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Fellow Stockholders:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of NeuStar, Inc. to be held on Wednesday, May 27, 2015 at 5:00 p.m. local time, at the Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents Street, Reston, Virginia 20190. Details regarding admission to the Annual Meeting and the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and the 2015 Proxy Statement.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote over the Internet, by telephone or by mailing a Proxy or Voting Instruction Card. Voting over the Internet, by telephone or by written proxy will ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting regardless of whether you attend in person. Please review the instructions on the Proxy or Voting Instruction Card regarding each of these voting options.

We are pleased to furnish proxy materials to stockholders primarily over the Internet. This process expedites stockholders receipt of proxy materials, while lowering the costs of our Annual Meeting and conserving natural resources. On or around April 17, 2015, we will mail our stockholders a notice containing instructions on how to access our 2015 Proxy Statement and 2014 Annual Report and vote online. The notice also will include instructions on how you can receive a paper copy of your Annual Meeting materials, including the Notice of Annual Meeting, 2015 Proxy Statement and Proxy Card. If you receive your Annual Meeting materials by mail, the Notice of Annual Meeting, 2015 Proxy Statement and Proxy Card will be enclosed. If you receive your Annual Meeting materials via e-mail, the e-mail will contain voting instructions and links to the 2015 Proxy Statement and the 2014 Annual Report on the Internet, both of which are available at www.neustar.biz under the captions Company Investor Relations .

At this year s Annual Meeting, the agenda includes the following proposals:

	Proposal	Board Recommendation
1.	Election of Ross K. Ireland, Paul A. Lacouture and Michael J. Rowny as directors	FOR
2.	Ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm	FOR
3.	Advisory resolution to approve executive compensation	FOR
4.	Approval of the Amended and Restated NeuStar, Inc. 2009 Stock Incentive Plan	FOR
	Approval of Amendments to the NeuStar, Inc. Restated Certificate of Incorporation to lassify the Board of Directors and to provide for annual election of all Directors and you for your ongoing support of and continued interest in Neustar.	FOR

Sincerely,

Lisa A. Hook

President and Chief Executive Officer

NEUSTAR, INC.

21575 RIDGETOP CIRCLE,

STERLING, VIRGINIA 20166

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 27, 2015

Time and Date Place Items of Business 5:00 p.m. (local time) on May 27, 2015.

Hyatt Regency Reston, 1800 Presidents Street, Reston, Virginia 20190

1. To elect the three directors named in the 2015 Proxy Statement to the Board of Directors to hold office until our Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2018 and until their respective successors have been elected and qualified;

- 2. To ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2015;
- 3. To vote on an advisory resolution to approve executive compensation;
- 4. To approve the Amended and Restated NeuStar, Inc. 2009 Stock Incentive Plan; and
- 5. To approve amendments to the NeuStar, Inc. Restated Certificate of Incorporation to declassify the Board of Directors and to provide for annual election of all Directors.

Adjournments and Postponements

Record Date

Proxy Materials and Annual Report

Voting

By order of the Board of Directors,

Stockholders also will transact any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement of the Annual Meeting.

Any action on the items of business described above may be considered at the Annual Meeting at the time and on the date specified above or at any time and date to which the Annual Meeting may be properly adjourned or postponed.

You are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or postponement that may take place only if you were a stockholder as of the close of business on March 30, 2015.

We are pleased to take advantage of Securities and Exchange Commission rules that allow us to furnish these proxy materials and our 2014 Annual Report to stockholders on the Internet.

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to read this Proxy Statement and submit your proxy or voting instructions as soon as possible. You may submit your Proxy or Voting Instruction Card for the Annual Meeting by completing, signing, dating and returning your Proxy or Voting Instruction Card in the pre-addressed envelope provided, or, in most cases, by using the telephone or the Internet. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the section entitled Questions and Answers beginning on page 1 of this Proxy Statement and the instructions on the Proxy or Voting Instruction Card. You can revoke a proxy prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting by following the instructions in this Proxy Statement.

Leonard J. Kennedy

Corporate Secretary

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to Be Held on May 27, 2015:

This Notice of 2015 Annual Stockholders Meeting and Proxy Statement, and 2014 Annual Report and Form

10-K are available at http://www.astproxyportal.com/ast/25439.

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PROXY STATEMENT

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

Why am I receiving these proxy materials?

We are making these proxy materials available to you on the Internet or, upon your request, by delivering printed versions of these materials to you by mail, in connection with the solicitation by the Board of Directors of NeuStar, Inc. of proxies for use at our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) and at any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) that may take place. These materials will be sent or given to stockholders on or around April 17, 2015. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms us, we, our, Neustar, and the Company include NeuStar, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

Why did I receive a one-page notice in the mail regarding the Internet availability of proxy materials?

Pursuant to the notice and access rules adopted by the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have elected to provide stockholders access to our proxy materials over the Internet. Accordingly, we sent a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the Notice) to all of our stockholders as of March 30, 2015 (the Record Date). The Notice includes instructions on how to access our proxy materials over the Internet and how to request a printed copy of these materials to the extent that you would prefer to receive paper copies of proxy materials. Internet distribution of our proxy materials is designed to expedite receipt by stockholders, lower the cost of the Annual Meeting and conserve natural resources. If you have previously elected to receive our proxy materials electronically, you will continue to receive these materials via e-mail unless you elect otherwise.

Do I need a ticket to attend the Annual Meeting?

You will need an admission ticket or proof of ownership of our common stock to enter the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record and received a Notice, your Notice is your admission ticket. If you are a stockholder of record and received a printed copy of our proxy materials, you must bring the admission ticket portion of your Proxy Card to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. If you are a beneficial owner and your shares are held in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee, you must bring a brokerage statement or other proof of ownership with you to the Annual Meeting. If you would rather have an admission ticket, you can obtain one in advance by mailing a written request, along with proof of your ownership of Neustar stock, to:

NeuStar, Inc.

Attn: Corporate Secretary

21575 Ridgetop Circle

Sterling, Virginia 20166

All stockholders also must present a form of valid, government-issued photo identification in order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting.

No cameras, recording equipment, electronic devices, large bags, briefcases or packages will be permitted in the Annual Meeting.

Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Holders of Neustar common stock at the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to receive the Notice and to vote their shares at the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, there were 56,115,949 shares of Class A common stock outstanding and entitled to vote and 3,082 shares of Class B common stock

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outstanding and entitled to vote. All holders of common stock shall vote together as a single class, and each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote per share of Class A common stock and one vote per share of Class B common stock on each matter properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with Neustar's transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC, you are considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. The Notice was sent directly to you by the Company. If you requested printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you received a Proxy Card.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in street name. The Notice and, upon your request, the proxy materials have been forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other nominee who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote your shares by following their instructions for voting.

How do I vote?

The instructions for accessing proxy materials and voting can be found in the information you received either by mail or e-mail. Depending on how you received the proxy materials, you may vote by Internet, telephone or mail. We encourage you to vote by Internet.

For stockholders who received a Notice by mail about the Internet availability of the proxy materials, you may access the proxy materials and voting instructions over the Internet via the web address provided in the Notice. In order to access this material and vote, you will need the control number provided on the Notice you received in the mail. You may vote by following the instructions on the Notice or on the website.

For stockholders who received a Notice by e-mail, you may access the proxy materials and voting instructions over the Internet via the web address provided in the e-mail. In order to vote, you will need the control number provided in the e-mail. You may vote by following the instructions in the e-mail or on the website.

For stockholders who received the proxy materials by mail, you may vote your shares by following the instructions provided on the Proxy or Voting Instruction Card. If you vote by Internet or telephone, you will need the control number provided on the Proxy or Voting Instruction Card. If you vote by mail, please complete, sign and date the Proxy or Voting Instruction Card and mail it in the accompanying pre-addressed envelope. If the prepaid envelope is missing, please mail your completed Proxy Card to NeuStar, Inc., 21575 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, Virginia 20166, Attn: Corporate Secretary.

Telephone and Internet voting facilities for stockholders of record will be available 24 hours a day, and will close at 11:59 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time on Tuesday, May 26, 2015. The availability of telephone and Internet voting for beneficial owners will depend on the voting processes of your broker, bank or other nominee. Therefore, we recommend that you follow the voting instructions in the materials you receive. If you vote by telephone or on the Internet, you do not need to return your Proxy or Voting Instruction Card.

All stockholders may vote in person at the Annual Meeting. You may also be represented by another person at the Annual Meeting by executing a legal proxy designating that person. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it to the inspector of election with your ballot to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting.

What can I do if I change my mind after I vote my shares?

If you are a stockholder of record, you can change your vote or revoke your proxy before it is exercised by:

written notice to the Corporate Secretary of the Company;

timely delivery of a valid, later-dated proxy or a later-dated vote by telephone or on the Internet; or

voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you should follow the instructions of your bank, broker or other nominee to change or revoke your voting instructions. You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting if you obtain a legal proxy as described in the answer to the previous question.

All shares that have been properly voted and not revoked will be cast as votes at the Annual Meeting.

What shares can I vote?

You can vote all shares that you owned on the Record Date. These shares include (1) shares held directly in your name as the stockholder of record; and (2) shares held for you as the beneficial owner through a broker, bank or other nominee.

Is there a list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

The names of stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at the Annual Meeting and for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting for any purpose germane to the Annual Meeting, between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Time, at our principal executive offices at 21575 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, Virginia 20166, by contacting the Corporate Secretary of the Company.

How many shares are required to constitute a quorum and to approve the proposals being voted upon at the Annual Meeting?

The holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, shall constitute a quorum.

Under our bylaws, approval of proposals 1-4 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast. In addition, New York Stock Exchange rules contain separate approval requirements with respect to the approval of proposal 4. Under New York Stock Exchange rules, approval of proposal 4 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of votes cast; however, as described below, abstentions will be counted as votes cast on the proposal.

Approval of proposal 5 requires the affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of Class A common stock and Class B common stock outstanding and entitled to vote thereon.

How will broker non-votes and abstentions be treated at the Annual Meeting?

Generally, a broker non-vote occurs on a matter when a broker is not permitted to vote on the matter without voting instructions from the beneficial owner and voting instructions are not given. Under the rules of the New York Stock Exchange, without voting instructions from the beneficial owners, brokers will have discretion to vote on proposal 2 but not on proposals 1, 3, 4, or 5. Therefore, in order for your voice to be heard, it is important that you vote. **We strongly encourage you to vote every vote is** important.

Abstentions and broker non-votes will be considered present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. Under our bylaws, abstentions and broker non-votes will not be considered votes cast at the Annual Meeting and therefore will have no effect on the voting results on proposals 1-4. However, for purposes of

approval of proposal 4 under New York Stock Exchange rules, abstentions will be counted as votes cast and, therefore, will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal, and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast and, therefore, will have no effect on the voting results on the proposal. With respect to proposal 5, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as a vote against the proposal.

Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?

At the date of this Proxy Statement, we did not know of any matters to be raised at the Annual Meeting other than those referred to in this Proxy Statement.

If other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration, the proxy holders named on the Proxy Card will have the discretion to vote on those matters for you.

Who will pay for the cost of this proxy solicitation?

We will pay the cost of soliciting proxies. We have retained Innisfree M&A Incorporated to aid in the solicitation of proxies for fees of approximately \$20,000, plus expenses. In addition, our directors, senior executives or employees, acting without special compensation, may also solicit proxies. Proxies may be solicited by personal interview, mail, electronic transmission, facsimile transmission or telephone. We are required to send copies of proxy-related materials or additional solicitation materials to brokers, fiduciaries and custodians who will forward these materials to the beneficial owners of our shares. On request, we will reimburse brokers and other persons representing beneficial owners of shares for their reasonable expenses in forwarding these materials to beneficial owners.

Who will count the vote?

Representatives of our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company LLC, will tabulate the votes and act as inspector of election.

How may I obtain Neustar s Form 10-K and other financial information?

Stockholders may request a free copy of our 2014 Annual Report, which includes our 2014 Form 10-K, from:

NeuStar, Inc.

