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STARKVILLE DEVELOPER WINS BEST IN MISSISSIPPI AWARDS

JACKSON, Miss. – The Home Builders Association of Mississippi (HBAM) recently announced the winners of its eighteenth annual Best in Mississippi Awards on November 14 during ceremonies held at Colonial Country Club. Jeremy Tabor of Tabor Construction & Development in Starkville took home awards in several categories. Entries from around the State were submitted and winners were selected by a confidential panel of five judges consisting of a builder, an architect, an educator in a construction-related field and two at-large.

Winning “Best Multi-Family Renovation Under 50 Units” was Jeremy Tabor’s entry the Lofts Condominiums at Central Station in Starkville. This multi-year project that began in 2008 has been ripe for rewards because of its unique, multi-faceted redevelopment of the former Borden Dairy Production plant with “great bones.” Tabor received a Best in Mississippi Award for Commercial Building Remodeling for the first phase of the project in 2010, when he turned the street-level floor into a retail storefront that showcased original architectural elements. Last spring, he began Phase 2, which included residential loft condominiums. The result: a unique loft design in the heart of a thriving college town. The residential loft condominiums’ design includes an open layout with a custom kitchen, roomy dining island, stainless steel appliances



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and backsplash contrasted by quartz countertops. Completing the vintage look are 17-foot ceilings, exposed brick walls, cable rail stairwells, a tongue-and-groove ceiling, hickory wood floors, and linen series tile.

Jeremy & Larry Tabor received the “Best Multi-Family Renovation with More than 50 Units” for The University Club Condominiums in Starkville. Magic was made with the former Ramada Inn located across the boulevard from the Mississippi State University Campus. Originally constructed in 1970, the inn closed in 2009, leaving behind plenty of wear and tear from constant traffic. The 100-room hotel was converted to 52 residential condominiums. They include 1-bedroom, 1-bath floor plans. Infrastructure renovations included the replacement of all windows, doors, plumbing, electric, HVAC, fixtures, hardware, sheetrock, insulation, roofing and fire sprinklers. Interior luxury finishes include espresso-finished cabinetry, granite countertops, stainless steel appliances, and under-cabinet lighting. Handmade furniture, BBQ grills, and green space highlights a community pavilion that turns into tailgating fun for home games.

Jeremy Tabor also walked away with the “Best Commercial Building Renovation” for The Lofts Office Suites in Starkville’s Central Station. During the beginning of Phase 2 of the dairy plant renovation, he also developed a collaborative incubator-style commercial space spanning 4,300 square feet on the second floor that overlooks downtown Starkville. He was careful to retain important architectural elements that added character to the workspace with



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original hardwood flooring, beams, exposed brick, pipes, fire doors and emergency ladders. He also provided secure access to the building for its tenants, extensive use of common areas, and a fully refurbished original elevator.

The Home Builders Association of Mississippi is a 2,200-member statewide trade association that serves as the voice of the Mississippi housing industry, sponsors the Best in Mississippi Building and Remodeling Awards.

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