

## **Holmes & Company and Bagell, Josephs & Levine form Strategic Alliance**

**(MARLTON, NJ, February 27, 2009)** — Bagell, Josephs, Levine & Company, L.L.C., today announced that it intends to form a strategic alliance with Holmes & Company, L.L.C.

Bagell, Josephs, Levine & Company, with over 150 years of accumulated experience provides individuals, private and public companies with extensive expertise in preparation of tax returns; tax planning; management advisory services; setup of corporations, partnerships, S Corporations and LLCs; representation before government agencies; financial statement preparation and Securities & Exchange Commission compliance.

“With the ability to work with Holmes & Company, Bagell, Josephs, Levine & Company, L.L.C. has now expanded our service offerings to include expertise in serving the complex needs of government entities,” said Carl Bagell, Managing Member of BJL.

“With the ability to work together on projects with Bagell, Josephs, Levine & Company, L.L.C, Holmes & Company is positioned for growth and can provide our clients with additional resources and services that we can draw from BJL’s world class professional organization,” said Charles Holmes, Managing Member of Holmes & Company. “BJL shares our commitment to providing independence and transparency on all client engagements. Our respective specializations compliment each other’s practice areas and we are excited to participate on joint opportunities,” added Holmes.

“Holmes & Company will have access to the knowledge base, professional staff, quality control and risk management methodologies that have made BJL a leader in audit and compliance services to US and multi-national project corporations,” said Bagell.

Holmes & Company will focus on opportunities with government entities and on projects that are set aside for minority-owned businesses to work with. “These are important efforts that government organizations, and more recently, private sector companies, have put in place to level the playing field for historically disadvantaged businesses,” commented Holmes.

Bagell, Josephs, Levine & Company and Holmes & Company are separately owned and operated companies and are independent of each other.

### **About Holmes and Company**

Holmes & Company, LLC provides auditing, accounting, tax, and business advisory services primarily to government entities, quasi-governmental and non-profit organizations. The firm’s leadership is widely recognized as an authority on government audits and compliance, with over 22 years of experience in the field.

### **About Bagell, Josephs & Levine**

BJL’s growth and success is a testament to its commitment to excellence and service. The firm assists clients world-wide including Fortune 1000 companies, privately-held enterprises and high net worth individuals who have chosen BJL for its knowledge, responsiveness and experienced professionals. Recently, BJL expanded its footprint beyond the United States by opening an office in Beijing, China. More information about BJL’s approach to business challenges can be found at [www.bjlcpas.com](http://www.bjlcpas.com).