lowell, MA.

Founded in 1971, The Architectural Team, Inc. (TAT) is a 55-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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