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MAXIMUS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

VIRGINIA	54-1000588
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
11419 Sunset Hills Road, Reston, Virginia (Address of principal executive offices)	20190 (Zip Code)
Registrant's telephone number, inclu	ading area code: (703) 251-8500
Securities registered pursuant	to Section 12(b) of the Act:
Title of each class	Name of each exchange on which registered
Common Stock, no par value	New York Stock Exchange
Securities registered pursuant to S	Section 12(g) of the Act: None
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in YES \square NO \boxtimes	n Rule 405 of the Securities Act.
Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Sect YES □ NO ☒	tion 13 or Section 15(d) of the Act.
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The aggregate market value of outstanding voting stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant's Common Stock on The New York Stock Exchange as of the close	

DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2007 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 20, 2007, which definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this

There were 21,592,742 shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of November 30, 2006.

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PART I

ITEM 1. Business.

General

We are a leading provider of consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management primarily to government. Since our inception in 1975, we have been at the forefront of innovation in meeting our mission of "Helping Government Serve the People®." We use our expertise, experience and advanced information technology to make government operations more efficient and cost-effective while improving the quality of services provided to program beneficiaries. We operate primarily in the United States and have had contracts with government agencies in all 50 states, Canada, Australia, Israel and the United Kingdom.

Over the last five years, our business has experienced fluctuations in demand for certain services, primarily resulting from the budgetary and fiscal challenges that many states faced during 2002 and 2003. As a result, we experienced weakness in certain divisions primarily within our Consulting Segment and in the human services area of our Operations Segment. Beginning in 2004, state financial conditions returned to healthier levels resulting from increased tax receipts and consequently our business has experienced increases in opportunities and new work.

While overall market demand at the state level has returned to more normalized levels, our fiscal 2006 results were impacted by a \$49.4 million operating loss on the Texas Integrated Eligibility project, which included a \$17.1 million write-off of deferred contract costs. Under this project, we serve as a subcontractor to Accenture as part of the Texas Access Alliance which provides services under the Texas Health and Human Services Commissions' Integrated Eligibility Program. We were awarded the five-year, \$370 million subcontract in June 2005. In June 2006, we amended our subcontract with Accenture to reduce scope and realign responsibilities. On November 15, 2006,

we announced that we have commenced negotiations with Accenture which may further reduce our overall scope on the project.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, we had revenue of \$700.9 million and net income of \$2.5 million.

Market Overview

Our primary customers are state and local government agencies, but a portion of our business also comes from a variety of federal agencies and commercial customers. In fiscal 2006, approximately 77% of our total revenue was derived from state and local government agencies, 7% from federal government agencies, 11% from foreign customers, and 5% from other sources (such as commercial customers).

We believe we are well positioned to benefit from the continuing demand for consulting, systems solutions and operations program management in an environment where governments are required to maintain or improve services to an increasing number of constituents. We believe governments will continue to review current program operations and seek improved operating capability and cost savings through the use of outsourcing. For example, many states are in the process of considering changes to how they administer entitlement programs and are seeking new ways to find cost savings by implementing new systems and business process reengineering. Much of our program management and outsourcing work is related to federally-mandated and federally-funded programs such as Medicaid and Temporary Assistance to Needy Families (TANF). As a result, we expect the underlying demand for our existing outsourcing programs to remain stable due to the fundamental need and federal mandate for governments or provide these services to beneficiaries. In addition, we believe governments will continue to upgrade technology in order to increase cost efficiency and program productivity. To achieve these results, many government agencies are engaging outsourcing business services firms, such as MAXIMUS, for help.

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We deliver valued-added services to government agencies by providing consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management that help governments operate more efficiently and effectively. Demand for each of our services is contingent upon specific market factors related to our vertical markets and we believe that several factors which impact government spending will drive increased demand for our services, including:

- The need for states running federally-mandated and federally-funded programs to efficiently and cost-effectively meet minimum federal requirements in order to maintain federal funding levels.
- The requirement of state governments to implement federal initiatives such as the *Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003*, which established prescription drug benefits as part of the Medicare program beginning January 1, 2006, and the *Deficit Reduction Act*, which reauthorizes Temporary Assistance for Needy Families (TANF) and touches upon a number of key health and human service issues including Medicaid program reforms and requires states to engage more TANF cases in productive activities leading to self-sufficiency.
- · The desire by governments to continue to implement comprehensive solutions to drive efficiency and process improvements with the use of new technology offered by a single-source service provider that can offer long-term maintenance support.
- The need for governments to operate more programs with the same level of resources. Consequently, government clients possess the desire to outsource programs to companies that have greater flexibility in balancing resources (such as workforce) with demand.
- The impact of continued budgetary pressures on governments, including the need for the vast majority of states to maintain balanced budgets. These budgetary requirements increase the desire by governments to seek and maximize federal funding to which they are entitled.

As a result, governments seek to utilize outside companies such as MAXIMUS that possess the knowledge and resources to efficiently operate federally-funded programs, maintain minimum federal requirements in order to achieve the maximum federal funding as well as to secure additional federal dollars, in areas such as Medicaid, on their behalf.

Our Business Segments

The following discussion describes our business segments and each of our operating divisions within the business segments, as they existed as of September 30, 2006. From time to time, we implement certain organizational or management changes that realign our internal infrastructure and enable us to better manage our business.

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Consulting Segment:

Our Consulting Segment generated approximately 15% of our total revenue in fiscal 2006. Financial information with respect to this segment is provided in Notes 16 and 17 of our consolidated financial statements (See Item 8 below). The Consulting Segment provides specialized financial consulting services such as assisting state and local agencies in obtaining federal funding reimbursements for their programs. The Consulting Segment also offers educational services that assist schools in obtaining federal funding reimbursements and reducing costs. These services are provided through the following divisions:

Financial Services Division. Our Financial Services Division provides three main services:

- Assisting states in meeting their financial objectives through reducing costs related to fraud, waste, and abuse and through increasing federal funding reimbursements for health and human services expenditures. Our program integrity projects focus on health and human services eligibility, vendor payments, and beneficiary payments and include fraud and waste detection, recovery, and prevention services. We help states appropriately claim federal reimbursement and appropriately allocate costs to federal and state programs. These efforts often lead to increased federal revenues and are often carried out on a contingency-fee basis determined as a percentage of funds recovered. We also assist states in minimizing expenditures for high cost health care cases and recovering expenditures from commercial health care payers.
- Providing consulting services that help state, county, and community-based child welfare agencies improve the outcomes for children and their families. These services include children's safety, attainment of permanent families, physical health, mental health, education of children in the child welfare system, and improving the functioning of families so that parents can care for their own children. As part of our services, we work to ensure that agencies achieve incentives and avoid penalties by complying with federal regulations. We also assist clients in building the necessary child welfare infrastructure to ensure the effective execution of core functions such as eligibility determination, rate setting, contracting, licensing, case tracking and quality assurance. We are often called upon to directly provide and manage these core functions including eligibility determination, support for adoption assistance and quality assurance. Services are typically on a payment-for-deliverable basis

Assisting local governments in their efforts to appropriately recover available funding from state and federal agencies, enhance revenue, and operate efficiently. Service areas include cost allocation services, user fee efforts, management studies, and engagements which mandate specific claiming requirements under certain programs, such as the State Criminal Alien Assistance Program (SCAAP) for housing illegal aliens, FEMA Disaster Claiming Assistance, and California SB-90, which requires California to reimburse counties for state mandated activities.

UNISON MAXIMUS, Inc. (Unison). Unison, one of our subsidiaries, provides a wide range of management consulting services to airports and local government entities. Unison has assisted more than 80 small, medium and large hub airports across the United States, Canada and South America by conducting various studies and providing recommendations to enhance airport operations and plan for future development. The division provides consulting services under the following major practice areas: (1) Airport Finance and Economics; (2) Airport Retail Concessions Planning and Management; and (3) Airport Planning, Programming and Implementation Oversight.

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Educational Services Division. Our Educational Services Division provides financial analysis, fiscal management and billing services to help schools maximize federal funding from Medicaid claiming for qualified special education students. This division also provides school districts with software to provide electronic Individualized Educational Plans and special education case management software to ensure compliance with federal and state laws, to reduce the paperwork requirements on educators, and to improve the effectiveness of their special education programs. The division also provides instructional management software and consulting to schools in order for them to improve student performance and comply with the federal No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB) requirements including reporting and data warehousing. We have provided school-related revenue maximization projects for more than 2,000 school districts nationwide. This division supports four educational suites of services including revenue enhancement, cost reduction, compliance, and student performance improvement. The division also licenses specialized software systems and consulting to higher education research institutions across the country to assist them in managing their research grants efficiently and effectively, enhancing their administrative effectiveness, and reducing and reallocating costs.

Technical Services Division. The Technical Services Division provides strategic management and information technology consulting services to state, county and local government agencies. Our experienced team of project management and information technology professionals applies industry-recognized standards and methodologies throughout the system development life cycle. The division has assisted customers in planning, procuring, and implementing information systems in multiple projects across numerous states. The division's services include operational and performance audits, organization and staffing analysis, industry best practice analysis, business process transformation, change management, and the application of information technology to improve service delivery. The division's services also include the application of standards-based project management, quality assurance, and independent verification and validation services to assist our customers in successfully managing the development, implementation and deployment of automated systems.

Systems Segment:

Our Systems Segment generated approximately 18% of our total revenue in fiscal 2006. Financial information with respect to this segment is provided in Notes 16 and 17 of our consolidated financial statements. The Systems Segment designs and implements our proprietary software and third party software solutions to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of program administration and offers proprietary systems products in the areas of justice, education and asset solutions. These products and services are provided through the following divisions:

Asset Solutions Division. The Asset Solutions Division is a leading provider of software solutions that enable organizations to more effectively manage their asset infrastructure, including facilities and fleet and transit assets, as well as fuel management and distribution for fleet and transit organizations. The Asset Solutions Division serves over 600 customers including government agencies, public utilities, mass transit, educational institutions and commercial enterprises. The division offers a broad range of fleet consulting services such as competitiveness assessments, business planning, and information technology. Its software and industry expertise helps organizations streamline operations, achieve cost savings, and improve service levels. The division also assists entities in complying with the Government Accounting Standards Board reporting requirements for asset evaluation and management, and provides physical inventory control, regulatory compliance and reporting, and asset valuation services.

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Educational Systems Division. Our Educational Systems Division provides school management services, technical support, and software tools primarily to K-12 school districts, charter schools, state departments of education, and not-for-profit organizations. The division licenses or provides hosting services using SchoolMAX® Enterprise (our proprietary student information system). SchoolMAX® Enterprise captures, retrieves, and aggregates all relevant student, family, and school information regarding enrollment, student demographics, class scheduling, grades, attendance, healthcare, discipline, special education, parental notifications, textbook management, and other critical school management functions. In addition, the division works with school districts and state governments (1) to provide state compliance reporting, (2) to help satisfy certain requirements under NCLB, and (3) to facilitate integration with decision support and other major educational systems such as student assessment, curriculum management, asset and facilities management, and food services.

Security Solutions Division. The Security Solutions Division leverages technology, software product solutions and systems integration to provide security solutions to federal and state customers that are fully compliant with the latest federally driven standards and policies. The division includes software developers, systems integrators, network and data security professionals, and analysts who develop methodologies and tools to support eligibility determinations. The division's ID Management and Credentialing capability includes enrolling citizens, storing and managing identity information including biometrics and security clearances, and issuing credentials. MAXIMUS creates turn-key systems that integrate physical access security systems to facilities and logical access security systems to web-enabled software applications using these credentials.

ERP Solutions Division. The Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) Solutions Division works primarily with government and educational entities to implement Oracle's PeopleSoft Enterprise suite of applications, which includes Financial Management, Human Resource Management, Supply Chain Management, Budgeting, and Enterprise Performance Management systems. Recently, the division's primary focus has been on large state and local government ERP implementations including the States of Delaware, New Mexico, and Tennessee. In addition to PeopleSoft Enterprise implementations, this division conducts return-on-investment assessments for major IT projects.

Justice Solutions Division. The Justice Solutions Division develops, implements, and supports solutions that assist the justice community in managing operations and sharing information to support the delivery of justice and enhance public safety. Our solutions include complex integrated justice initiatives that provide criminal data repositories and facilitate the exchange of critical data among agencies involved in administering the judicial process and safeguarding the public. We also provide product-centric solutions such as our CourtView® case management, JuryView™ juror management, RecordView® records management, and JailView® jail management systems that serve as the information backbone of courts and corrections organizations. From city and county to statewide and country-wide organizations, our justice solutions have been selected by entities of all sizes serving populations of 40,000 to more than 6,000,000 citizens.