Attn: Corporate Secretary

21575 Ridgetop Circle

Sterling, VA 20166

Alternatively, current and prospective investors can access the 2014 Annual Report, which includes our 2014 Form 10-K, and other financial information on our website at www.neustar.biz under the captions Company Investor Relations or on the Securities and Exchange Commission s website at www.sec.gov.

We also will furnish any exhibit to the 2014 Form 10-K if specifically requested upon payment of charges that approximate our cost of reproduction.

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GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY

Our Principles of Corporate Governance

The Board of Directors (the Board) has adopted a set of corporate governance principles as a framework for the governance of the Company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee annually reviews the principles and recommends changes to the Board as appropriate. Our Principles of Corporate Governance (the Principles) are available on our website at www.neustar.biz under the captions Company Investor Relations Corporate Information Principles. A free printed copy is available to any stockholder who requests it from us at the address on page 4.

Among other matters, the Principles contain the following items concerning the Board:

The Board, which is elected by the Company s stockholders, oversees the management of the Company and its business. The Board appoints the senior management team, which is responsible for operating the Company s business, and monitors the performance of senior management.

The Board may change its size to not less than three directors and not more than fifteen directors.

The Board regularly reviews Board and Company leadership as part of the succession planning process. The Board s leadership structure is discussed in more detail under Board Leadership below.

When a director s principal occupation or business association changes substantially during the director s tenure on the Board, the director must tender his or her resignation for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends to the Board the action, if any, to be taken with respect to the resignation.

Ordinarily, directors may not serve on the boards of more than four public companies so as not to interfere with their service as a director of the Company. Directors should also advise the chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in advance of accepting an invitation to serve on another corporate board.

Unless otherwise approved by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, directors may not stand for reelection after age 72.

The Chairman of the Board establishes the agenda for each Board meeting. Agenda items that fall within the scope of responsibilities of a Board committee are reviewed with the chair of that committee. Directors are encouraged to suggest the inclusion of items on the agenda. Directors are also free to raise subjects at a Board meeting that are not on the agenda for that meeting.

The Board reviews the Company s long-term strategic plan and business initiatives at least annually and monitors their implementation throughout the year.

In 2014, the Board had five standing committees: Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, Compensation, Finance, and Neutrality. The Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, Compensation, and Finance Committees consist solely of independent directors. All committees report to the full Board with respect to their activities.

At the invitation of the Board, members of senior management may attend Board meetings or portions of meetings for the purpose of presenting matters to the Board and participating in discussions. Directors also have full and free access to other members of management and to employees of the Company.

The Board has the authority to retain such outside counsel, experts and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the performance of its functions. Each of the Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, Compensation and Finance Committees has similar authority to retain outside advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the performance of its functions.

The Board plans for succession to the position of CEO as well as certain other senior management positions. The CEO reports to the Board periodically on succession planning and management

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development and provides the Board with recommendations and evaluations of potential successors to fill senior management positions, including the position of CEO. The succession planning process includes consideration of both ordinary course succession, in the event of planned promotions and retirements, and planning for situations in which the CEO or other members of senior management unexpectedly become unable to perform the duties of their positions.

The Company has an orientation process for Board members that is designed to familiarize new directors with the Company s business, operations, finances, and governance practices. The Board encourages directors to participate in education programs to assist them in performing their responsibilities as directors.

The Board conducts an annual self-evaluation to assess its performance. The Audit, Nominating and Corporate Governance, and Compensation Committees also conduct annual self-evaluations to assess their performance. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for developing, administering and overseeing processes for conducting evaluations.

Board Leadership

Neustar currently separates the positions of Chairman of the Board and CEO. Since November 2010, James G. Cullen, one of our independent directors, has served as our Chairman of the Board. Mr. Cullen s roles and responsibilities as Chairman include:

leading the Board in enhancing processes relating to Board communications and involvement, strategy development, succession planning, mergers and acquisitions, annual budgets and risk oversight. (The Board s role in risk oversight is discussed in more detail on page 15);

setting the priorities of the Board and establishing agendas for Board meetings;

consulting with committee chairs on committee meeting frequency, length and agendas;

calling and presiding over meetings of the Board;

chairing regular executive sessions of the independent directors;

serving as a liaison between management and the other independent directors;

overseeing the CEO evaluation process (led by the Compensation Committee);

overseeing the Board evaluation process (led by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee) and providing feedback to directors regarding their individual performance and contributions;

leading the Board in anticipating and responding to crises; and

meeting regularly with the CEO between Board meetings.

Separating the positions of Chairman of the Board and CEO allows our CEO to focus on our day-to-day business, while providing the Board with independent leadership in its central role of advising and overseeing management. The Board believes that having an experienced and engaged independent director as Chairman is the most appropriate structure for the Board at this time. However, the Board annually completes self-evaluations to assess its performance and as part of the Company s succession planning process regularly reviews Company leadership, and believes that it is in the best interests of the Company to make a determination regarding whether or not to separate the roles of Chairman and CEO based on the needs and circumstances of the Company.

Director Independence

Our Principles include the following provisions concerning director independence:

A substantial majority of the Board is made up of independent directors.

An independent director is a director who meets the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange for directors, as determined by the Board. Specifically, an independent director is a director

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who has no material relationship with the Company, either directly or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company.

The Board makes an affirmative determination regarding the independence of each director annually, based upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Board has established standards to assist it in determining director independence. Under these standards, which are included as <u>Appendix A</u> to the Principles, a director is not independent if, within the preceding three years:

the director was employed by the Company, or an immediate family member of the director was employed by the Company as an executive officer;

the director or an immediate family member received more than \$120,000 during any 12-month period in direct compensation from the Company, other than Board and committee fees, pensions or other forms of deferred compensation for prior service, and compensation received by an immediate family member for service as an employee (other than an executive officer);

the director or an immediate family member had specified employment relationships with the Company s independent auditor; or

the director or an immediate family member was part of an interlocking directorate in which the director or family member was employed as an executive officer of another company where any of the Company s executive officers served on the compensation committee.

In addition, a director is not independent if the director is an employee, or an immediate family member is an executive officer, of a company that made payments to, or received payments from, the Company in excess of specified amounts during the preceding three fiscal years.

Finally, a director is not independent if the director or the director s spouse is an executive officer of a nonprofit organization to which the Company made contributions in excess of specified amounts during the preceding three fiscal years.

The Board undertook its annual review of director independence in February 2015. Based on the independence requirements of the New York Stock Exchange rules and the standards set forth in our Principles, the Board affirmatively determined that current directors Gareth C. C. Chang, James G. Cullen, Joel P. Friedman, Mark N. Greene, Ross K. Ireland, Paul A. Lacouture, Michael J. Rowny, and Hellene S. Runtagh are independent. The Board determined that Lisa A. Hook is not independent as a result of her employment with the Company. In evaluating Mr. Lacouture s independence, the Board considered that Mr. Lacouture s son-in-law is a non-executive employee of a customer of the Company, and that Mr. Lacouture receives retirement benefits stemming from his own former employment with that customer. In evaluating Mr. Ireland s independence, the Board considered that Mr. Ireland s son is a non-executive employee of a different customer of the Company, and that Mr. Ireland receives retirement benefits stemming from his own former employment with that customer. The Board determined that these relationships were not material and did not preclude independence under the standards outlined above.

All members of the Audit, Compensation, Finance, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees must be independent directors as defined by our Principles. Members of the Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee must also satisfy additional, heightened independence requirements applicable to members of these committees under Securities and Exchange Commission and New York Stock Exchange rules, as applicable.

Director Elections

Our bylaws provide for majority voting in the election of directors. Specifically, in uncontested elections, directors are elected by a majority of the votes cast, which means that the number of shares voted for a director must exceed the number of shares voted against that director. The Board also has a policy providing that any

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director who is not reelected under our majority voting standard must tender his or her resignation within 30 days of certification of the stockholder vote. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will recommend to the Board whether to accept or reject the resignation offer, or whether other action should be taken.

In deciding whether to recommend that the Board accept the resignation offer, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider all factors deemed relevant, including the stated reasons why stockholders who cast against votes did so, any actions taken to address those stated reasons, the qualifications of the director, and whether the director s resignation from the Board would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

The Board will act on the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee s recommendation within 90 days of certification of the stockholder vote and will promptly disclose its final decision and, if applicable, the reasons for rejecting the tendered resignation. Any director who tenders his or her resignation under this policy will not participate in the proceedings of either the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee or the Board with respect to his or her own resignation offer. If the Board accepts a director s resignation under the policy, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will recommend to the Board whether to fill such vacancy or reduce the size of the Board.

Board and Committee Membership

Our Board of Directors currently has nine seats, divided into three classes: Class I (three seats), Class II (three seats) and Class III (three seats).

The Board met eighteen (18) times during 2014. During 2014, each of our directors attended 75% or more of the aggregate of (a) the total number of meetings of the Board held while a director and (b) the total number of meetings held by all committees on which the director served (during the period in which the director served on such committees). Our Board has adopted a policy that our directors are expected and strongly encouraged to attend each Annual Meeting of Stockholders absent compelling circumstances. All but one of our directors then serving on the Board attended our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

The table below provides current membership information for the Board and each standing committee of the Board.

Name	Position	Year Current Term Expires	Audit Committee Member	Compensation Committee Member	Finance Committee Member	Neutrality Committee Member	Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Member
Gareth C.C. Chang	Class III director	2016	X			X*	
James G. Cullen	Class I director	2017		X	X*		
Joel P. Friedman	Class I director	2017	X		X		
Mark N. Greene	Class I director	2017		X		X	
Lisa A. Hook	Class III director	2016				X	
Ross K. Ireland	Class II director	2015		X			X*
Paul A. Lacouture	Class II director	2015		X*			X
Michael J. Rowny	Class II director	2015	X*		X		X
Hellene S. Runtagh	Class III director	2016	X				X

* Chair

The Audit Committee

Under the terms of its charter, the Audit Committee meets at least quarterly, including periodic meetings in executive session with each of our management, our principal internal auditor, our independent registered public accounting firm (independent auditors), and our General Counsel, and reports regularly to the full Board with

respect to its activities. The Audit Committee represents and assists the Board in overseeing the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and the audits of our financial statements, including the integrity of the financial statements; our compliance with legal and regulatory requirements; the independent auditors—qualifications and independence; the performance of our internal audit function and independent auditors; and the preparation of a report of the Audit Committee to be included in our annual proxy statement. The Audit Committee is responsible for:

directly appointing, retaining, compensating, evaluating, overseeing, and terminating (when appropriate) the Company s independent auditors, who shall report directly to the Audit Committee;

reviewing and pre-approving all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors, and establishing policies and procedures for the pre-approval of audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent auditors;

at least annually, obtaining and reviewing a report by the independent auditors describing: (a) the auditors internal quality-control procedures; and (b) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, respecting one or more independent audits carried out by the independent auditors, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues;

at least annually, reviewing the qualifications, independence and performance of the independent auditors, and discussing with the independent auditors their independence;

reviewing and discussing with the independent auditors the matters required to be discussed by the independent auditors under PCAOB Auditing Standard No. 16, any audit problems or difficulties encountered (including restrictions on their work, cooperation received or not received, and significant disagreements with corporate management) and management s response;

meeting to review and discuss with corporate management and the independent auditors the annual audited financial statements, and the unaudited quarterly financial statements, including the Company s specific disclosures under Management s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, and the independent auditors reports related to the financial statements, and recommending to the Board whether the annual audited financial statements should be included in the Company s annual report on Form 10-K;

reviewing and discussing earnings press releases, and corporate practices with respect to earnings press releases, and financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and ratings agencies;

reviewing and discussing with management and the independent auditors the Company s major risk exposures, the Company s policies governing the risk management process, and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposure;

reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company s internal audit procedures and internal controls over financial reporting, and any programs instituted to correct deficiencies;

reviewing and discussing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company s disclosure controls and procedures;

reviewing and concurring in the appointment, and dismissal when appropriate, of the principal internal auditor;

overseeing the Company s compliance systems with respect to legal and regulatory requirements and reviewing the Company s codes of conduct and programs to monitor compliance with such codes; and at least annually, meet to review the implementation and effectiveness of the Company s compliance program with the General Counsel;

establishing and overseeing procedures for the submission of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing and federal securities law matters;

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investigating, or referring, matters brought to its attention as appropriate, with full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company;

reviewing the application of significant regulatory, accounting and auditing initiatives, including new requirements;

reviewing and approving, in appropriate circumstances and subject to such restrictions as may be imposed by the Audit Committee, potential conflicts of interest involving directors and executive officers, including related person transactions;

establishing policies for the hiring of employees and former employees of the independent auditors;

annually evaluating the performance of the Audit Committee and the adequacy of the Audit Committee s charter and recommending changes to the Board as appropriate; and

performing such other duties and responsibilities as are consistent with the purpose of the Audit Committee and as the Board or the Audit Committee deems appropriate.

