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### **Fryling Construction accepts the 2008 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation**

Lansing, MI – (May 19, 2008) Just six months ago, Fryling Construction announced the proud completion of the Armory Artswalk Lofts in Jackson, Michigan. This historic preservation was unlike any other rehabilitation project Fryling had done before, it was a conversion of the locally prominent 1839 Jackson State Prison into apartment units for a visual arts community. This extraordinary transformation included renovating three historic prison buildings into 62 living units with adjoining workspace studios shared by resident artists, artisans and designers.

The Armory Arts Village is truly a one of a kind venture that Fryling Construction was honored to collaborate in.

It is clear why the Armory Artswalk project received the 2008 Governor's Award for Historic Preservation. The awards are to recognize the outstanding historic preservation achievements that reflect commitment to preserving Michigan communities. The Michigan Historical Center, part of the State of Michigan's Department of History, Arts, and Libraries, began the award program in 2003 to appreciate efforts to sustain Michigan's unique character through preserving the many cultural resources that document Michigan's history.

"Leveraging and protecting our historic resources is an important component in our ongoing efforts to ensure that Michigan communities are vibrant, interesting places to live, work and play," said Governor Jennifer M. Granholm (Source: Brian D. Conway, State Historic Preservation Officer).

Seven Awards were granted to historic renovation projects spread from all over the State, more information can be found at <http://www.michigan.gov/hal>. The nominations were recommended to the governor by the State Historic Preservation Review Board in consultation with the State Historic Preservation Office, Michigan Historical Center.

Fryling Construction is a full-service construction firm with more than 65 years of experience throughout West and Central Michigan.

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