

## **Our 15th Anniversary at BME by Bruce G. Boncke, P.E., President**

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We have just completed our 15th year in business, and to be honest with you, it came as a surprise to me. That was probably a combination of "time flies when you are having fun" and thinking more about the future than the past! As we provide services, sometimes we feel our 15 years has gone by very fast and there are days that it seems like an eternity. Either way, we perform services that result in projects and facilities that will be used for generations. More importantly, the results of our services have to balance market needs, client goals, community goals, and long-term environmental protection; tasks that we take very seriously.

When we started business in October 1988, we knew we had the skills to be successful. We have had the privilege to work for some of the best business people and communities in our region. Our success is in direct proportion to the success of our clients, and I thank you and our dedicated team of employees for our past 15 years. As you know, we enjoy a passion for the development industry and are proud of what our clients and we have accomplished.

If we had one regret, it would be the amount of excellent clients we have seen discontinue business over these 15 years, due to the economic and business climate in New York State. As we look ahead to the next 15 years and beyond, we know we will have to go beyond our clients direct service needs and work hard to improve the growth attitudes around us. We will continue to encourage our employees and clients to get involved educationally and politically on the issues of growth, so we can continue to put our skills to work.

We thank all of our clients, communities, regulatory agencies and friends for your support.