Operations Segment:

Our Operations Segment generated approximately 67% of our total revenue in fiscal 2006. Financial information with respect to this segment is provided in Notes 16 and 17 of our consolidated financial statements. The Operations Segment provides a variety of program management and outsourcing services for federal and state funded public programs, and focuses on the delivery of administrative services for government health and human services programs including integrated eligibility programs, TANF-funded workforce services programs, child support enforcement programs, State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP), and Medicaid programs. Our Operations Segment provides these services through the following divisions:

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Child Support Division. The Child Support Division provides outsourcing, consulting, and system support services to state and local child support programs. These services include full and specialized child support case-management services, call center operations, and program and systems consulting services. The division works with the child support agencies to optimize their ability to meet their programs' goals, including maximizing collections. The Child Support Division has provided child support services and consultation in all 50 states and several Canadian provinces.

Federal Operations. The Federal Operations group provides a variety of services to federal agencies, primarily in the health and human services arena. Our services include health dispute resolution, which is an important safeguard for individuals who, as members of managed care plans or participation in certain government-sponsored health programs, have the right to appeal health care decisions. Using an experienced staff of legal and clinical professionals, we conduct health care reconsideration reviews on behalf of the Centers for Medicare and Medicaid Services (CMS) (for Medicare Parts A, C, and D), for the U.S. Office of Personnel Management (OPM), and for more than 30 state health regulatory agencies. We are designated by CMS as a Qualified Independent Contractor (QIC) as well as a Medicare Drug Integrity Contractor (MEDIC). The Federal Operations group also provides health care quality review to government agencies. We currently serve as the National Quality Monitoring Contractor for TRICARE, which is the managed healthcare program for the Department of Defense, and we also perform medical peer review for the Department of Veterans Affairs and the U.S. Coast Guard. Additionally, under contract with the Social Security Administration, we operate the agency's Ticket to Work Program, providing access to workforce services, skills assessment, job training, and placement assistance nationally for persons with disabilities.

Health Services Division. The Health Services Division provides a range of administrative support for publicly funded health services and health insurance programs, with a particular emphasis on eligibility and enrollment for state programs such as Medicaid Managed Care and State Children's Health Insurance Programs (SCHIP). Under these public health programs we provide: beneficiary outreach, education, and enrollment counseling; customized automated information systems; design and development of print and web-based program educational materials; full-service call center customer services such as on-site multilingual assistance; program data collection and reporting; premium collection and processing; and program eligibility determination.

Workforce Services Division. The Workforce Services Division manages government workforce-centered service programs in the United States, Australia, and Israel. We help disadvantaged individuals transition from government assistance programs to employment and independence by providing comprehensive services, including eligibility determination, case management, job readiness preparation and search, job development and employer outreach, job retention and career advancement, and selected educational and training services. Additionally, we offer advocacy services for youth and disabled persons in the United States and rehabilitation services in Australia, and assistance to employers in accessing tax credit benefits.

Competitive Advantages

We offer a private sector alternative for the administration and management of critical government-funded programs as well as offering consulting and systems solutions. Our reputation and extensive experience over the last 30 years give us a competitive advantage as governments seek out and value the level of expertise and brand recognition that MAXIMUS brings to its customers. The following is a detailed discussion of the competitive advantages that allow us to capitalize on various market opportunities:

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Single-market focus. We are one of the largest publicly traded companies whose primary focus is offering a portfolio of consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management specifically to government customers. This single-market concentration allows us to fully dedicate time and resources in providing quality, customized solutions to government customers. Our extensive experience and detailed understanding of the regulation and operation of government programs allows us to apply our methodologies, skills, and solutions to new projects in a cost-effective and timely fashion. We believe our government program expertise differentiates us from other firms and non-profit organizations with limited resources and skill sets, as well as from large consulting firms that serve multiple industries but lack the focus necessary to efficiently manage the complexities of serving government agencies.

Wide range of services. Many customers require a broad array of service capabilities. Engagements often require creative or complex solutions that must be drawn from diverse areas of expertise within our organization. Our broad range of capabilities, as described in the "Our Business Segments" discussion above, enables us to better pursue new business opportunities and positions us as a single-source provider of consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management to government agencies.

Proven track record. Since 1975, we have successfully and profitably assisted governments by offering efficient, cost-effective solutions. We have completed hundreds of large-scale consulting, technical systems engagements, and program management operations for government agencies serving millions of beneficiaries. The successful execution of these projects has enhanced our reputation with government agencies while improving the quality of services provided to program beneficiaries. Our track record and reputation have contributed significantly to our ability to compete successfully and win new contracts.

Expertise in competitive bidding. Government agencies typically award contracts to third-party providers through a comprehensive, complex, and competitive bidding process. With over 30 years of experience responding to Requests for Proposals (RFPs) and executing oral presentations, we have the necessary experience to navigate these government procurement processes. The complex nature of competitive bidding creates significant barriers to entry for potential new competitors unfamiliar with the nature of government procurement. We possess the expertise and experience to assess and allocate the appropriate resources necessary for successful project completion in accordance with contractual terms. Our proposals demonstrate our ability to meet all customer requirements at a price that is both attractive to the customer and profitable to MAXIMUS. Coupled with reluctance on the part of government agencies to award contracts to unproven companies, we believe that our expertise in the competitive bidding process has contributed significantly to our success.

Intellectual property. We have software products that enhance our consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management offerings. Further, our ability to focus our subject matter experts to aid in the support and enhancement of our product offerings provides advantages over pure service providers dependent on third-party software.

In addition to our Justice, Transportation and Facility Asset Management and Education software product lines, we have developed an open architecture system utilizing a Java[™] 2 Enterprise Edition ("J2EE[™]") framework and components. (Java[™] and J2EE[™] are trademarks of Sun Microsystems, Inc.) Current e-Government initiatives are mandating open architecture systems that will provide greater interoperability among agencies, systems, and programs, as well as enhanced flexibility and scalability. Our J2EE[™] framework gives us a competitive advantage by aligning our systems and services offerings with these critical government standards The J2EE framework serves as

the infrastructure for several MAXIMUS product offerings, such as our SchoolMAX® and MAXChild products, as well as a logical and cost-effective migration path for current customers who use our legacy MAXSTAR® Application Builder, an automated case management software product that interfaces with government databases, tracks program participant records and cases, and supports extraction and analysis of program data. We believe we enjoy a competitive advantage in re-bid situations since we can implement a state-of-the-art open standards system at lower risk and cost to the customer.

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Our MAXe³ proprietary system solution is an open architecture, web-based system for managing operations in enrollment and eligibility projects. MAXe³ uses an innovative task management design that is a departure from current case management designs. The task management design is more efficient and better at tracking and accountability than the older generation systems. MAXe³, which resides on an Oracle platform, is easily scalable from the smallest to the largest operations. It serves as an important and unique component for state health and human services re-engineering efforts for their eligibility and enrollment operations.

Experienced Management Team and Subject Matter Expertise. Because we are principally focused on serving government clients, we can recruit, hire and retain skilled staff that often possesses significant government experience. We have assembled an experienced team of industry executives, former government executives, state agency officials, information technology specialists, and other professionals, many of whom have considerable experience in the public services industry. We have also developed strong relationships with experienced consultants who inform and advise us with respect to strategic marketing opportunities and legislative initiatives.

Competition

The market for providing our services to government agencies is competitive and subject to rapid change. Our principal methods of competition are quality of service and pricing, and we have identified certain positive factors relating to us in "Competitive Advantages" above. Our Consulting Segment typically competes against large consulting firms such as Accenture Ltd., as well as smaller and niche players, such as Public Consulting Group. Our Systems Segment competes with a large number of competitors including Unisys Corporation, SAP America, Inc., Oracle Corporation, BearingPoint, Inc., Accenture Ltd., Deloitte & Touche LLP, Northrop Grumman Corporation and Electronic Data Systems Corporation. Our Operations Segment, which primarily serves health and human services departments and agencies, competes for program management contracts with the government services divisions of large organizations such as Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., Electronic Data Systems Corporation, and International Business Machines Corporation, as well as more specialized private service providers and local non-profit organizations such as the United Way of America, Goodwill Industries, and Catholic Charities USA.

Business Growth Strategy

Our goal is to enable future growth by remaining a leading provider of consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management to government agencies. The key components of our business growth strategy include the following:

· Optimize our current operations and mitigate losses in underperforming businesses. During fiscal 2006, we realigned our sales strategy away from a volume-driven sales approach towards a tighter focus on more profitable business. This includes current work and initiatives to improve performance in certain underperforming projects and divisions. We will also continue to evaluate new business as well as the current portfolio of projects in a manner that is more aligned with increasing our overall profitability. Along these lines, we discontinued operation of our student loan collections business and divested the Corrections Services business in October 2006. We will continue to evaluate the businesses within the organization and will act accordingly on other underperforming practice and project areas that we view as non-core or non-strategic to future growth.

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- Pursue new business opportunities and expand our customer base. With 30 years of business expertise in the state and local government market, we continue to be a leader in developing innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of government agencies. We believe our capabilities and brand recognition are our most critical assets and we continue to identify, respond to and secure new business opportunities in an effort to grow our existing revenue base.
- · Focus on core offerings and expand customer base. Our fundamental services to state and local government are consulting, systems solutions, and operations program management. We seek to broaden our customer base by delivering our core offerings, such as our health services, to new clients such as the federal government and state customers. As a result, we have placed a considerable amount of emphasis on further developing these core practice areas and expanding our customer base by leveraging existing resources to better serve clients.
- · Grow long-term, recurring revenue streams. We seek to enter into long-term relationships with clients to meet their on-going and long-term business objectives. As a result, long-term contracts (three to five years with additional option years) are often the preferred method of delivery for customers and are mutually beneficial to them and the Company.
- Recruit and retain highly skilled professionals. We continually strive to recruit motivated individuals including top managers from larger organizations, former government officials, consultants experienced in our service areas, and information technology professionals. We believe we can continue to attract and retain experienced personnel by capitalizing on our single market focus and our reputation as a premier government services consultant.
- · Pursue strategic acquisitions. We will selectively identify and pursue strategic acquisition opportunities. Acquisitions can provide us with a rapid, cost-effective method to enhance our services, obtain additional skill sets, expand our customer base, cross-sell additional services, enhance our technical capabilities, and establish or expand our geographic presence.

See Exhibit 99.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" for information on risks and uncertainties that could affect our business growth strategy.

Marketing and Sales

We generate new business opportunities by establishing and maintaining relationships with key government officials, policy makers, and decision makers. We have a team of business development professionals who ensure that we understand the needs, requirements, and legislative initiatives and priorities of our current and prospective

customers. In conjunction with our subject matter experts and marketing consultants, our business development professionals create and identify new business opportunities and ensure that we proactively introduce our solutions and services early in the procurement cycle. We also subscribe to government procurement databases that track government bid activity and make every effort to ensure that we are on bidders' lists as well as approved vendor lists for government procurement offices. We participate in professional associations of government administrators and industry seminars featuring presentations by our executives and employees. Senior executives also develop leads through on-site presentations to decision-makers.

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Because we obtain much of our work by responding to RFPs issued by government agencies, we have developed and implemented a sophisticated RFP tracking and capture plan system which provides us critical information about the status of existing RFPs, actions to date and deliverables with respect to those RFPs.

For the year ended September 30, 2006, we derived approximately 14% of our consolidated revenue from contracts with the state of California, principally within our Operations segment.

Legislative Initiatives

During the last several years, federal and state legislative initiatives have created new growth opportunities and potential markets for MAXIMUS. Legislation passed in Congress has large public policy implications for state and local government and presents viable business opportunities, notably in the health and human services arena. MAXIMUS is well positioned to meet the consulting, systems and operations program management needs resulting from legislative actions and subsequent regulatory efforts. MAXIMUS is actively monitoring these initiatives in order to respond to opportunities that may develop.

Some recent federal legislative initiatives that have created new growth opportunities for us in the government market include the following:

Deficit Reduction Act of 2005 (DRA). Enacted in the spring of 2006, the DRA reauthorized the TANF program of 1996, and provides states with additional flexibility to make reforms to their Medicaid Programs. This legislation touches upon a number of key health and human service issues important to the MAXIMUS base business. In reauthorizing TANF, the DRA requires states to engage more TANF cases in productive activities leading to self-sufficiency. The law recalibrates a caseload reduction credit, increases childcare funding, retains maintenance of level of effort, and promotes healthy marriage and responsible fatherhood initiatives. States are also required to establish and maintain work participation and verification procedures with new penalties of one to five percent for failure to comply.

The DRA allows states to change their Medicaid benefit packages to mirror certain commercial insurance packages (termed alternative or benchmark packages) and allows states to vary the premiums and cost sharing they charge and gives them the option to require payment of alternative premiums as a condition of eligibility. The Long-Term Care Partnership under the DRA is a unique program combining private long-term care insurance and special access to Medicaid, to allow individuals to financially prepare for the possibility of nursing home care, home care, or assisted living services in the future. The DRA also discourages the transfer of assets to protect individual wealth while allowing access to public benefits. Innovative Medicaid programs may be eligible for transformation grants. Evidence of citizenship and identity requirements are also required of states by the DRA.

