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CHICAGO, March 10, 2009 / PR Newswire/ - Buccino & Associates, Inc., one of America's premier financial and strategic advisory firms, is pleased to announce that Gerard J. Buccino has joined the firm and will be based in our Chicago, Illinois office.

Prior to joining the firm, Gerard was at a large Midwestern bank in various financial capacities including, asset-liability management, chief investment officer and wholesale funding. He was also an integral part of its mergers and acquisitions team. His most recent role as Chief Investment Officer included the planning and execution of a \$1 billion deleverage transaction that improved capital and operating margins. Gerard was also a member of the bank's commercial loan committee. The bank focused on C&I as well as commercial real estate credits with exposures up to \$50 million. Gerard earned his Bachelor's in Accounting from Marquette University and his MBA (Summa Cum Laude) from the University of Chicago Graduate School of Business in 1996. He also is a Certified Public Accountant.

Gerald P. Buccino Chairman and CEO of the firm said, "We are pleased to have Gerard on our team and I am particularly proud to have my son in the firm. The combination of Gerard's banking and finance skills, combined with our firm's significant capabilities enable us to provide a greater range of consulting services for our clients."

About Buccino & Associates Inc.,

Founded in 1981, Buccino & Associates, Inc. is one of America's premier strategic and financial consulting firms providing clients comprehensive advisory services designed to enhance cash flow and position companies for long-term profitability. Services include strategic and financial assessment of business operations; turnaround consulting; financial advisory services to lenders, creditors and other economic stakeholders; crisis and interim management; valuation; real estate; insolvency and reorganization services; corporate restructuring; forensic analysis; litigation support and expert testimony. Buccino & Associates, Inc. has offices in Chicago and New York. For more information see www.buccinoassociates.com.
