



## **Bruno Associates to celebrate 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary during NJLM Conference in Atlantic City, NJ**

**Clifton, NJ, November 10, 2008:** Bruno Associates, Inc., headquartered in Clifton, NJ, is proud to announce that it will celebrate 40 years as one of New Jersey's oldest, family-owned grant and public relations consulting firms during a special reception to be held during the 2008 New Jersey League of Municipalities Conference in Atlantic City, NJ, Nov. 18-21, 2008.

Bruno Associates was founded by current CEO John R. Bruno who recognized that municipalities were not accessing their share of federal and state funding simply because they did not have the manpower to research, write and submit grant applications. Since its establishment in 1968, Bruno Associates has emerged as a foremost authority in grant procurement for municipalities and counties, public school districts, educational institutions, and non-profit organizations. The company has helped to secure more than \$500 million dollars in funding to improve public safety, redevelop neighborhoods, develop parks and recreational opportunities, empower small businesses, enrich education and protect our natural resources.

Over the years, Bruno, a Rutherford resident and Nutley native, has collaborated with a diverse group of community leaders in order to improve the quality of life in municipalities throughout New Jersey. From spearheading the Essex County Anti-Gang Regional Task Force and serving as a key partner in Census 2000 to chairing his town's Recreation Commission for 15 years and contributing to many charitable organizations, Bruno is one of the Garden State's most recognized business professionals and a long-time fixture at the NJLM conference.

"Forty years is a long time," said Bruno, who is anticipating his 30th trip to the 93rd Annual NJLM Conference. "I've seen administrations change, policies shift, and populations double in size. But what has always remained the same is the need for our communities to look for alternative ways to raise funds without raising taxes. I am proud of the role I've played in making this happen."

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