These provisions, and many others in the DRA, are central to the MAXIMUS health and human service experience base in our operations and consulting area. The new requirements of the TANF program will create certain new challenges for states and localities, which in turn provide opportunities for companies like MAXIMUS. Additionally, the flexibility and encouragement offered in the DRA to innovate state Medicaid programs should be a catalyst for new consulting and operations opportunities.

Homeland Security Presidential Directive (HSPD-12). HSPD-12, dated August 27, 2004, titled "Policy for a Common Identification Standard for Federal Employees and Contractors," is a Presidential mandate outlining common identification card and identity systems standards for federal employees and contractors. HSPD-12 directs the implementation of a new standardized identification and credentialing process, which is designed to enhance security, reduce identity fraud, and protect the personal privacy of those individuals issued government identification.

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A Federal Information Processing Standard (FIPS 201) was signed by the Secretary of Commerce on February 25, 2005. Executive departments and agencies are required to use this new standard for identifying federal employees and contractors requesting access to federally-controlled facilities and logical access to federally-controlled information systems. All agencies were directed to come into compliance with the first part of FIPS 201, which outlines minimum requirements for a federal personal identity verification (PIV) system, by October 27, 2005. All agencies must have also come into compliance with the second part of FIPS 201, which requires agencies to meet detailed specifications that will support technical interoperability among PIV systems of federal departments and agencies, by October 27, 2006.

Our Systems Segment has specific expertise in security card technology, and has been hired by a number of federal agencies to assist with the design, development and deployment of such systems. HSPD-12 will drive the rapid adoption of these systems and we plan to pursue future work in providing assistance to agencies for the implementation of this initiative. In addition to the activity being driven by HSPD-12, there are a number of other homeland security initiatives being formulated at the federal, state, and local levels that offer opportunities for MAXIMUS.

Additionally, MAXIMUS has received qualification from the United States General Services Administration (GSA) as a system integrator to provide Personal Identity Verification (PIV) Integration Services for HSPD-12 programs for agencies and departments of the federal government.

No Child Left Behind Act of 2001 (NCLB). NCLB was signed into law on January 8, 2002. The act requires states to provide public school choice and supplemental services for students in failing schools; integrate scientifically-based research into comprehensive reading instruction for young children; set and monitor adequate yearly progress based on baseline 2001-02 data; issue annual report cards on school performance and statewide test results by the 2002-03 school year; implement annual, standards-based assessments in reading and math for grades 3-8 by the 2005-06 school year; and assure that all classes are taught by a qualified teacher by the 2005-06 school year. We believe that our SchoolMAX® Enterprise product, a comprehensive K-12 student information system, is an essential tool in helping the approximately 17,000 school districts in the country meet many of the requirements of NCLB.

Medicare Prescription Drug, Improvement, and Modernization Act of 2003. This law is one of the broadest changes to the Medicare program since its creation over 40 years ago. For the first time, a prescription drug benefit will be part of the Medicare program. The centerpiece of the legislation is the establishment of a prescription drug benefit program for Americans on Medicare. The government is introducing this benefit in two phases. Phase 1 is the introduction of an interim discount drug card; Phase 2, which began in January 2006, is a full-fledged prescription drug plan with numerous cost reimbursement and coverage thresholds. The provisions in the bill provide MAXIMUS with opportunities in core competency areas such as eligibility determination, appeals and grievance adjudication, as well as outreach and enrollment functions.

MAXIMUS was selected by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services as the sole vendor to perform third party appeals for individuals who have applied to receive the Medicare discount drug card. The new law also replaces the Medicare+ Choice program that offered privately-managed insurance alternatives to seniors eligible

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Backlog

Backlog represents an estimate of the remaining future revenue from existing signed contracts and revenue from contracts that have been awarded but not yet signed. Our backlog estimate includes revenue expected under the current terms of executed contracts and revenue from contracts in which the scope and duration of the services required are not definite but estimable (such as performance-based contracts), but does not assume any contract renewals or extensions. Management estimates that approximately 76% of forecasted fiscal 2007 revenue is in the form of backlog at September 30, 2006, and will be realized as revenue in the following twelve months.

Changes in backlog result from additions to future revenue from the execution of new contracts or extension or renewal of existing contracts, reductions from fulfilling contracts, reductions from the early termination of contracts, and adjustments to estimates of previously-included contracts. Our contracts typically contain provisions permitting government customers to terminate the contract on short notice, with or without cause. We believe that period-to-period backlog comparisons are difficult and do not necessarily accurately reflect future revenue we may receive. The actual timing of revenue receipts, if any, on projects included in backlog could change for any of the aforementioned reasons. The dollar amount by segment of our backlog as of September 30, 2005 and 2006, were as follows:

	As of Septe 2005	2006
	(In mil	lions)
Consulting	\$ 120.0	\$ 147.5
Systems	116.3	212.1
Operations	1,463.7	1,140.4
Total	\$ 1,700.0	\$1,500.0

Seasonal Nature of Business

We may experience seasonality in our operations segment in our third fiscal quarter as a result of open enrollments in certain large health-related contracts and in our fourth fiscal quarter as a result of tax credit work. In addition, the summer and winter holiday vacations can impact our financial results for all of our segments. Specifically, reductions in working days as a result of holidays and vacations may impact our sales and accounts receivable.

Employees

As of September 30, 2006, we had 5,735 employees, consisting of 354 employees in the Consulting Segment, 516 employees in the Systems Segment, 4,664 employees in the Operations Segment and 201 corporate administrative employees. Our success depends in large part on attracting, retaining and motivating talented, innovative and experienced professionals at all levels.

As of September 30, 2006, 404 of our employees in Canada were covered under three different collective bargaining agreements, each of which has different components and requirements. There are 236 employees covered by the MAXIMUS BC Health Benefits Operations Inc. collective bargaining agreement with the British Columbia Government and Services Employees' Union ("BCGEU"). Within Themis Program Management and Consulting Limited, we have two agreements. Under the first agreement, 155 employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the BCGEU and, under the second agreement, 13 employees are covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Professional Employees Association ("PEA"). These collective bargaining agreements expire on March 31, 2010.

None of our other employees are covered under any such agreement. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

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Foreign Operations

We currently operate predominantly in the United States. Our revenues derived from operations in foreign countries for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006 were \$30.0 million, \$49.7 million, and \$76.7 million respectively. We had \$22.5 million and \$26.7 million of long-lived assets located in foreign countries at September 30, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

Website Access to U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission Reports

Our Internet address is http://www.maximus.com and includes access to our code of ethics. Through our website, we make available, free of charge, access to all reports filed with the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) including our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, our Current Reports on Form 8-K, Section 16 filings by our officers and directors, as well as amendments to these reports, as filed with or furnished to the SEC pursuant to Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, after we electronically file such material with, or furnish it to, the SEC. Copies of any materials we file with, or furnish to, the SEC can also be obtained free of charge through the SEC's website at http://www.sec.gov or at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F St., N.E., Washington, DC 20549. You may obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.

Our operations are subject to many risks that could adversely affect our future financial condition and performance and, therefore, the market value of our securities. See Exhibit 99.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" for information on risks and uncertainties that could affect our future financial condition and performance. The information in Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference into this Item 1A.

ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.

None.

ITEM 2. Properties.

We own a 60,000 square foot office building in Reston, Virginia and a 21,000 square foot office building in McLean, Virginia. We also lease offices for management and administrative functions in connection with the performance of our services. At September 30, 2006, we leased 149 offices in the United States totaling approximately 988,000 square feet. In three countries outside the United States, we leased 41 offices containing approximately 176,000 square feet. The lease terms vary from month-to-month to six-year leases and are generally at market rates.

We believe that our properties are maintained in good operating condition and are suitable and adequate for our purposes.

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ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings.

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings, including contract and employment claims, in the ordinary course of its business. Management does not expect the ultimate outcome of these legal proceedings to have either individually or in the aggregate a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or its results of operations. The matters reported on below involve significant pending or potential claims against us.

(a) In October 2004, MAXIMUS received a subpoena from the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice acting through the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. The subpoena requested records pertaining to the Company's work for the District of Columbia, primarily relating to the preparation and submission of federal Medicaid reimbursement claims on behalf of the District. The U.S. Attorney's Office is investigating issues pertaining to compliance with the federal laws governing Medicaid claims. We are fully cooperating with the U.S. Attorney's Office in producing documents in response to the subpoena and making employees available for interviews, and we have conducted an internal review of this matter through independent outside legal counsel. Based on the probable legal costs of the internal review, we recorded a charge of \$0.5 million in connection with this matter in the quarter ended December 31, 2005. We are unable to quantify the probability or magnitude of any other expenditure, fine, penalty, or settlement amount we may incur in connection with this matter at this time.

(b) In June 2005, MAXIMUS received a subpoena pursuant to the Illinois Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act from the Office of the Attorney General of Illinois in connection with a purported whistleblower investigation of potential false claims. The subpoena requested records pertaining to the Company's work for agencies of the Executive Branch of Illinois State Government. Discussions with the Attorney General's office have indicated that MAXIMUS was one of nine contractors that received such subpoenas and that the investigation is primarily focused at this time on the procurement and contracting activities of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Although there can be no assurance of a favorable outcome and we are unable to quantify the probability or magnitude of any expenditures we may incur in connection with this matter, the Company does not believe that this matter will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations, and the Company has not accrued for any loss related to this matter.

ITEM 4. Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

No matters were submitted to a vote of security holders during the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report.

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PART II

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange under the symbol "MMS". The following table sets forth, for the fiscal periods indicated, the range of high and low sales prices for our common stock and the cash dividends per share declared on the common stock.

	 Price Range				
	 High		Low	Div	idends
Year Ended September 30, 2005:					
First Quarter	\$ 32.00	\$	26.35		_
Second Quarter	35.19		28.59	\$	0.10
Third Quarter	36.30		30.00		0.10
Fourth Quarter	38.85		35.22		0.10
Year Ended September 30, 2006:					
First Quarter	\$ 37.96	\$	33.45	\$	0.10
Second Quarter	39.46		33.89		0.10
Third Quarter	35.99		22.35		0.10
Fourth Quarter	30.95		23.15		0.10

As of November 30, 2006, there were 90 holders of record of our outstanding common stock. The number of holders of record is not representative of the number of beneficial owners due to the fact that many shares are held by depositories, brokers, or nominees. We estimate there are approximately 7,600 beneficial owners of our common stock.

We declared quarterly cash dividends on our common stock at the rate of \$0.10 per share beginning with the quarter ended March 31, 2005. We expect to continue our policy of paying regular cash dividends, although there is no assurance as to future dividends. Future cash dividends, if any, will be paid at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend, among other things, upon our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and such other factors as our Board of Directors may deem relevant.

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paic per Share	d	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plan(1)	 Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan
					(in thousands)
Inception through June 30, 2006	4,490,073	\$	27.72	4,490,073	\$ 26,319
July 1, 2006 – July 31, 2006	_		_	_	\$ 26,394
August 1, 2006 – August 31, 2006	_		_	_	\$ 26,556
September 1, 2006 – September 30, 2006	_		_	_	\$ 26,559
Total – Quarter ended September 30, 2006	_		_		
Inception through September 30, 2006	4,490,073	\$	27.72	4,490,073	

⁽¹⁾ Under resolutions adopted and publicly announced on May 12, 2000, July 10, 2002, and April 2, 2003, our Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase, at management's discretion, of up to an aggregate of \$90.0 million of common stock under our 1997 Equity Incentive Plan. In addition, in June 2002, the Board of Directors authorized the use of option exercise proceeds for the repurchase of our common stock.

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ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data.

We have derived the selected consolidated financial data presented below from our consolidated financial statements and the related notes. The revenue and operating results related to the acquisition of companies using the purchase accounting method are included from the respective acquisition dates. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included as Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included as Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The historical results set forth in this Item 6 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected in the future.