The Audit Committee has the authority to retain such outside counsel, experts, and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the full performance of its functions and shall receive appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, from the Company for the payment of compensation to any such advisors.

The Audit Committee met nine times during 2014.

The members of the Audit Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Messrs. Rowny (Chair), Chang and Friedman and Ms. Runtagh.

The Board has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is independent, as defined by the Company s director independence standards and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange and the Securities and Exchange Commission, and that Mr. Rowny is an audit committee financial expert as defined by the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The report of the Audit Committee is included on page 62. A copy of the Audit Committee Charter is available on our website at *www.neustar.biz*, under the captions Company Investor Relations Corporate Information Committee Composition. A free printed copy is available to any stockholder who requests it from us at the address on page 4.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

Under the terms of its charter, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become Board members, recommending to the Board director candidates for election at the annual meeting of stockholders, developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and undertaking a leadership role in shaping corporate governance. Specifically, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for:

developing and recommending to the Board criteria for identifying and evaluating director candidates and periodically reviewing these criteria:

identifying, reviewing the qualifications of, and recruiting candidates for election to the Board;

assessing the criteria and independence of incumbent directors in determining whether to recommend them for reelection to the Board;

establishing a procedure for the consideration of Board candidates recommended by the stockholders;

recommending to the Board candidates for election or reelection to the Board at each annual stockholders meeting;

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recommending to the Board candidates to be elected by the Board as necessary to fill vacancies and newly created directorships;

developing and recommending to the Board a set of corporate governance principles and annually reviewing and recommending changes to these principles, as appropriate;

making recommendations to the Board concerning the size, structure, composition and functioning of the Board and its committees;

recommending committee members and chairs to the Board for appointment and considering periodically rotating directors among the committees;

reviewing and recommending to the Board retirement and other tenure policies for directors;

reviewing directorships in other public companies held by or offered to directors and senior executives of the Company and consulting with the Company s Neutrality Committee regarding such directorships;

reviewing and assessing the channels through which the Board receives information, and the quality and timeliness of information received;

assisting the Board in reviewing the Company s succession plans relating to the Chief Executive Officer and other senior executives;

overseeing the annual evaluation of the Board and its committees;

reviewing the governance structure of the Company and the Board;

receiving reports from management on areas of material risk within the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee s purview, reporting to the Board on such areas of risk, and assisting the Board in evaluating and overseeing the management of governance-related risk;

reviewing external developments in corporate governance matters;

overseeing the orientation process for new directors and ongoing education for directors;

annually evaluating the performance of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the adequacy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee s charter and recommending changes to the Board as appropriate; and

performing such other duties and responsibilities as are consistent with the purpose of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and as the Board or the Committee deems appropriate.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has the authority to retain, at the Company s expense, such outside counsel, experts, and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the full performance of its functions, including the authority to retain and terminate any search firm to be used to identify director candidates and to approve the search firm s fees and other retention terms.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met four times during 2014.

The members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Messrs. Ireland (Chair), Lacouture and Rowny and Ms. Runtagh.

The Board has determined that each member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is independent, as defined by the Company's director independence standards and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

A copy of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee Charter is available on our website at *www.neustar.biz*, under the captions Company Investor Relations Corporate Information Committee Composition. A free printed copy is available to any stockholder who requests it from us at the address on page 4.

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The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is responsible for recommending candidates for election to the Board and believes that director candidates should have certain minimum qualifications, including the highest level of integrity, maturity of judgment based on a record of senior-level experience, commitment to serving the interests of our stockholders, and a reputation and background that demonstrate that Neustar has a Board with experience that is appropriate for and consistent with our long-term vision. Candidates must also make a commitment to devote the time necessary to be active on the Board and have the desire and ability to work collegially and as a team with the Board and senior management. Pursuant to our Principles, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers the number of other boards on which the candidate serves. Additionally, as part of the neutrality requirements to which we are subject under Federal Communications Commission rules and orders and certain of our contracts, directors cannot be employees or directors of a telecommunications service provider (TSP) or own more than 5% of the voting stock of a TSP.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that the Board, as a whole, should include members who collectively bring the following strengths and backgrounds to the Board:

experience as a public company chairman, chief executive officer, chief marketing officer and/or chief information officer;

senior-level experience with companies that have transaction-based or subscription-based business models, information services and data analytics companies, the communications industry generally (*e.g.*, wireline, wireless, Internet service providers and providers of Internet protocol and other next-generation communications services), media companies, systems integration/systems technology companies and/or software companies;

experience with government and public policy;

geographic diversity, with experience relating to the United States, Asia and Europe; and

strengths in the functional areas of finance, corporate governance, financial statement auditing, business operations and strategic planning for information services and data analytics companies, and mergers and acquisitions.

While the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee has not adopted a formal policy with regard to diversity, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks to achieve a diversity of strengths and backgrounds on the Board, particularly in the areas described above. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee further aims to have gender and racial diversity on the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes that the inclusion of diversity as one of many factors considered in selecting director nominees is consistent with our goal of maintaining a Board that best serves the needs of the Company and the interests of our stockholders.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee uses a variety of methods to identify and evaluate nominees for director. Candidates may come to the attention of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee through current and former Board members, management, professional search firms (to whom we pay a fee), stockholders or other persons. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may, in the future, retain a third-party search firm to assist in identifying and evaluating potential nominees for the Board. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee evaluates candidates for the Board on the basis of the standards and qualifications set forth above. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and the Board also evaluate the Board s collective qualifications (including diversity) as part of the Board s annual self-evaluation process. Additional information about the skills and qualifications of our current directors is set forth on pages 56-59.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will also consider candidates for director recommended by our stockholders. Any stockholder recommendations proposed for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee should include the candidate s name and qualifications for Board membership and should be addressed to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, care of our Corporate Secretary, at Neustar, Inc., 21575 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, VA 20166. Properly submitted candidates who meet the criteria outlined above will be evaluated by the Committee in the same manner as candidates recommended by other sources.

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In addition, our bylaws permit stockholders to nominate individuals for election at annual stockholder meetings. The process for nominating directors in accordance with our bylaws is discussed below under the heading Requirements, Including Deadlines, for Submission of Proxy Proposals, Nomination of Directors and Other Business of Stockholders.

The Compensation Committee

Under the terms of its charter, the Compensation Committee is to assist the Board in discharging its responsibilities relating to compensation of our senior executives. The Compensation Committee is specifically responsible for:

overseeing the Company s overall compensation structure, policies and programs, and assessing whether that structure establishes appropriate incentives for management and employees, and at least annually determining whether any compensation policies and practices for the Company s management and employees are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company;

assessing the results of the Company s most recent advisory vote on executive compensation;

receiving reports from management on areas of material risk within the Compensation Committee s purview, reporting to the Board on such areas of risk, and assisting the Board in evaluating and overseeing the management of compensation-related risk;

administering and making recommendations to the Board with respect to the Company s incentive-compensation and equity-based compensation plans;

reviewing and approving corporate goals and objectives relevant to the compensation of the CEO, evaluating the Company s and the CEO s performance in light of those goals and objectives with input from the independent directors, and recommending the CEO s compensation level to the independent directors for approval based on this evaluation;

overseeing the evaluation of other senior executives and setting their compensation based, in part, on consideration of the recommendations of the CEO;

approving the terms and grant of stock option and other stock incentive awards for senior executives;

reviewing and approving the structure of other benefit plans pertaining to senior executives;

reviewing and recommending to the Board employment and severance arrangements for senior executives;

approving, amending or modifying the terms of any compensation or benefit plan pertaining to senior executives that does not require stockholder approval;

reviewing and discussing with management the Company s Compensation Discussion and Analysis (CD&A) and related disclosures, recommending to the Board based on the review and discussions whether the CD&A should be included in the annual report and proxy statement, and overseeing the preparation of the compensation committee report required by Securities and Exchange Commission rules for inclusion in the Company s annual report and proxy statement;

monitoring compliance by senior executives and directors with stock ownership guidelines adopted by the Company;

reviewing the compensation of directors for service on the Board and its committees and recommending changes in compensation to the Board;

at least annually, assessing whether the work of compensation consultants involved in determining or recommending executive or director compensation has raised any conflict of interest that is required to be disclosed in the Company s annual report and proxy statement;

annually evaluating the performance of the Compensation Committee and the adequacy of the Compensation Committee s charter and recommending changes to the Board as appropriate;

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determining the Company s policy with respect to the application of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, and when compensation may be paid by the Company to senior executives that is not deductible for federal income tax purposes;

approving or making recommendations to the Board with respect to the adoption or modification of any clawback policy allowing the Company to recoup compensation paid to senior executives and other employees;

recommending to the Board for approval the frequency with which the Company will include in its proxy statement a management proposal permitting stockholders to have an advisory vote on executive compensation (Say on Pay);

reviewing and recommending to the Board whether and how the Company should respond to Say on Pay outcomes; and

performing such other duties and responsibilities as are consistent with the purpose of the Compensation Committee and as the Board or the Compensation Committee deems appropriate.

The Compensation Committee has the authority, in its sole discretion, to retain or obtain the advice of such outside counsel, consultants, experts and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the full performance of its functions, and shall receive appropriate funding, as determined by the Committee, from the Company for payment of compensation to any such advisors.

The Compensation Committee met eleven (11) times in 2014.

The members of the Compensation Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Messrs. Lacouture (Chair), Cullen and Ireland and Dr. Greene.

The Board has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee is independent, as defined by the Company s director independence standards and the rules of the New York Stock Exchange.

In addition, as required by the Compensation Committee Charter, all members of the Compensation Committee meet the additional requirements necessary to qualify as non-employee directors for purposes of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and as outside directors for purposes of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Additional information regarding the processes and procedures of the Compensation Committee, the scope of the Compensation Committee s authority, and the role of senior executives and compensation consultants in determining or recommending compensation is set forth below under the heading Compensation Discussion & Analysis.

A copy of the Compensation Committee Charter is available on our website at *www.neustar.biz*, under the captions Company Investor Relations Corporate Information Committee Composition. A free printed copy is available to any stockholder who requests it from us at the address on page 4.

The Finance Committee

Pursuant to the resolutions authorizing the formation of the Finance Committee, the Finance Committee meets from time to time to evaluate and approve, on behalf of the Board, the Company s strategies, plans, policies and significant actions related to corporate financings, mergers and acquisitions and other strategic actions. Specifically, the Finance Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving, on behalf of the Board:

capital structure plans and strategies and specific equity or debt financings;

capital expenditure plans and strategies and specific capital projects;

strategic and financial investment plans and strategies and specific investments;

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mergers, acquisitions and divestitures;

cash management plans and strategies and activities relating to cash accounts and cash investment portfolios;

plans and strategies for managing foreign currency exchange exposure and other exposure to economic risks;

repurchases of the Company s capital securities;

joint ventures, partnerships and other strategic alliances; and

establishing, amending, extending or terminating credit or debt arrangements.

The Finance Committee has the authority to retain such outside counsel, experts and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist in the full performance of its functions.

The members of the Finance Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Messrs. Cullen (Chair), Friedman and Rowny. The Finance Committee met once during 2014.

The Neutrality Committee

Under Federal Communications Commission rules and orders and certain of our contracts, we are required to comply with neutrality regulations and policies. We are examined periodically on our compliance with these requirements by independent third parties. The Neutrality Committee is responsible for receiving reports from the Company s Neutrality Officer with respect to his or her neutrality functions; reviewing the quarterly attestation reports of the accountants who perform the neutrality procedures; reviewing and approving, as necessary, specific corrective actions based on the findings of the accountants; and reviewing and approving any changes or amendments to the Company s neutrality compliance procedures.

