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ADAPTIVE USE OF AMARILLO WAREHOUSE TO RECEIVE 2016 HONOR AWARD

Austin, Texas — Preservation Texas, Inc. has announced that the rehabilitation of the M&L Transfer & Storage Warehouse in Amarillo, Texas, will receive a 2016 Honor Award on February 18, 2016. The Honor 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.

Located at 202 South Arthur Street, the building began its life about 1916 as a warehouse for M&L Transfer and Storage, the oldest family owned moving and storage warehouse facility in Amarillo formed in 1908. Over the years, several companies used the warehouse, which was popular for its proximity to the railroad tracks.

Today the warehouse has a new life as the home of the Davidson Oil Company. Offices were designed to show the bones of the original warehouse. Repurposed materials are design elements, while original skylight openings in the mezzanine bring natural light to the interior. A dramatic stairway uses railroad track along the sides as a reference to the nearby rail lines. A Willborn Tank Manufacturing cattle tank was used to create a massive ceiling element in the main entryway.

“Historic warehouses are simple, strong and durable buildings, with large, open interior spaces that offer a great deal of flexibility for new uses,” said Preservation Texas executive director Evan Thompson. “This award-winning conversion project provides a 21st century working environment that maintains a century-old link to Amarillo’s industrial past.”

The project team included the owner Davidson Oil Company and architect Chuck Lynch, AIA.

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.