	Year Ended September 30,									
		2002(1)		2003		2004		2005		2006(2)
				(In thousa	ands,	except per sl	iare o	lata)		
Statement of Income Data:										
Revenue	\$	518,698	\$	558,283	\$	603,774	\$	647,538	\$	700,894
Legal expense(3)		_		_		_		7,000		9,394
Write-off of deferred contract costs(4)		_		_		_		_		17,109
Income (loss) from operations		64,339		57,042		63,046		56,274		(2,826)
Net income		40,346		35,346		38,774		36,069		2,460
Earnings per share:										
Basic	\$	1.78	\$	1.68	\$	1.80	\$	1.69	\$	0.11
Diluted	\$	1.73	\$	1.66	\$	1.76	\$	1.67	\$	0.11
Weighted average shares outstanding:										
Basic		22,675		20,999		21,589		21,331		21,465
Diluted		23,287		21,335		22,014		21,653		21,821
Cash dividends per share of common stock		_		_		_	\$	0.30	\$	0.40

	At September 30,									
		2002		2003		2004		2005		2006
					(In t	thousands)				
Balance Sheet Data:										
Cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities	\$	95,125	\$	117,512	\$	139,254	\$	178,363	\$	156,860
Working capital		185,962		201,320		229,514		246,595		247,066
Total assets		352,090		415,020		464,747		534,562		558,501
Total capital lease obligations, less current portion		269		3,821		5,108		3,606		2,044
Total shareholders' equity		302,129		333,277		373,548		405,954		404,899

- (1) Effective October 1, 2001, we changed our method of accounting for goodwill and intangible assets in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets.
- (2) Effective October 1, 2005, we adopted the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, using the modified-prospective-transition method. See Note 13 to our consolidated financial statements.
- (3) Legal expense consists of costs, net of reimbursed insurance claims, related to significant legal settlements and non-routine legal matters, including future probable legal costs estimated to be incurred in connection with those matters. Legal expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business are included in selling, general and administrative expense. See Note 21 to our consolidated financial statements for additional information.
- (4) During the quarter ended June 30, 2006, we determined that the estimated undiscounted cash flows associated with the Texas Integrated Eligibility project over its remaining term were insufficient to recover the project's deferred contract costs. As a result, we recognized a non-cash impairment charge of \$17.1 million to write off the full unamortized balance of the project's deferred contract costs. The write-off is included in the results of the Operations segment. Additional information regarding the Texas Integrated Eligibility project is disclosed in Note 20 to our consolidated financial statements.

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ITEM 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operation.

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is provided to enhance the understanding of, and should be read in conjunction with, our Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes.

Forward-Looking Statements

forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about our company, the industry in which we operate and other matters, as well as management's beliefs and assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "may," "opportunity," "plan," "potential," "project," "should," and "will" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements and convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. These statements are not guarantees and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including without limitation, the factors set forth in Exhibit 99.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Special Considerations and Risk Factors." As a result of these and other factors, our past financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. Additionally, we caution investors not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements as these statements speak only as of the date when made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether resulting from new information, future events or otherwise.

Business Overview

We are a leading provider of consulting, systems solutions and operations program management primarily to government. Since our inception, we have been at the forefront of innovation in meeting our mission of "Helping Government Serve the People®." We use our expertise, experience and advanced information technology to make government operations more efficient while improving the quality of services provided to program beneficiaries. We operate primarily in the United States, and we have had contracts with government agencies in all 50 states, Canada, Australia, Israel and the United Kingdom. We have been profitable every year since we were founded in 1975. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, we had revenue of \$700.9 million and net income of \$2.5 million.

We report each of our three lines of business (i.e., Consulting, Systems, and Operations) as separate external reporting segments. See Note 17 to our consolidated financial statements for our unaudited quarterly segment income statement data.

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Results of Operations

Consolidated

The following table sets forth, for the fiscal year ends indicated, selected statements of income data:

	Year ended September 30,				
	2004		2005		2006
			nds, except per sl	nare da	
Revenue	\$ 603,774	\$	647,538	\$	700,894
Write-off of deferred contract costs	_		_	\$	17,109
Gross profit	\$ 176,567	\$	179,950	\$	136,246
Legal expense	_	\$	7,000	\$	9,394
Operating income (loss)	\$ 63,046	\$	56,274	\$	(2,826)
Operating margin (loss) percentage	10.4%		8.7%		(0.4)%
Selling, general and administrative expense	\$ 113,521	\$	116,676	\$	129,678
Selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of revenue	18.8%		18.0%		18.5%
Net income	\$ 38,774	\$	36,069	\$	2,460
Earnings per share:					
Basic	\$ 1.80	\$	1.69	\$	0.11
Diluted	\$ 1.76	\$	1.67	\$	0.11

Our consolidated revenue increased 8.2% for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 compared to fiscal 2005. Our consolidated revenue increased 7.2% for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005 compared to fiscal 2004. All of our growth in fiscal 2006 was organic. As discussed in more detail below, the changes in revenue are attributable primarily to results from our Operations Segment.

Our operating loss was \$2.8 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, compared to operating income of \$56.3 million for the same period in fiscal 2005. The decrease in operating income of \$59.1 million was attributable to \$49.4 million in losses on the Texas Integrated Eligibility project incurred in fiscal 2006, which included a \$17.1 million write-off of deferred contracts costs, and \$9.4 million in legal expenses related to litigation which was settled at the end of June 2006. Our operating margin decreased to 8.7% in fiscal 2005 compared to 10.4% for the same period in fiscal 2004 primarily related to \$7.0 million in legal expenses to settle litigation. The litigation settlements in 2005 and 2006 pertain to fraudulent guarantees of computer leases signed by two former employees.

Selling, general and administrative expense (SG&A) consists of costs related to general management, marketing and administration. These costs include salaries, benefits, bid and proposal efforts, travel, recruiting, continuing education, employee training, non-chargeable labor costs, facilities costs, printing, reproduction, communications, equipment depreciation, intangible amortization and non-cash equity based compensation. SG&A increased in fiscal 2006, compared to fiscal 2005, in part from the impact of expensing \$4.4 million in stock options as a result of implementing FAS 123(R) on a prospective basis beginning October 1, 2005. Also included in SG&A is \$2.1 million, \$1.4 million and \$1.0 million of non-cash equity-based compensation expense related to restricted stock units issued by the Company for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2006, 2005 and 2004, respectively. As a result, SG&A as a percent of total revenue increased to 18.5% for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 compared to 18.0% for fiscal 2005. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005, our SG&A as a percentage of revenue decreased to 18.0% compared to 18.8% for the same period in fiscal 2004, which was reflective of management's continued focus on SG&A cost management.

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In fiscal 2006 and fiscal 2005, we recorded a charge of \$9.4 million and \$7.0 million, respectively in connection with certain legal settlements(see Note 21 to our consolidated financial statements for further information regarding legal expense).

Our provision for income tax for fiscal year 2006 was 39% and for fiscal 2005 and 2004 was 39.5% of income before taxes.

Net income for fiscal 2006 was \$2.5 million, or \$0.11 per diluted share, compared with net income for fiscal 2005 of \$36.1 million or \$1.67 per diluted share, and net

income of \$38.8 million, or \$1.76 per diluted share for fiscal 2004. The decrease in net income in fiscal 2006 was driven by the \$49.4 million loss on the Texas Integrated Eligibility project and an operating loss in the Systems Segment. The change in net income in fiscal 2005 compared with fiscal 2004 is attributed primarily to the \$7.0 million in legal expense discussed above.

Consulting Segment

	Year	Year ended September 30,						
	2004	2005	2006					
	(do	(dollars in thousands)						
Revenue	\$ 106,843	\$ 100,359	\$ 102,842					
Gross profit	\$ 46,985	\$ 43,924	\$ 44,127					
Operating income	\$ 16,441	\$ 13,159	\$ 14,499					
Operating margin percentage	15.4%	13.1%	14.1%					

The Consulting Segment is comprised of the financial services practice, Unison (airport financial consulting), the technical services practice area, and the educational services practice area. Revenue from our Consulting Segment increased 2.5% for fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005, driven principally by the financial services practice. As a result, operating margin also increased to 14.1% for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 compared to 13.1% for fiscal 2005. Consulting Segment results were lower in fiscal 2005 compared to fiscal 2004, with revenue decreasing by 6.1% and operating margin decreasing to 13.1%. The decreases in revenue and operating margin were primarily attributable to reductions from the financial services practice where a large child welfare contract concluded in early fiscal 2005.

Systems Segment

	Year o	Year ended September 30,						
	2004	2005	2006					
	(dol	(dollars in thousands)						
Revenue	\$ 117,238	\$ 134,407	\$ 127,189					
Gross profit	\$ 43,795	\$ 48,926	\$ 38,769					
Operating income (loss)	\$ 6,749	\$ 11,263	\$ (853)					
Operating margin (loss) percentage	5.8%	8.4%	(0.7)%					

The Systems Segment develops and implements both third party and proprietary software under five divisions: justice solutions, asset solutions, educational systems, security solutions and enterprise resource planning (ERP) solutions. Revenue from our Systems Segment decreased 5.4% for fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005. The decrease in revenue was due to lower revenue contributions from the ERP

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division. Operating loss was \$0.9 million in fiscal 2006, compared to operating income of \$11.3 million in fiscal 2005. The decrease in operating income was principally related to losses in the ERP division. Revenue from our Systems Segment increased 15.0% in fiscal 2005 compared to fiscal 2004, driven by strong growth in educational systems principally related to the ramp up on the Los Angeles Unified School District's SchoolMAX implementation. Operating margin increased to 8.4% for fiscal 2005 from 5.8% for fiscal 2004. This increase was primarily due to margin expansion in our asset solutions, security solutions, and educational systems practice areas.

Operations Segment

	Year	Year ended September 30,					
	2004	2005	2006				
	(do	llars in thousai	ıds)				
Revenue	\$ 379,693	\$412,772	\$ 470,863				
Write-off of deferred contract costs	_	_	\$ 17,109				
Gross profit	\$ 85,787	\$ 87,082	\$ 53,350				
Operating income (loss)	\$ 38,256	\$ 36,174	\$ (9,453)				
Operating margin (loss) percentage	10.1%	8.8%	(0.2)%				

The Operations Segment includes our health and human services operations, and our federal operations. Revenue from our Operations Segment increased 14.1% for fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005. This increase was primarily attributable to (1) an increased contribution from the British Columbia Health Operations project, which provided a full year of revenue in fiscal 2006 versus two quarters of revenue recorded in the prior year, (2) revenue growth in our federal operations group, and (3) \$21.8 million of voter hardware revenue in the workforce services area. Operating loss was \$9.5 million in fiscal 2006, compared to operating income of \$36.2 million in fiscal 2005. The decrease in operating income of \$45.7 million was attributable to the \$49.4 million loss on the Texas Integrated Eligibility project, which included a \$17.1 million write-off of deferred contracts costs. Operating margin decreased to 8.8% in fiscal 2005 compared to 10.1% in fiscal 2004 as a result of an expected \$3.8 million loss related to the requirement under the British Columbia Health Operations contract to run the legacy system for the transition period of operations.

Other Income, Net

	Year ei	Year ended September 30,				
	2004	2005	2006			
	(doll	ars in thous:	ands)			
Interest and other income, net	\$ 1,044	\$3,345	\$ 6,859			
Percentage of revenue	0.2%	0.5%	1.0%			

The overall increase in interest and other income in fiscal 2006 compared to fiscal 2005 was due primarily to the higher interest rates earned on our increased invested cash, as well as \$741,000 of foreign transaction gains. The overall increase in interest and other income in fiscal 2005 compared to fiscal 2004 was due primarily to the higher interest rates earned on our increased invested cash, as well as \$396,000 of foreign transaction gains.

Quarterly Results

Set forth in Note 17 to our consolidated financial statements (Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K) is selected income statement data for the eight quarters ended September 30, 2006. We derived this information from unaudited quarterly financial statements that include, in the opinion of our management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information for such periods. You should read this information in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. Results of operations for any fiscal quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for any future period.

Our revenue and operating results are subject to significant variation from quarter to quarter depending on a number of factors, including:

- the progress of contracts;
- · the revenue earned on contracts;
- · the timing of revenue on license sales;
- the timing of revenue on performance-based contracts;
- the commencement and completion of contracts during any particular quarter;
- the schedule of government agencies for awarding contracts; and
- · the term of each contract that we have been awarded.

Because a significant portion of our expenses are relatively fixed, successful contract performance and variation in the volume of activity as well as in the number of contracts commenced or completed during any quarter may cause significant variations in operating results from quarter to quarter. Further, we have occasionally experienced a pattern in our results of operations pursuant to which we incur greater operating expenses during the start-up and early stages of significant contracts prior to receiving related revenue. Our quarterly results may fluctuate, causing a material adverse effect on our operating results and financial condition.

Business Combinations and Acquisitions

As part of our growth strategy, we may acquire complementary businesses to expand our geographic reach and the breadth and depth of our services and to enhance our customer base. Since the beginning of fiscal 2004, we have completed the following business acquisitions:

Name	Date	Description of Business	Segment
TIECorp.	May 3, 2004	Educational management software	Consulting
Manatron	June 1, 2004	Judicial software products	Systems

See Note 2 to our consolidated financial statements for further discussion of these business combinations and acquisitions.