The members of the Neutrality Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Mr. Chang (Chair), Dr. Greene and Ms. Hook. The Neutrality Committee met four times during 2014.

Executive Sessions

Neustar s independent directors meet in executive session without management present at least quarterly. Our independent Chairman of the Board, James G. Cullen, chairs these executive sessions. The independent directors met in executive session eleven (11) times during 2014.

Risk Oversight

Enterprise Risk Management (ERM) is a company-wide initiative that involves identifying, assessing and managing risks that could affect our ability to meet business objectives or execute our corporate strategy. As part of our ERM process, the Board receives regular reports from management on a broad range of potential risks (including operational, financial, legal and regulatory, human capital, and strategic and reputational risks) and the steps management is taking to manage those risks.

While the full Board has general oversight responsibility for ERM, the Board has allocated and delegated certain responsibilities to its committees. Consistent with New York Stock Exchange rules, the Audit Committee reviews and discusses with management and our independent auditors the Company's major risk exposures, the Company's policies governing the risk management process, and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposure. In addition, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receive reports from management and assist the Board in evaluating risks within their purview, as set forth in their charters. When a committee receives a report on material risk, the chair of the relevant committee reports on the discussion at the next full Board meeting. This enables the Board and its committees to coordinate the risk oversight role, particularly with respect to risk interrelationships.

The Board s allocation of risk oversight responsibility, and our overall ERM process, may change from time to time based on the evolving needs of the Company.

Communications with Directors

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with the Board by writing in care of the Corporate Secretary, Neustar, Inc., 21575 Ridgetop Circle, Sterling, Virginia 20166. Communications intended for a specific director or directors, including the Chairman of the Board or the independent directors as a group, should be addressed to the attention of the relevant individual(s) in care of the Corporate Secretary at the same address. Our Corporate Secretary will review all correspondence intended for the Board and will regularly forward to the Board a summary of such correspondence and copies of correspondence that, in the opinion of the Corporate Secretary, is of significant importance to the functions of the Board or otherwise requires the Board s attention. Directors may at any time review a log of all correspondence received by the Corporate Secretary that is intended for the Board and request copies of any such correspondence.

In addition, the Audit Committee of our Board has established a procedure for parties to submit concerns regarding what they believe to be questionable accounting, internal accounting controls, and auditing matters. Concerns may be reported through our Compliance Hotline at (888) 396-9033, by email to the Audit Committee at CorporateCode@neustar.biz, or through a confidential web form, available at www.neustar.biz under the captions Company Investor Relations Corporate Information Contact the Board. To the extent permitted by applicable law, concerns may be submitted anonymously and confidentially.

Code of Business Conduct

Our Board has adopted a Corporate Code of Business Conduct (the Code) applicable to all of our directors, senior executives, employees and contractors providing services to or on behalf of the Company.

The Code embodies general principles such as compliance with laws, acting with honesty and integrity, avoidance of conflicts of interest, maintenance of accurate and timely financial and business records, use of the Company s assets, working with customers, suppliers and governments, prohibition of political contributions on behalf of the Company, and protecting the Company s information and information regarding other companies. All directors, senior executives, employees and contractors are obligated to report violations and suspected violations of the Code in accordance with the reporting procedures described in the Code.

Our Code is available on our website at www.neustar.biz under the captions Company Investor Relations Corporate Information Code of Conduct. We intend to disclose on this website any amendments to the Code or grants of waivers from provisions of the Code that require disclosure under applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules. A free printed copy is available to any stockholder who requests it from us at the address on page 4.

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

The members of our Compensation Committee during 2014 were Messrs. Cullen, Ireland and Lacouture and Dr. Greene. No member of the Compensation Committee during 2014 has been an officer or employee of Neustar or any of our subsidiaries at any time. None of our senior executives serves as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any other company that has one or more senior executives serving as a member of our Board or our Compensation Committee.

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Executive Summary

Our Pay-for-Performance Philosophy and Compensation Practices

Our senior executive compensation programs are focused primarily on providing pay-for-performance, which encourages senior executives to make decisions that are consistent with the priorities of long-term stockholders. In 2014, we made significant progress in achieving our strategy to become a leading provider of real-time information services and analytics (IS&A). Our executive compensation programs are designed to recruit, retain and motivate senior executives and other key employees who can drive our financial and strategic growth objectives and build long-term stockholder value. These guiding principles apply to all of our executive pay practices discussed herein.

In addition to aligning senior executive compensation with performance, our senior executive compensation program is intended to be consistent with corporate governance best practices. This is demonstrated by the following:

robust management and director stock ownership guidelines and selling restrictions;
no employment contracts for senior executives;
use of objective, performance-based criteria in our incentive plans;
double-trigger change-in-control arrangements;
no excise tax gross-ups;
no special retirement benefits designed solely for senior executives;
limited perquisites;
expressly prohibiting employees and directors from hedging and pledging our securities;
advice from independent compensation consultants retained by the Compensation Committee;
strong risk management program:
equity plans expressly prohibit option repricing without stockholder approval;

equity plans prohibit share recycling for options and stock appreciation rights;
equity plans expressly prohibit exchanges of underwater options for cash;
equity plans do not contain evergreen provisions;
none of our equity plans contain a liberal definition of a change in control (e.g., a trigger linked to stockholder approval of a transaction, rather than its consummation, or an unapproved change in less than a substantial proportion of the board, or acquisition of a low percentage of outstanding common stock); and
none of the Company s senior executives are party to arrangements providing multi-year guarantees on annual cash incentive awards
compensation recovery (also known as clawback) provisions in our compensation plans/programs;
each non-employee director meets the independence requirements of the NYSE; and
each member of our Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees meets the independence requirements of the NYSE.

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Named Executive Officers

Our named executive officers (NEOs) for 2014 are: our President and Chief Executive Officer, Lisa Hook; our Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Paul Lalljie; our Senior Vice President Data Strategy, Steven Edwards; our Senior Vice President Sales, Alex Berry; and our Senior Vice President and General Counsel, Leonard J. Kennedy. Mr. Berry was a NEO for 2014; however on January 2, 2015, Mr. Berry became a Senior Advisor to the Company.

In addition, our former SVP and Chief Technology Officer, Dr. Mark Bregman, is considered a NEO for 2014 under the Security and Exchange Commission s rules.

Business Results and Key Events

In 2014, we outperformed our financial and operating targets. In particular, our revenue growth exceeded the rate of growth in IS&A markets that we serve, including Marketing Services and Security Services. We also continued to position the Company for future growth in the IS&A space by introducing innovative services and completing strategic acquisitions and partnerships.

Revenue for the year totaled \$963.6 million, up from \$902.0 million in 2013. Security Services grew 24% and contributed 15% to our total revenue. This growth was driven by strong demand for our threat intelligence services and the addition of more than 20 top-level domain names, including .CO Internet S.A.S, the exclusive operator of the worldwide registry for the .CO top-level domain. Marketing Services grew 17% and contributed 15% of our total revenue. This performance was driven by our differentiated complete workflow solutions for marketing departments, including our launch of PlatformOne, a one-stop shop where marketing departments are able to plan, launch, and measure media campaigns and more effectively manage both their offline and online media spend. Data Services revenue, representing 21% of our total revenue, declined 7% to \$201.4 million. Although we had strong growth in carrier provisioning services, this growth was offset by price reductions on a few long-term caller identification contracts and the elimination of premium common short codes.

Executing upon our strong business fundamentals, we generated over \$250 million in free cash flow, and reported adjusted net income per share of \$4.33, an increase of 23% compared to 2013. A reconciliation of our U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) results to our non-GAAP results can be found in Table 1 in <u>Annex A</u> to this Proxy Statement. Through our disciplined capital allocation strategy, we returned \$200 million to our stockholders in 2014 by repurchasing 7.1 million shares of our common stock at an average price of \$28.30. During the same period, the average end-of-day price of our common stock was \$29.55.

The following graph shows our total shareholder return over a five-year period as compared to the Company s 2014 peer group, as set forth on page 24 below (the 2014 Peer Group), the Dow Jones Industrial Average (DJIA) and the Standard & Poor s 500 Stock Index (S&P 500) (based on an initial \$100 investment and assuming reinvestment of all dividends).

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The graphs above show the five-year compounded annual growth rate of our revenue, adjusted net income, and adjusted earnings per share, which was 16%, 15% and 26%, respectively.

Performance and NEO Compensation

We believe the 2014 compensation awarded to our NEOs was consistent with our pay-for-performance philosophy. We have designed a substantial portion of our overall senior executive compensation program using performance-based elements to tie compensation to achievement of financial goals and performance objectives and execution of our strategy to become a leading provider of information and analytics. The performance targets for both our annual cash incentive compensation and our long-term incentive awards were set by the Compensation Committee based on its evaluation of our strategic plan. The Compensation Committee sets targets at the beginning of the year based on then-current expectations of the business environment and strategic goals. Because a significant portion of our business is characterized by numerous large, fixed fee contracts and relatively long sales cycles, we have a highly predictable, recurring revenue and underlying cost structure. However, as our IS&A business becomes a larger portion of our revenue, we are seeing a seasonal ramp up of revenue throughout the year. As a result, the funding of our incentive plans may be adjusted upward or downward based upon small variances from our performance targets. These factors were considered in how the Compensation Committee designed the funding for our performance-based compensation discussed below.

Annual Cash Incentive Compensation

The 2014 annual cash incentive compensation was funded based on our performance on two financial metrics: total revenue and EBITDA, each adjusted for predefined measures (the 2014 Annual Cash Incentive Metrics). A reconciliation of our GAAP results to our non-GAAP results can be found in Table 2 and Table 3 in Annex A to this Proxy Statement. The targets for the 2014 Annual Cash Incentive Metrics were set by the Compensation Committee to align the senior executives interests with the stockholders interests in top-line growth and strong profitability. The table below shows how our 2014 performance compared with the target goals set by the Compensation Committee.

	Target	Target Performance (in thousands, except perco		Achievement(2)	
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Total Revenue	\$ 953,375	\$	950,652	99.7%	
EBITDA(1)	\$ 460,543	\$	463,877	100.7%	

- (1) EBITDA is net income plus depreciation and amortization, interest expense and income, other predetermined expense (income), provision for income taxes, stock-based compensation expense, and is adjusted for the impact associated with the annual cash incentive achievement above or below 100% of targets and predefined adjustments, including fees associated with the NPAC vendor selection process.
- (2) In the event that a percent of target achieved yields a number where the first two decimal places are between 0.50 0.99, such number is rounded up to the next whole number.

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Based on the Committee s review and approval of the Company s performance against the targets for our 2014 Annual Cash Incentive Metrics, the 2014 annual cash incentive compensation was funded at 102.3% of target. The funding pool increases linearly up to 3.2% for every 1% of incremental EBITDA achievement between 100% and 102%.

Actual annual cash incentive awards for our senior executives, including the NEOs, were determined based on the annual cash incentive compensation funding set forth above and adjusted for individual performance. More detail regarding the determination of the annual cash incentive awards for our NEOs is provided under *Annual Cash Incentive Compensation* beginning on page 28 below. No discretionary awards were awarded to any of our NEOs for 2014.

On February 11, 2015, under the Company s Corporate Bonus Plan, the Compensation Committee approved a new long-term performance-based cash incentive compensation program for the NEOs and other senior executives to incentivize and reward performance. If certain performance goals are achieved during fiscal year 2015, these incentive awards would become payable in two installments, in July of 2016 and 2017, respectively.

