



## ALABAMA HISTORICAL COMMISSION PRESS RELEASE

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### **A PROJECT IN JEFFERSON COUNTY APPROVED FOR FEDERAL TAX CREDITS**

In September 2016 the Mack Truck Garage project in Birmingham, Alabama, was approved by the National Park Service for the twenty-percent federal rehabilitation tax credit program.

The Mack Truck Garage is a contributing resource in the Southside Historic District in Birmingham.



Constructed in 1924, the one-story masonry structure was built for the Mack International Truck Company as a branch headquarters and garage. It was later expanded in 1946 as the Liberty Motors dealership increased their service department.

DataPerk, a technology company, began rehabilitating the building in 2014. The former industrial space was transformed into a vibrant workplace and event venue.



The band of infilled storefront and window openings along 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue South were restored to their historic appearance. Natural light plays a big role in creating a productive work

environment. The lofty interiors with exposed steel trusses and wood roof joists are highlighted in both the office and event spaces with a thoughtful design which allows the historic character of the building to dominate.

The National Park Service oversees the Preservation Tax Incentive program jointly with the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). To qualify, the building has to be listed in the National Register, either individually or in a historic district. Additionally, the property must be used for income-producing purposes. For more information concerning standards and guidelines please visit [www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm](http://www.nps.gov/tps/tax-incentives.htm) and [http://preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx?sm=i\\_b](http://preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx?sm=i_b)

The Alabama Historical Commission manages the program for the National Park Service in the state of Alabama. The Commission administers the federal restoration guidelines so the historic materials and look of the building remain.

Renovating and reusing these historic buildings is a win-win situation for the owner and the community.

To learn more about the tax incentive, visit [www.preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx](http://www.preserveala.org/taxcredits.aspx) or contact Chloe Mercer at 334-230-2669/ [chloe.mercer@ahc.alabama.gov](mailto:chloe.mercer@ahc.alabama.gov).

### **About the Alabama Historical Commission**

Located in historic downtown Montgomery at 468 S. Perry Street, the Alabama Historical Commission is the state historic preservation agency for Alabama. The agency was created by an act of the state legislature in 1966 with a mission of safeguarding Alabama's historic buildings and sites. The Commission is tasked with the acquisition and preservation of historic properties and educating the public about historic sites in Alabama. For a complete list of properties owned and operated by the AHC, hours of operation, and admission fees please visit [www.ahc.alabama.gov](http://www.ahc.alabama.gov)

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