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Obligations and Commitments

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations at September 30, 2006 that require the Company to make future cash payments (in thousands):

	1 ayments due by period									
	-	m . 1	L	ess than			•	_		re than
Contractual Obligations		Total		1 vear	1-	3 years		5 years	<u>_</u>	vears
Capital lease obligations	\$	3,905	\$	1,806	\$	2,099		_		_
Operating leases		48,966		19,082		23,045	\$	6,157	\$	682
Total(1)	\$	52,871	\$	20,888	\$	25,144	\$	6,157	\$	682

(1) Total contractual cash obligations exclude the potential future cash payments required in connection with potential earn-out contingent consideration associated with purchase business acquisitions.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

	Y	Year ended September 30,			
		2005		2006	
		(dollars in t	hou	sands)	
Net cash provided by (used in):					
Operating activities	\$	75,827	\$	15,696	
Investing activities		(99,145)		(24,152)	
Financing activities		(9,463)		(11,072)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	\$	(32,781)	\$	(19,528)	

For fiscal 2006, cash provided by our operations was \$15.7 million as compared to \$75.8 million for fiscal 2005. Cash provided by operating activities for fiscal 2006 consisted of net income of \$2.5 million and non-cash items aggregating \$31.9 million, less working capital changes of \$18.7 million. Non-cash items consisted of \$17.6 million of depreciation and amortization, \$6.6 million from non-cash equity based compensation, and \$17.1 million from the write-off of deferred contract costs, less \$9.4 million from deferred income taxes. The net cash used in working capital changes reflected increases in accounts receivable — billed, net, of \$28.9 million, accounts receivable — unbilled of \$4.0 million, prepaid expenses and other current assets of \$1.1 million, deferred contract costs, net, of \$7.8 million, offset by decreases in other assets of \$2.5 million. The net cash provided by changes in working capital reflected increases in accounts payable of \$16.3 million and deferred revenue of \$21.5 million, offset by decreases in accrued compensation and benefits of \$2.4 million, income taxes payable of \$13.7 million and other liabilities of \$1.1 million. The increase in accounts payable reflected increases resulting from new or expanded projects as well as normal fluctuations in payment cycles. Management expects that the favorable effect on cash flows of the increased accounts payable may be reversed in subsequent periods due to the timing of payments.

For fiscal 2005, cash provided by our operations was \$75.8 million, and consisted of net income of \$36.1 million and non-cash items aggregating \$24.3 million, plus working capital changes of \$15.5 million. Non-cash items consisted of \$15.1 million of depreciation and amortization, \$4.8 million from deferred income tax expense, \$1.4 million from the income tax benefit of option exercises and restricted stock units vesting, and \$3.0 million from non-cash equity based compensation. The net cash provided by working capital changes reflected increases in accounts receivable — billed, net, of \$12.6 million, accounts receivable — unbilled of \$1.5 million, and deferred contract costs, net, of \$5.0 million, offset by increases in accounts payable of \$10.7 million, accrued compensation of \$5.6 million, deferred revenue of \$11.7 million and income taxes payable of \$4.7 million and a decrease in prepaid expenses of \$2.0 million. Other working capital changes providing cash were increases in other assets of \$0.8 million and increases in other liabilities of \$0.7 million.

Cash used in investing activities for fiscal 2006 was \$24.2 million as compared to \$99.1 million for fiscal 2005. Cash used in investing activities for fiscal 2006 primarily consisted of \$14.7 million in expenditures related to capitalized software and \$11.5 million in purchases of property and equipment, offset by decreases in marketable securities of \$1.8 million and a \$0.1 million decrease in other items. For fiscal 2005, cash used in investing activities consisted of \$2.0 million related to business acquisitions, \$12.7 million in expenditures for capitalized software costs, \$13.3 million in purchases of property and equipment, and \$71.6 million in purchases of marketable securities, offset by a \$0.4 million decrease in other items.

For fiscal 2006, cash used in financing activities was \$11.1 million as compared to \$9.5 million for fiscal 2005. Cash used in financing activities for fiscal 2006 consisted of \$10.1 million of common stock repurchases, \$1.4 million of principal payments on capital leases and \$8.6 million of dividends paid, offset by \$7.7 million of sales of stock to employees through our Employee Stock Purchase Plan and Equity Incentive Plan. Cash used in financing activities for fiscal 2005 primarily consisted of \$16.1 million of common stock repurchases and \$1.6 million of principal payments on capital leases and \$6.4 million of dividends paid, offset by \$14.6 million of sales of stock to employees through our Employee Stock Purchase Plan and Equity Incentive Plan.

Under resolutions adopted in May 2000, July 2002, and March 2003, the Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase, at management's discretion, of up to an aggregate of \$90.0 million of our common stock. In addition, in June 2002, the Board of Directors authorized the use of option exercise proceeds for the repurchase of our common stock. During the years ended September 30, 2005 and 2006, we repurchased 488,404 and 282,100 shares, respectively. At September 30, 2006, approximately \$26.6 million remained available for future stock repurchases under the program.

Our working capital at September 30, 2005 and 2006 was \$246.6 million and \$247.1 million, respectively. At September 30, 2006, we had cash, cash equivalents, and marketable securities of \$156.8 million and no debt, except for lease obligations. Management believes this strong liquidity and financial position will allow us to continue our stock repurchase program, depending on the price of the Company's common stock, and to pursue selective acquisitions. Restricted cash represents amounts collected on behalf of certain customers and its use is restricted to the purposes specified under our contracts with these customers.

Under the provisions of certain long-term contracts, we may incur certain reimbursable transition period costs. During the transition period, these expenditures resulted in the use of our cash and in our entering into lease financing arrangements for a portion of the costs. Reimbursement of these costs may occur in the set-up phase or over the contract operating period. Related revenue may also be deferred during the set-up phase. As of September 30, 2006, \$11.2 million in net costs had been incurred and reported as deferred contract costs on our September 30, 2006 consolidated balance sheet.

In June 2003, in connection with a long-term contract, the Company issued a standby letter of credit in an initial amount of up to \$20.0 million, which amount was reduced to \$10.0 million on April 1, 2005. The letter of credit, which expires on March 31, 2009, may be called by the customer in the event the Company defaults under the terms of the contract. In March 2006, in connection with another long-term contract, the Company issued a standby letter of credit in the amount of \$4.0 million. The letter of credit, which expires on September 30, 2008, may be called by the customer in the event the Company defaults under the terms of the contract. The letters of credit contain financial covenants that establish minimum levels of tangible net worth and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and require the maintenance of certain cash balances. As of September 30, 2006, the Company was not in compliance with the EBITDA financial covenant in either letter of credit. On December 1, 2006, the Company and its lender signed an agreement to waive this financial covenant for the fiscal quarter ended on September 30, 2006. The Company was in compliance with all other financial covenants as of September 30, 2006.

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In July 2003, we entered into a capital lease financing arrangement with a financial institution whereby we acquired assets pursuant to an equipment lease agreement. Rental payments for assets leased are payable over a 60-month period at a rate of 4.05% commencing in January 2004. In March 2004, we entered into a supplemental capital lease financing arrangement with the same financial institution whereby we acquired additional assets pursuant to an equipment lease agreement. Rental payments for assets leased under the supplemental arrangement are payable over a 57-month period at a rate of 3.61% commencing in April 2004. At September 30, 2006, capital lease obligations of \$3.7 million were outstanding related to these lease arrangements for new equipment.

At September 30, 2005 and 2006, we classified accounts receivable of \$5.3 million and \$2.7 million, respectively, net of a \$1.1 million and \$0.7 million discount, respectively, as long-term receivables and reported them within the other assets category on our consolidated balance sheets. These receivables have extended payment terms and collection is expected to exceed one year.

On October 6, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 for each share of the Company's common stock outstanding. The dividend was paid on November 30, 2006 to shareholders of record on November 15, 2006. Based on the number of shares outstanding at November 15, 2006, the payment was \$2.2 million.

We believe that we will have sufficient resources to meet our currently anticipated capital expenditure and working capital requirements for at least the next twelve months.

Effects of Inflation

As measured by revenue, approximately 15% of our business is conducted under cost-reimbursable contracts which adjust revenue to cover costs increased by inflation. Approximately 9% of the business is time-and-material contracts where labor rates are often fixed for several years. We generally have been able to price these contracts in a manner that accommodates the rates of inflation experienced in recent years. The remaining portions of our contracts are fixed price and performance based and are typically priced to account for the likely inflation from period to period to mitigate the risk of our business being adversely affected by inflation.

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Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

Our discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based on our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent liabilities and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our estimates including those related to revenue recognition and cost estimation on certain contracts, the realizability of goodwill, and amounts related to income taxes, certain accrued liabilities and contingencies and litigation. We base our estimates on historical experience and on various other assumptions that are believed to be

reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

We believe that we do not have significant off-balance-sheet risk or exposure to liabilities that are not recorded or disclosed in our financial statements. While we have significant operating lease commitments for office space, those commitments are generally tied to the period of performance under related contracts. Additionally, although on certain contracts we are bound by performance bond commitments and standby letters of credit, we have not had any defaults resulting in draws on performance bonds. Also, we do not speculate in derivative transactions.

We believe the following critical accounting policies affect the significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements:

Revenue Recognition. In fiscal 2006, approximately 77% of our total revenue was derived from state and local government agencies; 7% from federal government agencies; 11% from foreign customers; and 5% from other sources, such as commercial customers. Revenue is generated from contracts with various pricing arrangements, including: (1) fixed-price; (2) performance-based criteria; (3) costs incurred plus a negotiated fee ("cost-plus"); and (4) time and materials. Also, some contracts contain "not-to-exceed" provisions. Of the contracts with "not-to-exceed" provisions, to the extent we estimate we will exceed the contractual limits, we treat these contracts as fixed price. For fiscal 2006, revenue from fixed-price contracts was approximately 41% of total revenue; revenue from performance-based contracts was approximately 35% of total revenue; revenue from cost-plus contracts was approximately 15% of total revenue; and revenue from time and materials contracts was approximately 9% of total revenue. A majority of the contracts with state and local government agencies have been fixed-price and performance-based, and our contracts with the federal government generally have been cost-plus. Fixed-price and performance-based contracts generally offer higher margins but typically involve more risk than cost-plus or time and materials reimbursement contracts.

We recognize revenue on fixed-priced contracts when earned, as services are provided. For certain fixed-price contracts, primarily systems design, development and implementation, we recognize revenue based on costs incurred using estimates of total expected contract revenue and costs to be incurred in accordance with the provisions of AICPA Statement of Position 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts ("SOP 81-1"). The cumulative impact of any revisions in estimated revenue and costs is recognized in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. For other fixed-price contracts, revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis unless evidence suggests that revenue is earned or obligations are fulfilled in a different pattern. With fixed-price contracts, we are subject to the risk of potential cost overruns. For fixed-price contracts accounted for under SOP 81-1, provisions for estimated losses on incomplete contracts are provided in full in the period in which such losses become known. Costs related to contracts may be incurred in periods prior to recognizing revenue. These costs are generally expensed. However, certain direct and incremental set-up costs may be deferred until services are provided and revenue begins to be recognized, when such costs are recoverable from a contractual arrangement. Set-up costs are costs related to activities that enable us to provide contractual services to a client. The timing of expense recognition may result in irregular profit margins.

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We recognize revenue on performance-based contracts as such revenue becomes fixed or determinable, which generally occurs when amounts are billable to customers. For certain contracts, this may result in revenue being recognized in irregular increments.

Revenue on cost-plus contracts is recognized based on costs incurred plus an estimate of the negotiated fee earned. Revenue on time and materials contracts is recognized based on hours worked and expenses incurred.

Our most significant expense is cost of revenue, which consists primarily of project-related costs such as employee salaries and benefits, subcontractors, computer equipment and travel expenses. Our management uses its judgment and experience to estimate cost of revenue expected on projects. Our management's ability to accurately predict personnel requirements, salaries and other costs as well as to effectively manage a project or achieve certain levels of performance can have a significant impact on the gross margins related to our fixed-price, performance-based and time and materials contracts. If actual costs are higher than our management's estimates, profitability may be adversely affected. Service cost variability has little impact on cost-plus arrangements because allowable costs are reimbursed by the customer.

We also license software under license agreements. Software revenue is recognized in accordance with AICPA Statement of Position 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition ("SOP 97-2"), as amended by Statement of Position 98-9, Modification of SOP 97-2, With Respect to Certain Transactions ("SOP 98-9"). Software license revenue is recognized when a customer enters into a non-cancelable license agreement, the software product has been delivered, there are no uncertainties surrounding product acceptance, there are no significant future performance obligations, the license fees are fixed or determinable and collection of the license fee is considered probable. Amounts received in advance of meeting these criteria are deferred. As required by SOP 98-9, the Company determines the value of the software component of its multiple-element arrangements using the residual method as vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of fair value exists for the undelivered elements such as the support and maintenance agreements and related implementation and training services, but not for all delivered elements such as the software itself. The residual method requires revenue to be allocated to the undelivered elements based on the fair value of such elements, as indicated by VSOE. VSOE is based on the price charged when the element is sold separately. Maintenance and post-contract customer support revenue are recognized ratably over the term of the related agreements, which in most cases is one year. Revenue from software-related consulting services under time and material contracts and for training is recognized as services are performed. Revenue from other software-related contract services requiring significant modification or customization of software is recognized under the percentage-of-completion method.

EITF 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables, requires contracts with multiple deliverables to be divided into separate units of accounting if certain criteria are met. We apply the guidance therein and recognize revenue on multiple deliverables as separate units of accounting if the criteria are met.

