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**Bourne Mill Apartments, Designed by The Architectural Team, Earns Prestigious J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation**

*Underscoring the firm's capabilities in historic preservation and adaptive reuse, The Architectural Team has served as architect for Bourne Mills Apartments, winner of NH&RA's prestigious "Timmy Award" for outstanding rehabilitation and preservation.*

**Chelsea, MA, October 28, 2010** – Adding to a long list of honors for its expertise in the preservation and adaptive reuse of historic American buildings, The Architectural Team has announced that Bourne Mill Apartments – a mixed-income residential development adapted from an 1891 cotton mill in Tiverton, R.I. – has earned a 2010 J. Timothy Anderson Award for Excellence in Historic Rehabilitation.

The award, presented last week by the Washington, D.C.-based National Housing & Rehabilitation Association (NH&RA) to EA Fish Development at a luncheon at the Boston College Club, honors a historic project that utilizes low-income housing tax credits. Bourne Mill Apartments was selected as a national finalist along with fourteen other projects in six categories.

According to NH&RA, "The 'Timmy Awards' honor outstanding rehabilitation and preservation projects based on overall design and quality, interpretation and respect of historic elements, impact on the community, and financial and market success." NH&RA created the honors as a tribute to Boston architect and preservation advocate J. Timothy Anderson, a singular figure in the preservation industry pioneering the adaptive reuse of historic buildings.

"Our success with Bourne Mills Apartments came from the collaborative effort and genuine partnership of the entire development team, including the developer EA Fish, the contractor Dellbrook Construction, MacRostie Historic Advisors and Peabody Properties," said Michael Binette, AIA, principal of The Architectural Team, which served as architect. "However, if it weren't for the vision of Ed Fish, a legendary developer who believed in 'doing good by doing well,' this kind of project might never happen."

Binette added that Bourne Mill Apartments shows how to create new affordable housing while reducing the energy and environmental impact of new property development. “The award draws new attention to how recycling historic structures into mixed-income communities is synonymous with sustainability today,” said Binette.

Bourne Mill Apartments was developed using historic structures of granite and red brick that once marked the capital of cotton manufacturing in North America. Milling operations ceased in 1961, and redevelopment began only in recent years. The completed project, said to be drawing a waiting list of prospective tenants, boasts 166 units with arched doorways, restored historic windows and modern amenities.

For The Architectural Team, the honor for Bourne Mills is the latest in a long career of award-winning historic preservation and adaptive-reuse projects, including more than 150 structures certified as historic landmarks by the National Parks Service.

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