Long-Term Incentive Awards

In 2012, the Compensation Committee developed and approved a multi-year long-term incentive grant, with annual performance targets, for our senior executives, including our NEOs, to support our strategic plan to become an IS&A company. The 2012 awards were designed to motivate and retain senior executives to achieve strategic, financial, and operational targets over a five-year period, which align their interests with those of our long-term stockholders. These multi-year awards are a combination of performance-based restricted stock units (PVRSUs) and restricted stock units (RSUs). For each of the NEOs, 80% of the value of their 2012 equity compensation award was in the form of PVRSUs, and 20% was in the form of RSUs. This weighting provided a dual focus for our NEOs on both stockholder value creation and long-term operating performance. The RSUs granted in 2012 vest ratably over five years. One-fifth of the PVRSUs awarded in 2012 was allocated to each of five single-year performance periods, the first of which began on January 1, 2012 and ended December 31, 2012, and the last of which begins on January 1, 2016 and ends on December 31, 2016. The portion of the PVRSUs earned with respect to the first three performance periods vested on January 1, 2015 and the portion of the award, if any, earned with respect to the final two performance periods will vest on January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, respectively.

As a result of our multi-year equity awards in 2012, no additional equity was awarded to our NEOs in 2014.

The Compensation Committee sets each annual performance target at the start of the respective performance period. This permits the Compensation Committee, on an annual basis, to continue to align the performance targets with the strategic goals and the priorities of long-term stockholders as they evolve.

The Compensation Committee determined that the portion of the PVRSU awards granted in 2012 allocated to performance in 2014 would be tied to three metrics: total revenue, non-NPAC revenue, and net income, each adjusted for predefined measures (the 2014 PVRSU Metrics). A reconciliation of our GAAP results to our non-GAAP results can be found in Table 2, Table 4 and Table 5 in Annex A to this Proxy Statement. The targets for the 2014 PVRSU Metrics were set by the Compensation Committee to align the senior executives interests with the stockholders interests of diversifying revenue, driving top-line growth and delivering strong profitability. The table below shows how our 2014 performance compared with the targets set by the Compensation Committee.

	Target	Performance (in thousands, exce	Percentage Weighting ept percentages)	Payout Percentage	Funding
Total Revenue(1)	\$ 953,375	\$ 950,652	15%	97.1%	14.6%
Non-NPAC Revenue(2)	\$ 478,711	\$ 475,808	35%	97.0%	33.9%
Net Income(3)	\$ 236,502	\$ 265,469	50%	150.0%	75.0%

2014 PVRSU Funding 123.5%

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- (1) Payout percentage is the product of the actual performance and the linear interpolation of payouts ranging from 50% to 150% for corresponding performances between 95% and 105%.
- (2) Total revenue excluding revenue derived under our contracts with the NAPM, LLC, NPAC-related connection services fees and system enhancements. Payout percentage is the product of the actual performance and the linear interpolation of payouts ranging from 50% to 150% for corresponding performances between 90% and 110%.
- (3) Net income, adjusted for non-cash items, acquisitions and divestitures, and other defined non-recurring items, including fees associated with the NPAC vendor selection process. Payout percentage is the product of the actual performance and the linear interpolation of payouts ranging from 50% to 150% for corresponding performances between 90% and 110%.

More detail regarding the equity awards granted to our NEOs is provided under *Equity Compensation (Long-Term Incentive Plan)* beginning on page 30 below.

Pay-for Performance Analysis

Consistent with our executive compensation philosophy, a significant majority of our NEOs total direct compensation for 2014 was at risk and tied directly to corporate performance metrics (consisting of our PVRSUs and annual cash incentive compensation). This emphasis on performance is designed to motivate our senior executives to work as a team to achieve performance goals aligned with stockholder interests. The charts below show the elements of 2014 compensation as a percentage of the total direct compensation (which we define as base salary, annual cash incentive awards, and the allocable portion of RSUs and PVRSUs) awarded to our CEO and our other NEOs:

Eighty percent of the Company s long-term incentives are in the form of performance-based awards, whereas only 51% of the 2014 Peer Group s long-term incentives are in the form of performance-based awards. This represents a stronger performance orientation than the 2014 Peer Group s average.

Compensation Objectives and Guiding Principles

Our senior executive compensation program is based on the following:

Pay for Performance: The primary objective of our compensation programs is to motivate and reward superior performance.

Alignment of Interests: We seek to align the interests of our senior executives with those of our stockholders.

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Attraction, Motivation, and Retention of Talent: Our senior executive compensation programs are designed to help us attract, motivate and retain key management talent who drive profitability and the creation of stockholder value.

Elements of Compensation

The following table describes each element of our senior executive compensation program and how these elements achieve our compensation objectives:

Compensation Element Base Salary	Form Cash	Objective Attraction	Rationale/Key Characteristics
			Fixed compensation
		Retention	Intended to be commensurate with each senior executive s position and level of responsibility
		Performance	Evaluated annually or as necessary in response to organizational or business changes, but not automatically increased
Annual Cash Incentive		Performance	Tied to Company and individual performance
Compensation	Cash	Alignment of	Designed to reward achievement of annual performance goals that we consider important contributors to stockholder value
		Interests	Performance goals and targets are established by the Compensation Committee at the beginning of each year
		Motivation	The Compensation Committee approves annual cash incentive award payouts based on the level of achievement of pre-established performance goals
Long Term Incentive Plan	Restricted Stock Units	Performance	Variable compensation designed to reward contributions to our long-term strategic, financial and operational success, motivate future performance, align the interests of senior executives with those of stockholders and retain key senior
		Alignment of	executives through the term of the awards
	Performance-Vested Restricted Stock Units	Interests	PVRSUs are fully at risk and depend upon the achievement of key performance measures that drive value for our stockholders thus aligning the interests of our senior executives with our stockholders
		Retention	
			Award levels and types of equity granted take into consideration market data about our competitors, market practice and the value of existing grants held by senior executives and the vesting profiles of such grants
		Motivation	energy to and the results promes of such grants
			The Compensation Committee considers the dilutive impact and cost of these grants as well as their potential benefits

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when determining the appropriate mix of equity grants

We set annual grant guidelines for the equity compensation program at levels that we believe are reasonable, taking into account our compensation objectives, affordability at

Compensation Element	Form	Objective	Rationale/Key Characteristics
			various performance levels and prior/outstanding grants
			Restricted stock units serve both to reward and retain senior executives over the term of the awards
Deferred Compensation	Cash	Retention	Balances in the deferred compensation plan are unfunded obligations; balances are adjusted on the basis of notional investment returns, which are not set or guaranteed by the Company
			Permits executives, to defer payment of certain elements of compensation in order to delay taxation on such amounts
			Standard benefit arrangement commonly offered at companies of similar size
Other Compensation and Benefits	N/A	Attraction	Senior executives receive health and welfare benefits under the same programs and subject to the same eligibility requirements that apply to all Company employees
			Senior executives participate in our 401(k) plan on the same terms and conditions that apply to all other Company employees
		Retention	We do not provide defined benefit (pension) or supplemental retirement plans for our senior executives
Severance and Change-in-Control Arrangements	Cash and	Attraction	Severance and equity award arrangements provide benefits to key employees, including our NEOs, if specified termination or change-in-control events occur
	Equity	Retention	Keep management s highest priority on shareholder interests in the face of events that may result in a change-in-control and not on potential individual implications of any such events
		Recontroll	Reasonable severance and change-in-control protections for our senior executives are necessary in order for us to attract and retain qualified employees

We periodically review the necessity and design of our senior executive severance and change-in-control agreements

Implementing Compensation Objectives

Determining Compensation

In making compensation decisions, we review the performance of the Company and each senior executive. We also consider the senior executive s level of responsibility, the importance of the senior executive s role in achieving our corporate objectives, and the senior executive s long-term potential, while taking into account his or her current compensation, value of outstanding equity awards and stock ownership levels, and our stock

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selling restrictions for senior executives. Finally, we weigh competitive practices, relevant business and organizational changes, retention needs and internal pay equity.

In order to attract, retain and motivate the best management talent, we believe that we must provide a total compensation package that is competitive relative to our peers. In particular, the market for senior executives with experience in the IS&A space, including marketing intelligence and analytics, cybersecurity/threat migration, and data science experience, is particularly challenging because we face fast growing labor market competition from direct competitors, professional services firms, technology providers and general industry companies. To address this challenge, the Compensation Committee considers practices of specific companies that we identified as our peers for 2014, as well as additional sources of market intelligence. Each year, the Compensation Committee reviews the peer group as well as other compensation data with the assistance of its external compensation consultant and makes changes as appropriate in order to ensure it continues to appropriately reflect the competitive market to attract, retain and motivate senior executive talent. The Compensation Committee worked with Towers Watson to review the composition of our 2014 Peer Group, and removed Alliance Data Systems Corporation from the 2014 Peer Group because its revenue was significantly higher than that of all other peer companies. The 2014 Peer Group that was used for evaluating 2014 senior executive compensation was as follows:

Akamai Technologies, Inc.

Equifax Inc.

FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Informatica Corporation

MSCI Inc.

Red Hat, Inc.

Sapient Corporation

Syntel, Inc.

Verint Systems Inc.

Verisk Analytics, Inc.

DST Systems, Inc. Equinix, Inc. IHS Inc.

Jack Henry & Associates, Inc. Rackspace Hosting, Inc. Rovi Corporation

Solera Holdings, Inc. TIBCO Software Inc.

VeriSign, Inc.

When the Compensation Committee evaluated the 2014 Peer Group, our revenue was in approximately the 30th percentile, market capitalization was in approximately the 25th percentile, EBITDA margin was in approximately the 100th percentile, net income was in approximately the 90th percentile, and three-year revenue growth was in approximately the 100th percentile of the 2014 Peer Group.

In addition to specific peer company data, we considered the compensation survey conducted by Radford, a nationally recognized consulting firm, with a focus on surveys of companies in the high technology sector that have revenues comparable to ours. We did not know and did not receive or consider the compensation specifics of the participant companies in the survey when making compensation decisions for the NEOs.

After reviewing the survey and peer group data described above, we determined the approximate range within which to target total direct compensation for our senior executives. Within that range, we incorporated flexibility to respond to and adjust for the evolving business environment and our specific hiring and retention needs.

In general for 2014, we set target base salary and short- and long-term incentive compensation for our senior executives, including the NEOs, to fall between the median and 75th percentile of the 2014 Peer Group. As described below, individual levels varied from the targeted position for each of the elements of total direct compensation based on the Compensation Committee s overall subjective evaluation of individual performance, senior executive responsibilities relative to benchmark position responsibilities, and individual skill set and experience.

As noted above, the Compensation Committee reviews the Company s peer group each year with the assistance of its external compensation consultants. Working with Meridian Compensation Partners LLC (Meridian), the Compensation Committee has approved changes to the Company s 2015 peer group (the 2015 Peer Group), keeping thirteen (13) of the prior year s peer companies and adding seven new peer companies, all of which are marked with an asterisk below, to the 2015 Peer Group. The Compensation Committee selected the 2015 Peer Group based on multiple factors, including business similarity and a broadly comparable financial profile (i.e., revenue, market capitalization, enterprise value and growth profiles). The 2015 Peer Group that will be used to evaluate 2015 compensation is as follows:

Akamai Technologies, Inc.

comScore Inc.*

ExlService Holdings Inc.*

FireEye Inc.* IHS Inc.

Jack Henry & Associates, Inc.

Rovi Corporation

Synchronoss Technologies*

Verint Systems Inc.

Verisk Analytics, Inc.

CommVault Systems Inc.*

Equifax Inc.

FactSet Research Systems Inc.

Fortinet Inc.*

Informatica Corporation

Red Hat, Inc.

Solera Holdings, Inc.

Syntel, Inc.

VeriSign, Inc. 12 Global Inc.

Role of Compensation Committee and Management

The Compensation Committee has primary responsibility for overseeing the design and implementation of our senior executive compensation programs. The Compensation Committee, with input from the other independent directors, evaluates the performance of the CEO. The Compensation Committee then recommends CEO compensation to the independent directors for approval. The CEO and the Compensation Committee together review the performance of our other senior executives, and the Compensation Committee determines their compensation based on recommendations from the CEO and the Senior Vice President, Human Resources, The CEO, CFO and Senior Vice President, Human Resources also provide information and recommendations to the Compensation Committee regarding Company financial targets under our incentive plans and the cost of the senior executive compensation programs. The other senior executives do not play a role in their own individual compensation determinations, other than discussing individual performance objectives and their performance as compared to their performance objectives with the CEO.