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Impairment of Goodwill. We adhere to the Financial Accounting Standards Board's Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, Business Combinations ("FAS 141"), and No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets ("FAS 142"). Under these rules, goodwill is not amortized but is subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with FAS 141 and FAS 142. Goodwill is tested on an annual basis, or more frequently as impairment indicators arise. Annual impairment tests involve the use of estimates related to the fair market values of our reporting units with which goodwill is associated. Losses, if any, resulting from annual impairment tests will be reflected in operating income in our income statement.

Capitalized Software Development Costs. Software development costs are capitalized in accordance with FAS No. 86,Accounting for the Cost of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased, or Otherwise Marketed. We capitalize both purchased software that is ready for resale and costs incurred internally for software development projects from the time technological feasibility is established. Capitalized software development costs are reported at the lower of unamortized cost or estimated net realizable value. Upon the general release of the software to customers, capitalized software development costs for the products are amortized over the greater of the ratio of gross revenues to expected total revenues of the product or on the straight-line method of amortization over the estimated economic life of the product, which ranges from three to five years. The establishment of technological feasibility and the ongoing assessment for recoverability of capitalized development costs require considerable judgment by management including, but not limited to, technological feasibility, anticipated future gross revenues, estimated economic life, and changes in software and hardware technologies. Any changes to these estimates could impact the amount of amortization expense and the amount recognized as capitalized software development costs in the consolidated balance

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts at an amount we estimate to be sufficient to cover the risk of collecting less than full payment on our receivables. On a regular basis we re-evaluate our client receivables, especially receivables that are past due, and reassess our allowance for doubtful accounts based on specific client collection issues. If our clients were to express dissatisfaction with the services we have provided, additional allowances may be required.

Deferred Contract Costs. Deferred contract costs consist of contractually recoverable direct set-up costs relating to long-term service contracts in progress. These costs include direct and incremental costs incurred prior to the commencement of us providing service to enable us to provide the contracted services to our customer. Such costs are expensed over the period services are provided under the long-term service contract. We review deferred contract costs for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Our review is based on our projection of the undiscounted future operating cash flows of the related customer project. To the extent such projections indicate that future undiscounted cash flows are not sufficient to recover the carrying amount, we recognize a non-cash impairment charge to reduce the carrying amount to equal projected future discounted cash flows.

Contingencies. From time to time, we are involved in legal proceedings, including contract and employment claims, in the ordinary course of business. We assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these contingencies as well as potential ranges of probable losses and establish reserves accordingly. The amount of reserves required may change in future periods due to new developments in each matter or changes in approach to a matter such as a change in settlement strategy.

Legal Expense. Legal expense consists of costs, net of reimbursed insurance claims, related to significant legal settlements and non-routine legal matters, including future probable legal costs estimated to be incurred in connection with those matters. Legal expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business are included in selling, general and administrative expense.

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Stock-Based Compensation. Effective October 1, 2005, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, using the modified-prospective-transition method. The impact of adopting SFAS No. 123(R) is disclosed in Note 13 to our consolidated financial statements.

Income taxes. To record income tax expense, we are required to estimate our income taxes in each of the jurisdictions in which we operate. In addition, income tax expense at interim reporting dates requires us to estimate our expected effective tax rate for the entire year. This process involves estimating our actual current tax liability together with assessing temporary differences that result in deferred tax assets and liabilities and expected future tax rates. Circumstances that could cause our estimates of income tax expense to change include: the impact of information that subsequently becomes available as we prepare our tax returns; revision to tax positions taken as a result of further analysis and consultation; changes in the geographic mix of our business; the actual level of pre-tax income; changes in tax rules, regulations and rates; and changes mandated as a result of audits by taxing authorities.

We may also establish tax reserves when, despite our belief that our tax return positions are fully supportable, we believe that certain positions are subject to challenge and that we may not fully succeed. We adjust these reserves in light of changing facts, such as the progress of a tax audit, new case law, or expiration of a statute of limitations. We have deferred tax assets due to net operating loss carryforwards in our Canadian subsidiaries, the utilization of which is not assured and is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income in the future. These net operating loss carryforwards may be used to offset taxable income in future periods, reducing the amount of taxes we might otherwise be required to pay. Although management believes it is more likely than not that we will generate sufficient taxable income to utilize all net operating loss carryforwards, evaluating the net operating loss carryforwards requires us to make certain estimates, which we believe are reasonable. In the event that actual circumstances differ from management's estimates, or to the extent that these estimates are adjusted in the future, any changes to the valuation allowance could be material.

ITEM 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

We believe that our exposure to market risk related to the effect of changes in interest rates, foreign currency exchange rates, commodity prices and other market risks with regard to instruments entered into for trading or for other purposes is immaterial.

ITEM 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

The following consolidated financial statements and supplementary data are included as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K:

Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

Consolidated Balance Sheets at September 30, 2005 and 2006

Consolidated Statements of Income for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006

Consolidated Statements of Changes in Shareholders' Equity for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006

Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006

Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of MAXIMUS, Inc.:

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of MAXIMUS, Inc. as of September 30, 2006 and 2005, and the related consolidated statements of income, stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2006. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the consolidated financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2006 and 2005, and the consolidated results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended September 30, 2006, in conformity with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles.

As disclosed in Note 1 in the notes to the consolidated financial statements, the Company adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standards Board No. 123(R), effective October 1, 2005.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the effectiveness of MAXIMUS, Inc.'s internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, based on criteria established in Internal Control-Integrated Framework issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated December 6, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

McLean, Virginia December 6, 2006

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MAXIMUS, Inc. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (Dollars in thousands)

	September 30		,	
CONTRO		2005		2006
ASSETS				
Current assets:	•	50.053	Ф	20.545
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	59,073	\$	39,545
Marketable securities		119,290		117,315
Restricted cash		2,193		1,512
Accounts receivable — billed, net		124,477		153,399
Accounts receivable — unbilled		43,774		47,728
Income taxes receivable				9,003
Deferred income taxes				6,844
Prepaid expenses and other current assets		7,270		8,334
Total current assets		356,077		383,680
Property and equipment, net		31,156		33,429
Software development costs, net		25,686		33,925
Deferred contract costs, net		20,429		11,165
Goodwill		86,832		86,688
Intangible assets, net		7,756		5,720
Other assets		6,626		3,894
Total assets	\$	534,562	\$	558,501
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Accounts payable	\$	38,151	\$	54,484
Accrued compensation and benefits		26,828		24,426
Deferred revenue		32,898		54,414
Income taxes payable		4,695		_
Deferred income taxes		2,022		_
Current portion of capital lease obligations		1,502		1,690
Other accrued liabilities		3,386		1,600
Total current liabilities		109,482		136,614
Capital lease obligations, less current portion		3,606		2,044
Deferred income taxes		15,480		14,944
Other long-term liabilities		40		_
Total liabilities	_	128,608	_	153,602
Commitments and contingencies (Notes 10 and 14)		,		,
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock, no par value; 60,000,000 shares authorized; 21,451,302 and 21,544,964 shares issued and outstanding at September 30,				
2005 and 2006, at stated amount, respectively		150,883		156,349
Accumulated other comprehensive loss		(522)		(916)
Retained earnings		255,593		249,466
Total shareholders' equity	_	405,954	_	404,899
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	534,562	\$	558,501
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (In thousands, except per share data)

		Year ended September 30,			30,		
	_	2004		2005	_	2006	
Revenue	\$	603,774	\$	647,538	\$	700,894	
Cost of revenue		427,207		467,588		547,539	
Write-off of deferred contract costs (Note 6)		_		_		17,109	
Gross profit		176,567		179,950		136,246	
Selling, general and administrative expenses		113,521		116,676		129,678	
Legal expense (Note 21)		_		7,000		9,394	
Income (loss) from operations		63,046		56,274		(2,826)	
Interest and other income, net		1,044		3,345		6,859	
Income before income taxes		64,090		59,619		4,033	
Provision for income taxes		25,316		23,550		1,573	
Net income	\$	38,774	\$	36,069	\$	2,460	
Earnings per share:							
Basic	\$	1.80	\$	1.69	\$	0.11	
Diluted	\$	1.76	\$	1.67	\$	0.11	
Cash dividends per share			¢	0.30	\$	0.40	
Cash dividends per share	_		\$	0.30	3	0.40	
Weighted average shares outstanding:							
Basic		21,589		21,331		21,465	
Diluted		22,014		21,653		21,821	

 $See\ notes\ to\ consolidated\ financial\ statements.$

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MAXIMUS, Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CHANGES IN SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY (In thousands)

	Common Shares Outstanding	 Common Stock	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income (Loss)	Retained Earnings		Total Shareholders' Equity
Balance at September 30, 2003	21,200	\$ 146,219	\$ (95)	\$ 187,153	\$	333,277
Net income	_	_	_	38,774		38,774
Unrealized loss on marketable securities, net of tax of \$26	_	_	(40)	_		(40)
Foreign currency translation	_	_	(210)	_		(210)
Comprehensive income						38,524
Employee stock transactions	927	22,482	_	_		22,482
Repurchases of common stock	(807)	(25,656)	_	_		(25,656)
Non-cash equity based compensation	_	1,036	_	_		1,036
Tax benefit due to option exercises		3,885				3,885
Balance at September 30, 2004	21,320	147,966	(345)	225,927		373,548
Net income	_	_	_	36,069		36,069
Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax of \$153	_	_	241	_		241
Foreign currency translation	_	_	(418)	_		(418)
Comprehensive income					-	35,892
Employee stock transactions	619	14,645	_	_		14,645
Repurchases of common stock	(488)	(16,055)	_	_		(16,055)
Cash dividends	_	_	_	(6,403)		(6,403)
Non-cash equity based compensation	_	1,372	_	_		1,372
Tax benefit due to option exercises		2,955				2,955
Balance at September 30, 2005	21,451	150,883	(522)	255,593		405,954
Net income	_	_	_	2,460		2,460
Unrealized gain on marketable securities, net of tax	_	_	_	_		_
Foreign currency translation	_	_	(394)	_		(394)
Comprehensive income						2,066
Employee stock transactions	376	7,697	_	_		7,697
Repurchases of common stock	(282)	(10,139)	_	_		(10,139)
Cash dividends	_	_	_	(8,587)		(8,587)
Non-cash equity based compensation	_	6,577	_	_		6,577
Tax benefit due to option exercises		 1,331				1,331
Balance at September 30, 2006	21,545	\$ 156,349	\$ (916)	\$ 249,466	\$	404,899

 $See\ notes\ to\ consolidated\ financial\ statements.$

MAXIMUS, Inc. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Dollars in thousands)

Vear ended September 30.

		Year ended September 30,		
	2004	2005	2006	
Cash flows from operating activities:				
Net income	\$ 38,774	\$ 36,069	\$ 2,460	
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation	7,040	7,874	9,195	
Amortization	6,110	7,271	8,450	
Deferred income taxes	13,361	4,806	(9,402)	
Non-cash equity based compensation	1,036	1,372	6,577	
Write-off of deferred contract costs	· —		17,109	
Tax benefit due to option exercises and restricted stock units vesting	3,885	2,955	_	
Changes in assets and liabilities, net of effects from acquisitions:				
Accounts receivable - billed	3,158	(12,643)	(28,922)	
Accounts receivable - unbilled	(13,138)	(1,494)	(3,954)	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(2,366)	1,961	(1,064)	
Deferred contract costs	(4,866)	(4,954)	(7,845)	
Other assets	(4,752)	(828)	2,489	
Accounts payable	5,866	10,675	16,332	
Accrued compensation and benefits	(1,995)	5,604	(2,401)	
Deferred revenue	(1,950)	11,703	21,516	
Income taxes	(2,837)	4,695	(13,699)	
Other liabilities	(253)	761	(1,145)	
Net cash provided by operating activities	47,073	75,827	15,696	
Cash flows from investing activities:				
Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired	(6,605)	(1,946)	_	
Purchases of property and equipment	(6,476)	(13,337)	(11,467)	
Capitalized software development costs	(8,078)	(12,655)	(14,654)	
(Increase) decrease in marketable securities	(47,300)	(71,649)	1,825	
Other	239	442	144	
Net cash used in investing activities	(68,220)	(99,145)	(24,152)	
Cash flows from financing activities:				
Employee stock transactions	22,482	14,645	7,697	
Repurchases of common stock	(25,656)	(16,056)	(10,139)	
Payments on capital lease obligations	(1,197)	(1,649)	(1,374)	
Tax benefit due to option exercises and restricted stock units vesting	<u> </u>	_	1,331	
Cash dividends paid	_	(6,403)	(8,587)	
Net cash used in financing activities	(4,371)	(9,463)	(11,072)	
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	(25,518)	(32,781)	(19,528)	
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	117,372	91,854	59,073	
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 91,854	\$ 59,073	\$ 39,545	
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See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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MAXIMUS, Inc. Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements For the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006

1. Business and Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

(a) Description of Business

MAXIMUS, Inc. (the "Company" or "we") provides consulting, systems solutions and operations program management primarily to government. The Company conducts its operations through three business segments: Consulting, Systems and Operations. The Consulting Segment provides specialized financial consulting services such as assisting states, local agencies, and schools in obtaining federal funding reimbursements for their programs, and implementing cost reductions strategies, as well as providing technical services and software products. The Systems Segment provides systems products including justice and asset software solutions as well as systems development, design and implementation to improve the efficiency and cost-effectiveness of program administration. The Operations Segment provides a variety of program management services, primarily the delivery of administrative services for government health and human service programs.

