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DOWNTOWN DALLAS HISTORIC PRESERVATION TASK FORCE TO RECEIVE 2016 HONOR AWARD

Austin, Texas — Preservation Texas, Inc. has announced that the Downtown Dallas Historic Preservation Task Force will receive its 2016 Alamo Award on February 18, 2016. The Alamo Award will be presented at a special ceremony at the historic State Theatre on Congress Avenue in Austin as part of the Preservation Texas 2016 Summit.

The Alamo Award recognizes that not all preservation battles are successful. The award honors a valiant effort on behalf of historic preservation that did not have positive results, but succeeded in securing a commitment to preservation in the community.

The demolition of several historic downtown Dallas commercial buildings in the fall of 2014 shocked and surprised the preservation community statewide. Preservation Texas responded by including downtown National Register districts in Texas as endangered places, recognizing that many lack effective legal protection.

More importantly, the City of Dallas convened its Downtown Dallas Historic Preservation Task Force. The Task Force worked diligently to produce balanced recommendations to better protect historic buildings in a way that does not impede appropriate new development. The implementation of these recommendations is making a critical difference today.

“Dallas has always had strong preservation leadership, but after the fall of 2014 we have seen an awakening in the wider community about the importance of preserving the historic resources of Dallas,” said Preservation Texas executive director Evan Thompson. “The success of the Task Force is evident in the new momentum that preservation has in Dallas.”

Founded in 1985, Preservation Texas is a member-supported non-profit historic preservation advocacy and education organization based in Austin, Texas. The organization does not receive any government funding.

For more information, visit www.PreservationTexas.org or call 512-472-0102.