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Whaler's Place Receives National Communities of Quality® Award for Highest Quality Multifamily Housing Nationwide from NAHMA

Chelsea, MA, February 4, 2010 – Whaler's Place in New Bedford, Mass, won the 2009 Communities of Quality® Awards for Exemplary Development for the Elderly from The National Affordable Housing Management Association (NAHMA). The award acknowledges excellence in the physical, financial and social condition of federally subsidized properties. In addition, the community, which was designed by The Architectural Team and developed by WinnResidential, was honored on the basis of the quality of life they offer to residents; the level of resident involvement in community life; and the nature of collaborations with other organizations and agencies that contribute to the lives of residents and the larger community.

“Being named a National Community of Quality® Award winner is very significant to our members and to the affordable housing industry,” said Kris Cook, executive director of NAHMA, which represents affordable housing managers and owners nationwide. “It takes a stand-out property to win one of these national awards, and the competition process itself requires considerable time, effort and documentation on the part of entrants.”

This year's winners were chosen from properties that qualified for the competition after achieving National Recognition from NAHMA as a Community of Quality®. This means that they exceeded the challenging criteria properties must meet to achieve National Recognition by 100 points.

The COQ awards will be presented at NAHMA's annual winter meeting, March 14-16, 2010, in Washington, D.C, and are co-sponsored by HD Supply™ Multifamily Solutions, a leading supplier of maintenance and renovation products to the multi-housing industry.

About The Architectural Team, Inc.

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 75 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.

About NAHMA

NAHMA is the leading voice for affordable housing, advocating on behalf of multifamily property managers and owners whose mission is to provide quality affordable housing. NAHMA holds a unique position in the industry as an advocate for professional standards. It supports legislative and regulatory policy that promotes the development and preservation of decent and safe affordable housing. It also is a vital resource for technical education and information and fosters strategic relations between government and industry. Founded in 1990,

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