The Company operates predominantly in the United States. Revenue from foreign-based projects and offices was 5%, 8%, and 11% of total revenue for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

(b) Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of MAXIMUS, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. In addition to the Company's wholly owned subsidiaries, the financial statements as of and for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 include a majority (55%) owned international subsidiary. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

In fiscal 2006, approximately 77% of our total revenue was derived from state and local government agencies; 7% from federal government agencies; 11% from foreign customers; and 5% from other sources, such as commercial customers. Revenue is generated from contracts with various pricing arrangements, including: (1) fixed-price; (2) performance-based criteria; (3) costs incurred plus a negotiated fee ("cost-plus"); and (4) time and materials. Also, some contracts contain "not-to-exceed" provisions. Of the contracts with "not-to-exceed" provisions, to the extent we estimate we will exceed the contractual limits, we treat these contracts as fixed price. For fiscal 2006, revenue from fixed-price contracts was approximately 41% of total revenue; revenue from performance-based contracts was approximately 35% of total revenue; revenue from time and materials contracts was approximately 9% of total revenue. A majority of the contracts with state and local government agencies have been fixed-price and performance-based, and our contracts with the federal government generally have been cost-plus. Fixed-price and performance-based contracts generally offer higher margins but typically involve more risk than cost-plus or time and materials reimbursement contracts.

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We recognize revenue on fixed-priced contracts when earned, as services are provided. For certain fixed-price contracts, primarily systems design, development and implementation, we recognize revenue based on costs incurred using estimates of total expected contract revenue and costs to be incurred in accordance with the provisions of AICPA Statement of Position 81-1, Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts ("SOP 81-1"). The cumulative impact of any revisions in estimated revenue and costs is recognized in the period in which the facts that give rise to the revision become known. For other fixed-price contracts, revenue is recognized on a straight-line basis unless evidence suggests that revenue is earned or obligations are fulfilled in a different pattern. With fixed-price contracts, we are subject to the risk of potential cost overruns. For fixed-price contracts accounted for under SOP 81-1, provisions for estimated losses on incomplete contracts are provided in full in the period in which such losses become known. Costs related to contracts may be incurred in periods prior to recognizing revenue. These costs are generally expensed. However, certain direct and incremental set-up costs may be deferred until services are provided and revenue begins to be recognized, when such costs are recoverable from a contractual arrangement. Set-up costs are costs related to activities that enable us to provide contractual services to a client. The timing of expense recognition may result in irregular profit margins.

We recognize revenue on performance-based contracts as such revenue becomes fixed or determinable, which generally occurs when amounts are billable to customers. For certain contracts, this may result in revenue being recognized in irregular increments.

Revenue on cost-plus contracts is recognized based on costs incurred plus an estimate of the negotiated fee earned. Revenue on time and materials contracts is recognized based on hours worked and expenses incurred.

Our most significant expense is cost of revenue, which consists primarily of project-related costs such as employee salaries and benefits, subcontractors, computer equipment and travel expenses. Our management uses its judgment and experience to estimate cost of revenue expected on projects. Our management's ability to accurately predict personnel requirements, salaries and other costs as well as to effectively manage a project or achieve certain levels of performance can have a significant impact on the gross margins related to our fixed-price, performance-based and time and materials contracts. If actual costs are higher than our management's estimates, profitability may be adversely affected. Service cost variability has little impact on cost-plus arrangements because allowable costs are reimbursed by the customer.

We also license software under license agreements. Software revenue is recognized in accordance with AICPA Statement of Position 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition ("SOP 97-2"), as amended by Statement of Position 98-9, Modification of SOP 97-2, With Respect to Certain Transactions ("SOP 98-9"). Software license revenue is recognized when a customer enters into a non-cancelable license agreement, the software product has been delivered, there are no uncertainties surrounding product acceptance, there are no significant future performance obligations, the license fees are fixed or determinable and collection of the license fee is considered probable. Amounts received in advance of meeting these criteria are deferred. As required by SOP 98-9, the Company determines the value of the software component of its multiple-element arrangements using the residual method as vendor specific objective evidence ("VSOE") of fair value exists for the undelivered elements such as the support and maintenance agreements and related implementation and training services, but not for all delivered elements such as the software itself. The residual method requires revenue to be allocated to the undelivered elements based on the fair value of such elements, as indicated by VSOE. VSOE is based on the price charged when the element is sold separately. Maintenance and post-contract customer support revenue are recognized ratably over the term of the related agreements, which in most cases is one year. Revenue from software-related consulting services under time and material contracts and for training is recognized as services are performed. Revenue from other software-related contract services requiring significant modification or customization of software is recognized under the percentage-of-completion method.

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EITF 00-21, Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables, requires contracts with multiple deliverables to be divided into separate units of accounting if certain criteria are met. We apply the guidance therein and recognize revenue on multiple deliverables as separate units of accounting if the criteria are met.

(d) Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. Cash equivalents are valued at cost, which approximates market.

(e) Marketable Securities

Marketable securities are classified as available-for-sale and are recorded at fair market value with unrealized gains and losses, net of taxes, reported as a separate component of shareholders' equity. Realized gains (losses) and declines in market value judged to be other than temporary, of which there were none in 2004; \$(288,000) in 2005; and \$237,000 in 2006, are included in other income. Interest and dividends are also included in other income. Marketable securities consist primarily of short-term auction rate bonds. At September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006, accumulated unrealized gains (losses) on marketable securities, net of tax, included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss), were (\$90,000), \$150,000, and none, respectively.

(f) Restricted Cash

Restricted cash represents amounts collected on behalf of certain customers and its use is restricted to the purposes specified under our contracts with these customers.

(g) Accounts Receivable and Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

Accounts receivable are recorded at their face amount less an allowance for doubtful accounts. We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts at an amount we estimate to be sufficient to cover the risk of collecting less than full payment on our receivables. On a regular basis we re-evaluate our client receivables, especially receivables that are past due, and reassess our allowance for doubtful accounts based on specific client collection issues.

(h) Property and Equipment

Property and equipment is stated at cost and depreciated using the straight-line method based on estimated useful lives not to exceed 39.5 years for the Company's buildings and between three and seven years for office furniture and equipment. Leasehold improvements are amortized over their useful life or the remaining term of the lease, whichever is shorter. Direct costs of time and material incurred for the development of application software for internal use are capitalized as property and equipment. These costs are depreciated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the software, ranging from three to seven years.

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(i) Software Development Costs

Software development costs are capitalized in accordance with FAS No. 86, Accounting for the Cost of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased, or Otherwise Marketed. The Company capitalizes both purchased software that is ready for resale and costs incurred internally for software development projects from the time technological feasibility is established. Capitalized software development costs are reported at the lower of unamortized cost or estimated net realizable value. Upon the general release of the software to customers, capitalized software development costs for the products are amortized over the greater of the ratio of gross revenues to expected total revenues of the product or on the straight-line method of amortization over the estimated economic life of the product, which ranges from three to five years.

(j) Deferred Contract Costs

Deferred contract costs consist of contractually recoverable direct set-up costs relating to long-term service contracts in progress. These costs include direct and incremental costs incurred prior to the commencement of us providing service to enable us to provide the contracted services to our customer. Such costs are expensed over the period services are provided under the long-term service contract. We review deferred contract costs for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount may not be recoverable. Our review is based on our projection of the undiscounted future operating cash flows of the related customer project. To the extent such projections indicate that future undiscounted cash flows are not sufficient to recover the carrying amount, we recognize a non-cash impairment charge to reduce the carrying amount to equal projected future discounted cash flows.

(k) Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The Company applies Statements of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, *Business Combinations* ("FAS 141"), and No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets* ("FAS 142"). Under these rules, goodwill is not amortized but is subject to annual impairment tests in accordance with FAS 142. Annually, the Company performs a fair value analysis of its reporting units using valuation techniques prescribed in FAS 142. Based on the analysis performed as of July 1, 2006, the Company determined that there had been no impairment of goodwill.

Intangible assets from acquisitions, which consist primarily of customer contracts and relationships, technology-based intangibles and non-competition agreements, are amortized over five to ten years, based on their estimated useful lives.

(l) Long-Lived Assets (excluding Goodwill)

The Company follows the provisions of Financial Accounting Standards No. 144, Accounting for the Impairment or Disposal of Long-Lived Assets ("FAS 144"). FAS 144 requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be fully recoverable. An impairment loss is recognized if the sum of the long-term undiscounted cash flows is less than the carrying amount of the long-lived assets being evaluated. Any write-downs are treated as permanent reductions in the carrying amount of the assets. The Company believes that the carrying values of its assets as of September 30, 2006 are fully realizable.

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(m) Income Taxes

Deferred tax liabilities and assets are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted rates expected to be in effect during the year in which the differences reverse. The effect on deferred tax assets and liabilities due to a change in tax rates is recognized in income tax expense in the period that includes the enactment date. A tax benefit or expense is recognized for the net change in the deferred tax asset or liability during the year and the current tax liability for the year. We have deferred tax assets due to net operating loss carryforwards in our Canadian subsidiaries, the utilization of which is not assured and is dependent on generating sufficient taxable income in the future. These net operating loss carryforwards may be used to offset taxable income in future periods, reducing the amount of taxes we might otherwise be required to pay. Although management believes it is more likely than not that we will generate sufficient taxable income to utilize all net operating loss carryforwards, evaluating the net operating loss carryforwards requires us to make certain estimates, which we believe are reasonable. In the event that actual circumstances differ from management's estimates, or to the extent that these estimates are adjusted in the future, any changes to the valuation allowance could be material.

(n) Comprehensive Income (Loss)

Comprehensive income (loss) includes changes in the balances of the items that are reported directly as separate components of shareholder's equity. Comprehensive income (loss) includes net income plus changes in the net unrealized gain (loss) on investments, net of taxes, and changes in cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments.

(o) Foreign Currency

The assets and liabilities of foreign operations are translated into U.S. dollars at current exchange rates and revenue and expenses are translated at average exchange rates for the period. The resulting cumulative translation adjustment is included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) on the consolidated balance sheet. At September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006, accumulated foreign currency gains (losses) included in accumulated other comprehensive loss were (\$255,000), (\$673,000) and (\$1,067,000), respectively. Foreign currency transaction gains (losses), including foreign currency gains (losses) on short-term loans with our foreign subsidiaries, are included in other income and were \$511,000, \$396,000 and \$741,000 for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

(p) Earnings per Share

FAS 128, Earnings Per Share, requires dual presentation of basic and diluted earnings per share on the face of the Consolidated Statements of Income. Basic earnings per share exclude dilution and are computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings

per share reflect potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock. Diluted earnings per share include the incremental effect of stock options and restricted stock units calculated using the treasury stock method.

(q) Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company considers the recorded value of its financial assets and liabilities, which consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, marketable securities, accounts receivable and accounts payable, to approximate the fair value of the respective assets and liabilities at September 30, 2005 and 2006.

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(r) Stock-Based Compensation

Effective October 1, 2005, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, using the modified-prospective-transition method. The impact of adopting SFAS No. 123(R) is disclosed in Note 13.

(s) Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, the disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates used by the Company include estimates of profits or loss on contracts in process, estimates of collectibility of receivables, evaluation of asset impairment and accrual of estimated liabilities.

(t) Legal Expense

Legal expense consists of costs, net of reimbursed insurance claims, related to significant legal settlements and non-routine legal matters, including future probable legal costs estimated to be incurred in connection with those matters. Legal expenses incurred in the ordinary course of business are included in selling, general and administrative expense.

(u) Reclassifications

Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to the fiscal year 2006 presentation.

(v) Contingencies

From time to time, we are involved in legal proceedings, including contract and employment claims, in the ordinary course of business. We assess the likelihood of any adverse judgments or outcomes to these contingencies as well as potential ranges of probable losses and establish reserves accordingly. The amount of reserves required may change in future periods due to new developments in each matter or changes in approach to a matter such as a change in settlement strategy.

2. Business Combinations

No businesses were acquired by the Company in either fiscal 2005 or fiscal 2006. At September 30, 2005, the Company recorded \$1.3 million as additional goodwill in connection with an earn-out payment pertaining to a business acquired in 2002. The earn-out payment was attributable to that business achieving certain performance objectives. In fiscal 2004, the Company acquired the businesses described below in business combinations accounted for as purchases. The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the results of operations of each acquired business since the date of their respective acquisition.

