

**Case Studies: Three Construction Projects in
Columbia That Would Not Have Happened Without
Historic Preservation Tax Credits.**

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Ragtag Cinema/Café 2007

Rehabilitation of 1932 Coca Cola Bottling Company building in downtown Columbia. **\$2 million in project costs.**

Over 60,000 hours in construction labor costs were expended representing jobs for many skilled workers in Central Missouri. These workers Columbia, Jefferson City, Harrisburg, Higbee, Fulton, Mokane, Ashland, Eldon, Russellville, California, Boonville and many other rural areas.

Missouri Theatre Center for the Arts 2007/2008

Rehabilitation of a 1928 movie theater to create an up to date theatrical center for performing arts and community center. **\$10 million in project costs.**

Over 350 workers representing the following communities: Columbia, Jefferson City, Lohman, Moberly, Harrisburg, Arnold, LaPlata, Lake St. Louis, Warrensburg worked on this project. Over 11 unions were represented including Carpenters #1925 & #945; Laborers Union #955 & #662; Operating Engineers # 513; Ironworkers # 396; Roofers Local #20; Sheet metal local #36; Pipefitters and Plumbers local #562; Painters Local #1185.

Berry Building Warehouse 2008/2009

Full rehabilitation of a three-story 1920s warehouse into 12 apartments; a ten thousand square foot fitness center and various commercial retail spaces. **\$3 million in project costs.**

This project will provide over **\$1 million** for construction labor, which represents 50,000 hours of good paying jobs for skilled workers in Missouri. Communities represented by these jobs are Columbia, Jefferson City, Montgomery City, Boonville, Harrisburg, Hallsville, Higbee, Springfield, Eldon, and Russellville.

- Most projects utilizing historic tax credits require highly skilled craftsmen. As a result, most of the wages paid are higher than those found on new construction projects. **THESE ARE GOOD PAYING, BLUE COLLAR JOBS.**
- With the current economic slump, commercial construction projects utilizing historic tax credits are some of the only projects occurring in Central Missouri.