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Robert J. Verrier, AIA, Honored for Lifetime Achievement in Affordable Housing Design
Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston Names Verrier 2010 American Dream Award Honoree

Chelsea, MA, May 11, 2010 – Robert J. Verrier, AIA, founder and Managing Principal of The Architectural Team, Inc. was named an honoree of the *2010 American Dream Award* by Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston for his accomplishments in the design of affordable housing. The annual award is presented to those individuals who have made a significant impact in eliminating poverty housing in keeping with Habitat's mission of providing safe and affordable housing for families. Verrier is being honored along with Steve Pagliuca, Managing Director at Bain Capital and co-owner of the Boston Celtics.

"Habitat for Humanity is proud to be honoring Bob Verrier for his extensive contributions to affordable housing design and construction and his extraordinary dedication to improving Boston and its surrounding communities," said Lark Palermo, President and CEO, Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, Inc.

For over 38 years, Verrier has received numerous housing design awards and has been the Architect of Record for over 250 affordable housing development projects; providing more than 45,000 units of housing to families throughout the United States. Several of these projects became the national models for providing high-quality mixed income housing that strive to revitalize blighted areas, and include notable Boston area developments such as West End Place—winner of the *New England Regional Design Merit Award* from the American Institute of Architects, and the historic conversion of Baker Chocolate Factory complex in Dorchester Lower Mills—winner of seven historic preservation awards including the *prestigious J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Preservation* by the National Housing and Rehabilitation Association. Verrier also completed The Metropolitan, an award-winning 23 story mixed income tower in Boston's Chinatown as well as Whaler's Place Apartments in New Bedford—winner of the *National Communities of Quality® Award for Exemplary Development for the Elderly* from the National Affordable Housing Management Association.

Previous Habitat for Humanity award recipients recognized for their contributions to the Habitat mission include Senator John Kerry, Boston Mayor Thomas Menino, the late Jack Kemp, former U.S. Housing Secretary, and Larry Lucchino, President and CEO of the Boston Red Sox. Verrier and Pagliuca will be presented with the award at Habitat's American Dream Awards Breakfast fundraiser on October 7, 2010.

For more information about The Architectural Team and Robert Verrier, please visit www.architecturalteam.com;
or for additional information about Habitat for Humanity Greater Boston, please visit www.habitatboston.org.

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.

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