As part of its responsibility for overseeing our compensation programs, the Compensation Committee assists management and the Board in evaluating risks associated with our compensation policies and practices. Compensation risk is discussed in more detail on page 33 below. Our company-wide ERM process is discussed on page 15 above.

Role of Compensation Consultants

With respect to decisions for 2014 target compensation of the NEOs, competitive review of senior executive and non-employee director compensation programs and peer group review for 2014, the Compensation Committee retained Towers Watson to review market trends and advise the Compensation Committee.

At the end of the 2014 compensation planning process, the Compensation Committee considered bids from a variety of consultants to assist the Compensation Committee in its assessment of senior executive and director compensation, compensation best practices, trends and competitive practices. At the conclusion of this procurement process, the Compensation Committee decided to retain Meridian as its sole compensation consultant effective May 2014.

Our Compensation Committee has concluded that no conflict of interest exists with Meridian after considering the following six factors: (i) the provision of other services to us by Meridian; (ii) the amount of fees Meridian received from us as a percentage of the total revenue of Meridian; (iii) the policies and procedures of Meridian that are designed to prevent conflicts of interest; (iv) any business or personal relationship of the Meridian consultants with a member of the Compensation Committee; (v) any of our stock owned by the Meridian consultants; and (vi) any business or personal relationship of the Meridian consultants or Meridian with any of our executive officers. The Compensation Committee previously conducted a similar analysis considering the same six factors with respect to Towers Watson and concluded that no conflict of interest existed with Towers Watson during the time that Towers Watson served as its compensation consultant.

The Compensation Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation and oversight of Meridian. Meridian reported directly to the Compensation Committee, although the Compensation Committee instructed Meridian to work with management to compile information and to gain an understanding of the Company and any Company-related issues for consideration by the Compensation Committee. In accordance with good governance practices, the Committee periodically requests proposals for the provision of executive compensation consulting services.

Clawbacks

Pursuant to our current clawback provisions, equity grants to senior executives, including our NEOs, contain provisions under which the Company may claw back shares (or the value thereof) if a senior executive engages in fraud, dishonesty, willful misconduct or any other activity deemed detrimental to the Company (including, where permitted by applicable law, any violation of the non-compete, non-solicit, confidentiality, non-disparagement and other obligations included in grant agreements). In addition, we will seek to recover incentive compensation granted to any senior executive as required by any clawback provision prescribed by law or New York Stock Exchange listing standards.

Stock Ownership Guidelines

The Company s stock ownership guidelines apply to senior executive officers of the Company who are required to file reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission under Section 16 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as determined by the Board from time to time (the Executives), and members of the Board that are not employees of the Company (together with the Executives, the Participants). The guidelines are designed to increase Participants equity stakes in the Company and to align Participants interests more closely with those of our stockholders.

Participants are expected to hold shares of our stock with a value equal to a multiple of (a) salary for the Executives, and (b) the annual retainer for Board service, for the non-employee directors. Each Participant s required share ownership level is coupled with a retention ratio, as shown in the following table:

Position	Required Share Ownership Level	to Meeting Guideline
CEO	Shares with a value equal to five times $(5x)$ base salary	50%
All other Section 16 Officers	Shares with a value equal to three times (3x) base salary	50%
Non-Employee Directors	Shares with a value equal to five times $(5x)$ the annual retainer of	50%
	\$60,000	

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Shares counted toward meeting the ownership guidelines include shares owned outright by the Participant or his or her spouse, including shares acquired upon the exercise of stock options and shares delivered upon vesting of restricted stock, RSUs or PVRSUs; performance shares earned by the Participant; PVRSUs with respect to which the performance goals have been met but the vesting date has not yet occurred; vested, but unexercised stock options; deferred stock units, including performance shares that have been earned but converted to deferred stock units; shares held in trust that are included in the Participant s Section 16 ownership reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission; and shares held in the Executive s retirement accounts. Unvested stock options and RSUs or PVRSUs with respect to which the performance goals have not been met do not count toward meeting the ownership guidelines.

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The guidelines provide that each Participant is expected to retain a percentage (the retention ratio) of the after-tax shares received in connection with awards under the Company s equity compensation program until his or her required ownership level as described in the table above is achieved. For purposes of applying the retention ratio, shares will be calculated using a blended tax rate, and the value of each share will be calculated based on the closing price per share of the stock on the exercise or vesting date, as applicable. Additionally, for purposes of calculating the retention ratio, equity held by an individual prior to becoming a Participant is not subject to the retention ratio.

After a Participant attains his or her required ownership level, the Participant must continue to maintain the required ownership level until he or she is no longer an executive officer who is required to file Section 16 reports with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or a non-employee director, as applicable.

All sales of stock by a Participant are subject to the Company s policy prohibiting insider trading.

Stock Selling Restrictions

Each year, our Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and Board of Directors adopt a policy governing sales of our stock by our senior executives. The Company s senior executives may engage in sales of our common stock in accordance with these guidelines. These guidelines include, among others, (1) limitations on times when a senior executive may enter into a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan, such as only when a blackout period is not in effect; (2) a requirement that the Company pre-approve a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan before a senior executive may enter into the plan; (3) a requirement that the first trade under a Rule 10b5-1 plan may not occur prior to the expiration of a cooling off period, which may range from 45 to 90 days; (4) restrictions on all sales during certain periods; (5) an admonition regarding the termination of, and the entry into new successive trading plans, as well as a requirement that a new plan may not be adopted until a specified amount of time has occurred since a trading plan was terminated; and (6) limitations on modifications a senior executive may make to Rule 10b5-1 plans, including subjecting such modifications to the same standards applicable to terminate a plan and enter into a new plan.

The Compensation Committee considers the impact of the stock selling restrictions, together with realized and unrealized equity gains, when evaluating retention needs and senior executive compensation generally.

Hedging and Pledging Policies

It is against Company policy for any employee to engage in short-term, speculative or hedging transactions in our securities. Employees are prohibited from trading in puts or calls in our securities and from selling our securities short. Employees are also prohibited from including our securities in a margin account or pledging our securities as collateral for a loan. None of our NEOs have hedged or pledged our securities. Any violation of our policy that prohibits hedging or pledging may result in disciplinary action, including dismissal for cause.

Advisory Vote to Approve Executive Compensation

Our current policy is to hold an annual advisory vote to approve senior executive compensation. At our 2014 annual meeting, stockholders expressed strong support for our 2014 senior executive compensation program, with over 99% of votes cast voting in favor of the program. We are grateful for this high level of stockholder support. As a result of this advisory vote, we did not make any specific changes to our senior executive compensation program in 2014.

Compensation of the Named Executive Officers

In determining total compensation for our NEOs for 2014, we evaluated the financial and operational performance of the Company and considered each senior executive s contributions to that performance. For a discussion of the Company s 2014 performance, see Executive Summary Business Results and Key Events above.

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Base Salary

The Compensation Committee (and the independent directors, in the case of the CEO) approved 2014 base salaries for the NEOs in January 2014. Base salaries were targeted between the 50th to 75th percentiles of our 2014 Peer Group. The increase in base salary for Ms. Hook, Mr. Lalljie and Mr. Edwards was approved in recognition of (a) their continued execution of each of their respective responsibilities under our organizational structure, including their continued contributions to the Company s strong growth in the IS&A space, (b) strong financial performance in 2013 relative to the 2014 Peer Group, (c) their exceptional individual performance in 2013 to enhance the Company s position to capture evolving market opportunities and (d) market competitiveness. No salary increase was provided to Mr. Kennedy in 2014 since he had been hired in May 2013. The increase in base salary for Mr. Berry was approved in recognition of his expanded responsibilities in connection with the consolidation of our sales organizations.

The following table sets forth the 2014 base salaries for the NEOs:

		% Increase in Salary
Name	2014 Salary	2014 vs. 2013
Lisa Hook	\$ 750,000	7.1%
Paul Lalljie	\$ 480,000	6.7%
Steven Edwards	\$ 400,000	9.6%
Leonard J. Kennedy	\$ 430,000	0%
Alex Berry	\$ 430,000	24.6%
Mark Bregman	\$ 430,000	0%

Annual Cash Incentive Compensation

As part of the annual senior executive compensation review, the Compensation Committee reviewed independent market data (at the end of 2013 and early 2014), as well as then-current pay levels of the Company s senior executives, the Company s pay philosophy and corporate performance, and the individual performance of the Company s senior executives.

The Compensation Committee set performance goals and targets for our 2014 annual cash incentive compensation and weighted a majority of the awards towards the achievement of the Company s goals. For each of the NEO s, 70% of the annual cash incentive is based upon the Company s performance, and 30% is based on individual performance. With respect to the CEO, the Compensation Committee reduced the portion of the CEO cash incentive related to Company performance from 100% to 70% and increased the portion of the CEO cash incentive related to individual performance from 0% to 30%. This change was made in order to, among other things, provide additional incentives, other than corporate financial metrics, for the CEO s individual performance and to align CEO pay structure with the other NEOs.

2014 Financial Performance Goals and Results

In February 2014, the Compensation Committee established the targets for the 2014 Annual Cash Incentive Metrics. In early 2015, the Compensation Committee reviewed the Company s 2014 financial results and evaluated the extent to which the business objectives for 2014 were met. The Compensation Committee certified that the Company had achieved 2014 total revenue of \$950.7 million and 2014 EBITDA of \$463.9 million, each adjusted for predefined measures. A reconciliation of our GAAP results to our non-GAAP results can be found in Table 2 and Table 3 in Annex A to this Proxy Statement. Based on these results, and the weighting of the targets, the Compensation Committee determined that the objectives for the corporate portion of the 2014 annual cash incentive award were achieved at 102.3% of the target payout level.

Individual Performance Goals and Results

The Compensation Committee, in consultation with Ms. Hook, set 2014 individual performance goals for each NEO. In February 2015, Ms. Hook evaluated the performance of the other NEOs and presented the results of those evaluations to the Compensation Committee. In assessing individual performance of each of the NEOs other than Ms. Hook, the Compensation Committee considered the highlights of specific individual and business performance criteria.

Mr. Lalljie performed exceptionally well in 2014, contributing to the Company s performance as a member of the Executive Team. In addition to his contribution to the Company s overall performance, the following highlights were considered in the evaluation of his performance: with Mr. Lalljie s disciplined financial focus, we continued to deliver adjusted earnings growth, made important strategic investments, and maintained investor confidence despite headwinds. We also maintained a strong cash flow and balance sheet, completed strategic acquisitions and a share repurchase program, executed on a successful launch of new products, advanced our product pipelines, and completed other actions important to the continued success of the business. Mr. Lalljie continued to build on his strong relationship with the financial community by proactively conveying the Company s strategy, strengths, and growth prospects to them, an effort that was recognized by external benchmarks.

Mr. Edwards performed very well in 2014, contributing to the Company s performance as a member of the Executive Team. The Committee commended Mr. Edwards leadership in driving market success with the Data Services portfolio; extending the Carrier Provisioning portfolio to embrace network transformation solutions, and delivering exceptional performance of mission critical services to the U.S. telecommunications industry.

Mr. Kennedy performed very well in 2014, contributing to the Company s performance as a member of the Executive Team. Mr. Kennedy provided invaluable leadership with respect to business and regulatory matters critical to the Company, raising the Company s profile and reputation among governmental regulatory bodies. Mr. Kennedy successfully managed various litigation matters, oversaw the completion of pivotal IS&A acquisitions and strategic commercial partnerships and the Company s share repurchase program, managed a bi-coastal legal department to support the Company s transition into a leading IS&A company, and regularly provided comprehensive legal advice and counsel to the Company s management and the Board.

Mr. Berry contributed to the Company s performance by leading the implementation of a unified sales organization. This consisted of combining more than three vertical sales teams and its corresponding infrastructure into a single sales organization with multiple vertical go-to-market strategies. He accomplished this combination during the first half of the year, while continuing to maintain our broad and expansive customer base and growing our IS&A businesses.

In February 2015, the Compensation Committee evaluated the performance of the CEO in 2014 and recommended an award to the independent members of the Board of Directors. In assessing the individual performance of the CEO, the Compensation Committee noted Ms. Hook success in executing against the Company s strategic plan. Ms. Hook continued to successfully position the Company for future growth in the IS&A space by introducing innovative solutions in Marketing Services and Security Services and completing strategic acquisitions and partnerships. Ms. Hook successfully led the team through turbulent times while outperforming financial and operating targets. Ms. Hook continued to carefully build the talent capabilities and the critical infrastructure to allow the Company to establish a strong foundation for continued growth as an IS&A leader.

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Calculation of 2014 Annual Cash Incentive Payouts

Following its review, the Compensation Committee (and the independent directors, in the case of Ms. Hook) determined the NEOs earned the following amounts under the annual cash incentive compensation plan for 2014:

Name	Target Award	Assessment of Performance Against Corporate Goals	Assessment of Performance Against Individual Goals	Calculated Award	Calculated Award as % of Target	Discretionary Bonus	Actual Payout
Lisa Hook	\$ 937,500	102.3%	109.7%	\$ 980,000	104.5%		\$ 980,000
Paul Lalljie	\$ 480,000	102.3%	200.0%	\$ 631,728	131.6%		\$ 631,728
Steven Edwards	\$ 280,000	102.3%	161.8%	\$ 336,449	120.2%		\$ 336,449
Leonard J. Kennedy	\$ 301,000	102.3%	125.0%	\$ 328,421	109.1%		\$ 328,421
Alex Berry	\$ 344,000	102.3%	47.0%	\$ 294,842	85.7%		\$ 294,842
Mark Bregman(1)	\$ 222,658	102.3%	100.0%	\$ 226,242	101.6%		\$ 226,242

(1) Following the mutual decision of Dr. Bregman and the Company, Dr. Bregman departed the Company on September 26, 2014. The target award and calculated award for Dr. Bregman were prorated for the number of days he worked during 2014.

Equity Compensation (Long-Term Incentive Plan)

As a result of our multi-year equity awards in 2012, no additional equity was awarded to our NEOs in 2014. The Compensation Committee did set annual performance targets for certain equity awards granted in 2012 that were earned during 2014, as more fully discussed below.

2012 Equity Grants

In 2012, the Compensation Committee developed and approved a multi-year long-term incentive grant to the NEOs, other than to Mr. Kennedy who received a new-hire award in 2013, to support our strategic plan to become an IS&A company. The awards are designed to motivate and retain senior executives to achieve strategic, financial and operational targets over a five-year period, which align their interests with those of our long-term stockholders. The multi-year awards granted to our NEOs were a combination of PVRSUs and RSUs. For each of the NEOs, 80% of the value of their 2012 equity compensation award was in the form of PVRSUs, and 20% was in the form of RSUs. This weighting provided a dual focus for our senior executives on both stockholder value creation and long-term operating performance. The RSUs granted in 2012 vest ratably over five years. One-fifth of the PVRSUs awarded was allocated to each of five single-year performance periods, the first of which began on January 1, 2012 and ended December 31, 2012 and the last of which begins on January 1, 2016 and ends on December 31, 2016. The portion of the PVRSUs earned with respect to the first three performance periods vested on January 1, 2015 and the portion of the award, if any, earned with respect to the final two performance periods will vest on January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, respectively. The portion allocated to 2014 is described further in the 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards table on page 36 below.

2013 Equity Grants

In 2013, Mr. Kennedy received a grant of RSUs and PVRSUs. For Mr. Kennedy, 80% of the value of his 2013 equity compensation award was granted in the form of PVRSUs, and 20% was granted in the form of RSUs. The RSUs vest ratably over four years. Twenty percent (20%) of the PVRSUs awarded to Mr. Kennedy was allocated to each of the 2013 and 2014 performance periods, respectively, and 30% of the PVRSUs awarded was allocated to each of the 2015 and 2016 performance periods, respectively. The portion of the PVRSUs earned with respect to the first two performance periods vested on January 1, 2015, and the portion of the award, if any, earned with respect to the final two performance periods will vest on January 1, 2016 and January 1, 2017, respectively.

PVRSU Performance Goals

With respect to all of the PVRSUs, each NEO may earn up to 150% of the PVRSUs allocated to each annual performance period subject to the achievement of the respective performance goals for each such performance period. The performance goals for the performance periods that took place from January 1, 2014 through December 31, 2014 and that are taking place from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2015 are based on: (i) non-NPAC revenue, weighted at 35%; (ii) total revenue, weighted at 15%; and (iii) net income, weighted at 50%. A reconciliation of our GAAP results to our non-GAAP results can be found in Table 2, Table 4 and Table 5 in Annex A to this Proxy Statement. The Compensation Committee elected to use these measures for goals because they focus our NEOs on profitable growth that is expected to enhance stockholder value. The Compensation Committee will set the performance goals for the future one-year performance periods at the start of the respective single-year performance period. This permits the Compensation Committee, on an annual basis, to align the performance targets with the strategic goals and the priorities of stockholders as they evolve.

Severance and Change in Control Arrangements

As discussed under Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control below, we maintain severance and equity award arrangements that provide benefits to key management employees, including our NEOs, if specified termination or change-in-control events occur.

We have defined the events that would trigger payments in a manner that we believe is reasonable and consistent with current market practices. For example, the definition of good reason in our severance and change-in-control arrangements is intended to be limited to true circumstances of constructive discharge and includes notice and opportunity-to-cure provisions, so that severance rights are not triggered inadvertently. In addition, the rights to receive payments because of change-in-control are subject to a double trigger, meaning that change-in-control benefits are payable only if both a change in control and an affirmative action by us or our successor to terminate (or constructively terminate) a senior executive s employment occurs. The double trigger also applies to outstanding equity awards unless the acquirer in such a transaction does not assume and continue unvested awards following the transaction (in which case awards may vest in full prior to the time of the transaction). Our change-in-control arrangements also do not provide for excise tax gross-ups. Finally, any payments under our severance plan are conditioned on the senior executive s execution of a release of claims and agreement to abide by specific non-compete, non-solicit, confidentiality and other obligations set forth in the plan (where permitted by applicable law).

We periodically review the design of our senior executive severance and change-in-control arrangements. As the regulatory framework, market practices and our needs evolve, we will consider whether changes to our policies are appropriate.

Other Compensation

Other benefits provided to the NEOs for 2014 include Company contributions to 401(k) plan accounts, which are available to all of our employees, and certain commuting expenses. These benefits constituted only a small portion of each senior executive s total compensation for 2014.

Dr. Bregman s employment with the Company ended on September 26, 2014. Under Dr. Bregman s separation agreement, the Company provided him with the following severance benefits in accordance with our Key Employee Severance Pay Plan: (i) a cash payment equal to 100% of Dr. Bregman s base salary (\$430,000), payable over 12 months following separation; (ii) a pro-rated cash incentive award for 2014, based on actual results and the number of days worked during the year, payable in a lump sum on the same date bonuses are paid to other senior executives; and (iii) reimbursement for COBRA continuation coverage under the Company s medical plan for up to 12 months following separation. In addition, the separation agreement also provided for accelerated vesting of a portion of Dr. Bregman s outstanding and unvested RSUs and PVRSUs, in each case in accordance with the terms of the equity award agreements evidencing those grants.

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Tax Deductibility of Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended, imposes a limit of \$1 million on the amount that a public company may deduct for compensation paid to the company s CEO and to each of the company s other covered officers. This limitation does not apply to compensation that meets the requirements under Section 162(m) for qualifying performance-based compensation (*i.e.*, compensation paid only if performance meets pre-established, objective goals based on criteria approved by stockholders). For 2014, the payments described under Compensation of the Named Executive Officers Annual Cash Incentive Compensation above were subject to a threshold performance measure designed to satisfy the requirements for deductible compensation under Section 162(m). However, because of ambiguities and uncertainties as to the application and interpretation of Section 162(m) and related regulations, and the fact that such regulations and interpretations may change from time to time (with potentially retroactive effect), no assurance can be given that compensation intended to satisfy the requirements for deductibility under Section 162(m) does in fact do so.

COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed the Compensation Discussion & Analysis set forth above and has discussed that Analysis with management. Based on its review and discussion with management, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion & Analysis be included in the Company s 2015 proxy statement and incorporated by reference in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K for 2014. The following independent directors, who comprise the Compensation Committee, provide this report:

Paul A. Lacouture, Chair

James G. Cullen

Mark N. Greene

Ross K. Ireland

The Compensation Committee Report does not constitute soliciting material, and shall not be deemed to be filed or incorporated by reference into any other filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate the Compensation Committee Report by reference therein.

COMPENSATION RISK

Our compensation programs are designed to balance risk and reward in relation to the Company s overall business strategy. Management assessed, and the Compensation Committee reviewed, our senior executive and broad-based compensation and benefits programs. Based on this assessment, we have concluded that our compensation policies and practices do not create risks that are reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us. Among the program attributes that discourage inappropriate risk-taking are:

the balance between annual and long-term compensation, including the fact that a significant portion of compensation is delivered in the form of equity incentives that vest over several years;

the use of multiple financial metrics for performance-based awards and the use of individual goals under our annual cash incentive program;

strong governance policies applicable to our NEOs, other executives, sales force and commissions process;

the Compensation Committee s ability to modify annual cash incentives to reflect the quality of earnings, individual performance, and other factors that it believes should influence compensation;

the use of long-term vesting periods in our equity program;

the use of graded payout curves and capped incentive awards;

our compensation recovery (clawback) provisions, which serve as a deterrent to activities that could harm us;

our policy against short-term or speculative transactions in our securities; and

our stock ownership guidelines and management stock selling restrictions encourage a longer-term perspective and align the interests of senior executives and the Board, as applicable, with other stockholders.

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EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION TABLES AND DISCUSSION

Summary Compensation Table

The following table sets forth all compensation paid by us, for the period shown, to our principal executive officer, our principal financial officer, our next three most highly compensated executive officers, and an executive officer who departed the Company during 2014 and was not an executive officer at the end of 2014. We refer to these individuals as the named executive officers or NEOs elsewhere in this proxy statement. The amounts reported in the Salary column represent base salaries paid to each of the named executive officers for the listed fiscal year. The amounts shown in the Stock Awards and Option Awards columns reflect the grant date fair value of equity awards for 2014 and prior years, not the actual amounts paid to or that may be realized by the named executive officers.

						Non-Equity Incentive		
Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus(1) (\$)	Stock Awards(2) (\$)	Option Awards(3) (\$)	Plan Compensation(1) (\$)	All Other Compensation(4) (\$)	Total (\$)
Lisa Hook	2014	747,796	(Φ)	2,483,150(5)	(Φ)	980,000	15,600	4,226,546
President and Chief	2014	697,988		3,128,612		682,500	15,300	4,524,400
Executive Officer	2012	645,852	200,000	5,599,868		760,500	20,085	7,226,305
Paul Lalljie SVP and Chief	2014 2013	478,707 449,457		1,241,575(6) 1,564,306		631,728 403,704	15,600 15,000	2,367,610 2,432,467
Financial Officer	2012	433,727	125,000	2,799,934		433,608	17,000	3,809,269
Steven Edwards SVP Data Solutions	2014 2013 2012	398,434 365,049 364,304		476,711(7) 600,626 1,075,054		336,449 210,174 268,932	57,642 51,016 52,172	1,269,236 1,226,865 1,760,462
Leonard J. Kennedy SVP and General Counsel	2014 2013	430,057 251,442		310,114(8) 977,651		328,421 431,847	15,600 14,885	1,084,192 1,675,825
Alex Berry SVP Sales	2014	426,126		397,259(9)		294,842	14,846	1,133,073
Mark Bregman SVP and Chief	2014 2013 2012	381,530 430,051 429,665		703,317(10) 886,135 1,586,083		226,242 285,348 352,170	110,105 15,300 15,000	1,421,194 1,616,834 2,382,918

- Technology Officer
- (1) Reported amounts (a) include amounts earned with respect to performance in the year shown but paid in the year shown and/or the following year, and (b) exclude amounts earned with respect to performance in the previous year but paid in the year shown.
- (2) This column represents the aggregate grant date fair value of restricted stock, restricted stock units and performance-vested restricted stock units granted to the named executive officers in the year shown, computed in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board Accounting Standards Codification, or FASB ASC, Topic Compensation Stock Compensation. For information about the assumptions and underlying calculations upon which we base grant date fair value, see Note 12 to our audited financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These amounts may not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the NEOs.
- (3) This column represents the aggregate grant date fair value of stock options granted to the named executive officers in the year shown, computed in accordance with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation. For information about the assumptions and underlying calculations upon which we base grant date fair value, see Note 12 to our audited financial statements in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. These amounts may not correspond to the actual value that will be recognized by the NEOs.

- (4) See the All Other Compensation table below.
- (5) Consistent with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation, the grant date fair value of Ms. Hook s PVRSUs was computed based on target performance. If maximum performance had been used, the grant date fair value of the units awarded to Ms. Hook in 2014 would have been \$3,724,725.

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- (6) Consistent with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation, the grant date fair value of Mr. Lalljie s PVRSUs was computed based on target performance. If maximum performance had been used, the grant date fair value of the units awarded to Mr. Lalljie in 2014 would have been \$1,862,362.
- (7) Consistent with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation, the grant date fair value of Mr. Edward s PVRSUs was computed based on target performance. If maximum performance had been used, the grant date fair value of the units awarded to Mr. Edwards in 2014 would have been \$715,067.
- (8) Consistent with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation, the grant date fair value of Mr. Kennedy s PVRSUs was computed based on target performance. If maximum performance had been used, the grant date fair value of the units awarded to Mr. Kennedy in 2014 would have been \$465,171.
- (9) Consistent with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation, the grant date fair value of Mr. Berry s PVRSUs was computed based on target performance. If maximum performance had been used, the grant date fair value of the units awarded to Mr. Berry in 2014 would have been \$595,889.
- (10) Consistent with FASB ASC Topic Compensation Stock Compensation, the grant date fair value of Dr. Bregman s PVRSUs was computed based on target performance. If maximum performance had been used, the grant date fair value of the units awarded to Dr. Bregman in 2014 would have been \$1,054,975.

All Other Compensation

The following table describes the components of All Other Compensation in the Summary Compensation Table for each NEO for 2014.

	Company		
	Contributions		
	to Individual s		
	401(k)		
	Account	Other Benefits(1)	Total
Name	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)
Lisa Hook	15,600		15,600
Paul Lalljie	15,600		15,600
Steven Edwards		57,642(2)	57,642
Leonard J. Kennedy	15,600		15,600
Alex Berry	14,846		14,846
Mark Bregman	15,600	94,505(3)	110,105

- (1) This column includes the total value of other benefits (including perquisites and personal benefits) paid to each named executive officer. To the extent that the total value of perquisites and other personal benefits was less than \$10,000, the value of such benefits has been omitted in accordance with Securities and Exchange Commission rules.
- (2) Other benefits for Mr. Edwards are composed of temporary living expenses of \$34,682 and travel of \$22,960 relating to Mr. Edwards commute to our corporate headquarters. We did not reimburse Mr. Edwards for taxes associated with these benefits.
- (3) Other benefits for Dr. Bregman are composed of termination-related compensation.

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2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards

The following table provides information regarding each plan-based award granted to a named executive officer in 2014. All non-equity incentive plan awards were granted pursuant to the Company s Corporate Bonus Plan. All equity awards were granted pursuant to the Amended and Restated 2009 Stock Incentive Plan.

		Esti	imated Poss Under Non Incent Plan Awa	tive	Payo	timated Fut uts Under E ive Plan Aw	Equity	All Oth	l Arll Othe	Exercise Price r of	Grant Date Fair Value of Stock and
		Thres-		Maxi-	Thres-	Maxi-		Stock Option Option		Option	
Name	Grant Date	hold (\$)	Target (\$)	mum (\$)	hold (#)	Target (#)	mum (#)	Award (#)	sAwards (#)	Awards (\$)	Awards (\$)
Lisa Hook	2/13/14		937,500	1,593,750	35,504	71,008	106,512				2,483,150
Paul Lalljie	2/13/14		480,000	816,000	17,752	35,504	53,256				1,241,575
Steven Edwards	2/13/14		280,000	476,000	6,816	13,632	20,448				476,711
Leonard J. Kennedy	2/13/14		301,000	511,700	4,434	8,868	13,302				310,114
Alex Berry	2/13/14		344,000	584,800	5,680	11,360	17,040				397,259
Mark Bregman	2/13/14		301,000	511,700	10,056	20,112	30,168				703,317

- (1) These columns show the amounts of annual cash incentive compensation that each named executive officer could have received if various levels of performance had been achieved. Amounts are based on executive base salaries and target bonus as of December 31, 2014. Each executive s actual payout for 2014 is set forth in the Summary Compensation Table above.
- (2) These columns show the number of shares that each NEO could receive under PVRSUs granted in 2014 if various levels of performance are achieved. The vesting of the PVRSUs is described under Notes to Summary Compensation Table and 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table below.

Notes to Summary Compensation Table and 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards Table

As discussed under Compensation Discussion & Analysis above, the Compensation Committee considers numerous factors, including individual and Company performance, position and level of responsibility, market data, and the recommendations of our CEO, in determining each senior executive s salary, performance-based cash award, equity awards and other compensation.

In 2014, the base salaries of each NEO constituted approximately 18% to 40% of their total compensation, with the remaining compensation composed principally of performance-based cash and equity awards. The performance-based cash awards in the Summary Compensation Table were approved by our Compensation Committee (and in the case of Ms. Hook, by the independent directors) pursuant to the Company s Corporate Bonus Plan. The Compensation Committee established the performance goals applicable to these awards in early 2014. Our 2014 Annual Cash Incentive Metrics and payments are discussed in more detail under Compensation Discussion & Analysis Compensation Objectives and Guiding Principles and Compensation Discussion & Analysis Annual Cash Incentive Compensation above.

The RSU and PVRSU awards in the 2014 Grants of Plan-Based Awards table were granted by the Compensation Committee (and in the case of Ms. Hook, by the independent directors) under the Amended and Restated 2009 Stock Incentive Plan. Additional details regarding equity grants made in 2014 are set forth below.

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Performance-vested restricted stock units. The PVRSUs awarded to Ms. Hook, Mr. Lalljie, Mr. Edwards, Mr. Berry and Dr. Bregman in 2012 are subject to five one-year performance periods, the first of which began on January 1, 2012 and ended December 31, 2012 and the last of which begins on January 1, 2016 and ends on December 31, 2016.

With respect to PVRSUs awarded upon Mr. Kennedy s hire in 2013, 40% of the total award is subject to two one-year performance periods, the first of which began on January 1, 2013 and ended on December 31, 2013 and the last of which began on January 1, 2014 and ended on December 31, 2014, and 60% of the total award is subject to two one-year performance periods, the first of which begins on January 1, 2015 and ends on December 31, 2015 and the last of which begins on January 1, 2016 and ends on December 31, 2016.

Each NEO is eligible to earn up to 150% of the target award with respect to each annual performance period subject to the achievement of the respective performance goals for that one-year performance period. The performance goals for the 2014 performance period were based on: (i) non-NPAC revenue, weighted at 35%; (ii) total revenue, weighted at 15%; and (iii) net income, weighted at 50%. A reconciliation of our GAAP results to our non-GAAP results can be found in Table 2, Table 4 and Table 5 in Annex A to this Proxy Statement.

Holders of PVRSUs may receive dividend equivalents, subject to the same restrictions and risk of forfeiture as the underlying PVRSUs. We did not pay any dividend equivalents in 2014.

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Outstanding Equity Awards at December 31, 2014

The following table provides information regarding unexercised stock options, unvested stock, and equity incentive plan awards outstanding as of December 31, 2014 for each named executive officer.

		Option Av	vards		Stock Awards			
Name	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Exercisable	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options (#) Unexercisable	Option Exercise Price (\$)	Option Expiration Date	Number of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (#)	Market Value of Shares or Units of Stock That Have Not Vested (\$)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (#)	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Market or Payout Value of Unearned Shares, Units or Other Rights That Have Not Vested (\$)
Lisa Hook	185,000 89,800 82,500 113,568 44,484	5,056(1)	26.38 15.39 22.82 26.45 26.45	2/22/15 2/23/16 2/23/17 2/22/18 2/22/18	4,628(2) 53,256(3) 91,955(4) 78,960(5) 87,694(6)	128,658 1,480,517 2,556,349 2,195,088 2,437,893	213,024(7)	5,922,067
Paul Lalljie	3,281 12,500 10,000 15,000 59,110 53,238	2,362(8)	22.00 27.85 26.38 22.44 22.82 26.45	6/28/15 8/1/15 2/22/15 12/9/16 2/23/17 2/22/18	2,175(9) 26,628(10) 45,977(11) 39,480(12) 43,847(13)	60,465 740,258 1,278,161 1,097,544 1,218,947		
Steve Edwards	6,240 9,165 17,721 24,922	1,478(15)	21.06 15.39 22.82 26.45	9/11/18 2/23/16 2/23/17 2/22/18	1,375(16) 10,224(17) 17,653(18) 15,158(19) 16,835(20)	38,225 284,227 490,753 421,392 468,013	106,512(14) 40,896(21)	2,961,034
Leonard J. Kennedy					8,310(22) 9,861(23) 10,951(24)	231,018 274,136 304,438	· · · · ·	
Alex Berry	1,749 7,150	1,100(26)	22.82 26.45	2/23/17 2/22/18	1,025(27) 8,520(28)	28,495 236,856	39,906(25)	1,109,387

14,711(29)	408,966		
12,632(30)	351,170		
14,029(31)	390,006		
		34,080(32)	947,424

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- (1) Stock option award was granted in February 2011 and shares vested monthly through February 2015.
- (2) Restricted shares were granted in February 2011 and vested on February 22, 2015.
- (3) Restricted shares were granted in February 2012. 17,752 restricted shares vested on January 1, 2015. The remaining shares will vest in annual installments through January 1, 2017.
- (4) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 129.5% of target based on the achievement of 2012 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (5) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 111.2% of target based on the achievement of 2013 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (6) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 123.5% of target based on the achievement of 2014 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (7) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012. 106,512 performance-vested restricted stock units will vest on January 1, 2016 and 2017, respectively, based on, and subject to, the achievement of total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals. The number of units reported is based on maximum performance at 150%, as required by Securities and Exchange Commission rules, and does not necessarily reflect the actual payout to be received by Ms. Hook.
- (8) Stock option award was granted in February 2011 and shares vested monthly through February 2015.
- (9) Restricted shares were granted in February 2011 and vested on February 22, 2015.
- (10) Restricted shares were granted in February 2012. 8,876 restricted shares vested on January 1, 2015. The remaining shares will vest in annual installments through January 1, 2017.
- (11) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 129.5% of target based on the achievement of 2012 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (12) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 111.2% of target based on the achievement of 2013 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (13) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 123.5% of target based on the achievement of 2014 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.

- (14) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012. 53,256 performance-vested restricted stock units will vest on January 1, 2016 and 2017, respectively, based on, and subject to, the achievement of total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals. The number of units reported is based on maximum performance at 150%, as required by Securities and Exchange Commission rules, and does not necessarily reflect the actual payout to be received by Mr. Lalljie.
- (15) Stock option award was granted in February 2011 and shares vested monthly through February 2015.
- (16) Restricted shares were granted in February 2011 and vested on February 22, 2015.
- (17) Restricted shares were granted in February 2012. 3,408 restricted shares vested on January 1, 2015. The remaining shares will vest in annual installments through January 1, 2017.
- (18) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 129.5% of target based on the achievement of 2012 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (19) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 and vested on January 1, 2015 at 111.2% of target based on the achievement of 2013 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (20) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012 vested on January 1, 2015 at 123.5% of target based on the achievement of 2014 total revenue, non-NPAC revenue and net income goals.
- (21) Performance-vested restricted stock units were awarded in February 2012. 20,448 performance-vested restricted stock units will vest on January 1, 2016 and 2017, respectively, based on, and subject to, the

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