On May 3, 2004, the Company acquired substantially all the assets of TIECorp. for \$3.2 million. In conjunction with the purchase, the Company recorded intangible assets, primarily non-competition agreements and technology related intangibles, of \$3.4 million, and other net liabilities of approximately \$0.2 million, which have been assigned to the Consulting Segment. Per the terms of the acquisition agreement, additional consideration of up to \$16.5 million may be paid based on achievement of certain future performance objectives by TIECorp. This additional consideration will be expensed as incurred. The TIECorp. business is engaged in the development and marketing of instructional management software programs and related products and services in the educational field. The primary reasons for the acquisition were to expand the Company's presence in the educational software field and to strategically complement the Company's current product and service offerings in the educational market.

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On June 1, 2004, the Company acquired certain assets of Manatron, Inc. for \$1.8 million. In conjunction with the purchase, the Company recorded goodwill of \$1.5 million and intangible assets, primarily customer contracts and relationships, of \$0.8 million, and other net liabilities of approximately \$0.5 million, which have been assigned to the Systems Segment. The acquired assets relate to the design, development, marketing and support of judicial software products for county, city and township governments. The primary reason for the acquisition was to increase the Company's market share in the justice solutions arena.

Following are the unaudited pro forma results of operations for the Company as if the companies identified above were acquired at the beginning of the period being reported (in thousands, except per share data):

	Year ended September 30, 2004
Revenue	\$ 605,519
Net income	39,242
Diluted earnings per share	\$ 1.78

3. Contract Receivables and Deferred Revenue

Uncompleted contracts consist of the following components (in thousands):

Accounts receivable - Deferred unbilled revenue

Revenue	\$	595,073	\$ 773,748
Billings		551,299	806,646
Total	\$	43,774	\$ 32,898
September 30, 2006:	_		
Revenue	\$	878,030	\$ 654,145
Billings		830,302	708,559
Total	\$	47,728	\$ 54,414

Unbilled accounts receivable and deferred revenue relate primarily to contracts wherein the timing of billings to customers varies based on individual contracts and often differs from the period of revenue recognition. At September 30, 2005 and 2006, there was \$5.6 million and \$7.0 million, respectively, billed but not paid by customers pursuant to contractual retainage provisions. Such balances are included in billed accounts receivable in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

At September 30, 2005 and 2006, \$5.3 million and \$2.7 million of billed long-term contract receivables, net of reserves of \$1.1 million and \$0.7 million, respectively, are included in other assets.

In evaluating the net realizable value of accounts receivable, the Company considers such factors as current economic trends, customer credit-worthiness, and changes in the customer payment terms and collection trends. Changes in the assumptions used in analyzing a specific account receivable may result in a reserve being recognized in the period in which the change occurs.

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Changes in the reserves against billed accounts receivable were as follows (in thousands):

		Year ended eptember 30),
	2004	2005	2006
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 4,997	\$ 6,551	\$ 7,158
Additions to cost and expense	6,401	4,253	4,775
Deductions	(4,847)	(3,646)	(5,405)
Balance at end of year	\$ 6,551	\$ 7,158	\$ 6,528

4. Property and Equipment

Property and equipment, at cost, consist of the following (in thousands):

	As of Septe	ember 30,
	2005	2006
Land	\$ 2,462	\$ 2,462
Building and improvements	11,656	12,239
Office furniture and equipment	46,901	51,780
Leasehold improvements	3,711	4,597
	64,730	71,078
Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization	(33,574)	(37,649)
Total property and equipment, net	\$31,156	\$33,429

5. Software Development Costs

Software development costs consist of the following (in thousands):

	As of September 30			
	2005	2006		
Capitalized software development costs	\$42,503	\$57,260		
Less: Accumulated amortization	(16,817)	(23,335)		
Total Software development costs, net	\$25,686	\$33,925		

Capitalized software amortization expense for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006 was \$4.5 million, \$5.2 million, and \$6.5 million, respectively.

6. Deferred Contract Costs

Deferred contract costs consist of contractually recoverable direct set-up costs relating to long-term service contracts in progress. These costs include direct and incremental costs incurred prior the commencement of us providing contracted services to our customers totaling \$27.2 million and \$26.3 million at September 30, 2005 and 2006, respectively, of which \$7.6 million is leased equipment at September 30, 2005 and 2006. Deferred contract costs are expensed ratably as services are provided under the contracts. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2006, accumulated amortization of deferred contract costs was \$6.8 million and \$15.2 million, of which \$2.6 million and \$4.2 million, respectively, is the accumulated amortization of capital lease assets included in deferred costs.

over its remaining term were insufficient to recover the project's deferred contract costs. As a result, the Company recognized a non-cash impairment charge of \$17.1 million to write off the full unamortized balance of the project's deferred contract costs. The write-off is included in the results of the Operations segment. Additional information regarding the Texas Integrated Eligibility project is disclosed in Note 20.

7. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The allocation of goodwill between segments has been adjusted to reflect the organizational change that occurred on October 1, 2005, as reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 19, 2006. Changes in goodwill for the years ended September 30, 2005 and 2006 are as follows (in thousands):

	Consulting	Systems	Operations	Total
Balance as of September 30, 2004	\$ 6,811	\$ 44,559	\$ 33,516	\$ 84,886
Goodwill activity during year	14	637	1,295	1,946
Balance as of September 30, 2005	6,825	45,196	34,811	86,832
Goodwill allocation adjustment	4,077	(3,042)	(1,035)	_
Goodwill activity during year	_	_	(144)	(144)
Balance as of September 30, 2006	\$ 10,902	\$ 42,154	\$ 33,632	\$ 86,688

The following table sets forth the components of intangible assets (in thousands):

	A	s of Sep	tember 30, 2005	5		 A	s of Sep	tember 30, 200	6	
	 Cost		cumulated ortization		ssets, net	 Cost		cumulated nortization		ntangible ssets, net
Non-competition agreements	\$ 3,475	\$	3,141	\$	334	\$ 3,475	\$	3,288	\$	187
Technology-based intangibles	4,870		1,644		3,226	4,870		2,532		2,338
Customer contracts and relationships	7,475		3,279		4,196	7,475		4,280		3,195
Total	\$ 15,820	\$	8,064	\$	7,756	\$ 15,820	\$	10,100	\$	5,720

Intangible assets from acquisitions are amortized over a period of five to ten years. The weighted-average amortization periods for non-competition agreements, technology-based intangibles, and customer contracts and relationships are approximately six years, five years, and seven years, respectively. The weighted-average amortization period for total intangible assets is approximately six years. The estimated amortization expense for the years ending September 30, 2007, 2008, 2009, 2010, and 2011 is \$2.0 million, \$1.1 million, \$0.4 million, and \$0.4 million, respectively.

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8. Earnings Per Share

The following table sets forth the components of basic and diluted earnings per share (in thousands):

	Year ended September 30,		
	2004	2005	2006
Numerator:			
Net income	\$ 38,774	\$ 36,069	\$ 2,460
Denominator:			
Weighted average shares outstanding	21,589	21,331	21,465
Effect of dilutive securities:			
Employee stock options and unvested restricted stock awards	425	322	356
Denominator for diluted earnings per share	22,014	21,653	21,821

9. Credit Facilities

In June 2003, in connection with a long-term contract, the Company issued a standby letter of credit in an initial amount of up to \$20.0 million, which amount was reduced to \$10.0 million on April 1, 2005. The letter of credit, which expires on March 31, 2009, may be called by the customer in the event the Company defaults under the terms of the contract. In March 2006, in connection with another long-term contract, the Company issued a standby letter of credit in the amount of \$4.0 million. The letter of credit, which expires on September 30, 2008, may be called by the customer in the event the Company defaults under the terms of the contract. The letters of credit contain financial covenants that establish minimum levels of tangible net worth and earnings before interest, tax, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) and require the maintenance of certain cash balances. As of September 30, 2006, the Company was not in compliance with the EBITDA financial covenant in either letter of credit. On December 1, 2006, the Company and its lender signed an agreement to waive this financial covenant for the fiscal quarter ended on September 30, 2006. The Company was in compliance with all other financial covenants as of September 30, 2006.

10. Leases

The Company leases office space under various operating leases which typically contain clauses permitting cancellation upon certain conditions, including the early termination, non-renewal or material alteration of the related customer contract. The terms of these leases typically provide for certain minimum payments as well as increases in lease payments based upon the operating cost of the facility and the consumer price index. Rent expense for the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006 was \$23.3 million, \$23.1 million, and \$23.3 million, respectively.

On July 15, 2003, the Company entered into a capital lease financing arrangement with a financial institution, whereby the Company acquired assets pursuant to an equipment lease agreement. Rental payments for assets leased are payable over a 60-month period at a rate of 4.05% commencing in January 2004. On March 29, 2004, the Company entered into a supplemental capital lease financing arrangement with the same financial institution whereby the Company acquired additional assets pursuant to an equipment lease agreement. Rental payments for assets leased under the supplemental arrangement are payable over a 57-month period at a rate of 3.61% commencing in April 2004. At September 30, 2006, capital lease obligations of \$3.7 million were outstanding related to these lease arrangements for new equipment.

Minimum future payments under leases in effect as of September 30, 2006 are as follows (in thousands):

	Capital Leases	Operating Leases
Year ended September 30,		
2007	\$ 1,806	\$ 19,082
2008	1,679	13,664
2009	420	9,381
2010	_	4,775
2011	_	1,382
Thereafter		682
Total minimum lease payments	3,905	\$ 48,966
Amount representing interest	(171)	
Present value of minimum lease payments	3,734	
Current portion	(1,690)	
Long-term portion	\$ 2,044	

11. Employee Benefit Plans and Deferred Compensation

The Company has 401(k) plans and other defined contribution plans for the benefit of all employees who meet certain eligibility requirements. The plans provide for Company match, specified Company contributions, and/or discretionary Company contributions. During the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006, the Company contributed \$3.7 million, \$3.6 million, and \$3.4 million to the plans, respectively.

12. Income Taxes

The Company's provision for income taxes is as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended September 30,		
	2004	2005	2006
Current provision:			
Federal	\$ 9,791	\$14,630	\$ 7,783
State and local	2,164	3,250	1,992
Foreign	_	864	1,200
Total current provision	11,955	18,744	10,975
Deferred tax expense (benefit):			
Federal	10,820	5,136	(6,450)
State and local	2,299	1,091	(1,384)
Foreign	242	(1,421)	(1,568)
Total deferred tax expense (benefit)	13,361	4,806	(9,402)
Income tax expense	\$25,316	\$23,550	\$ 1,573

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The provision for income taxes differs from that which would have resulted from the use of the federal statutory income tax rate as follows (in thousands):

	Year ended September 30,		
	2004	2005	2006
Federal income tax provision at statutory rate of 35%	\$22,431	\$20,867	\$ 1,411
Permanent items	470	594	645
Municipal interest	(319)	(749)	(1,532)
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	2,929	2,802	292
Reserve for state income tax audits	_	373	974
Other	(195)	(337)	(217)
	\$25,316	\$23,550	\$ 1,573

The significant items comprising the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of September 30, 2005 and 2006 are as follows (in thousands):

	_	As of Septe 2005		er 30, 2006
Deferred tax assets - current:	_	2000		2000
Costs deductible in future periods	\$	6,519	\$	6,677
Deferred revenue		8,300		16,811
Total deferred tax assets - current		14,819		23,488
Deferred tax liabilities - current:				
Accounts receivable - unbilled		16,743		16,644
Other		98		
Net deferred tax asset (liability) - current	\$	(2,022)	\$	6,844
			_	
Deferred tax assets (liabilities) - non-current:				
Non-cash equity compensation	\$	813	\$	2,222
Net operating loss carryforwards		1,745		3,246
Amortization of goodwill		(5,132)		(6,763)
Depreciation		(1,954)		(1,772)
Capitalized software		(7,456)	((11,480)
Deferred contract costs		(3,496)		(397)
Net deferred tax liability - non-current	\$	(15,480)	\$ ((14,944)

We do not provide for U.S. income taxes on the undistributed earnings of our foreign subsidiaries, as we consider these to be permanently reinvested in the

operations of such subsidiaries. If some of these earnings were distributed, some countries may impose withholding taxes; in addition, as foreign taxes have been previously paid on these earnings, we would expect to be entitled to a U.S. foreign tax credit that would reduce the U.S. taxes owed on such distributions. As such, it is not practical to determine the net amount of the related unrecognized U.S. deferred tax liability.

As of September 30, 2006, the Company had \$3.2 million of total tax-effected net operating loss carryforwards, related to the Company's operations in Canada. These net operating loss carryforwards begin to expire at the end of fiscal 2014 through fiscal 2016. We believe we will generate sufficient taxable income to utilize the net operating loss carryforwards within the expiration period based on an existing contract within our Canadian operations. To the extent that future taxable income from this contract is revised and it is determined that there will be insufficient taxable income generated to utilize all available net operating loss carryforwards, a valuation allowance will be recorded in the provision for income taxes in the period the determination is made, and the deferred tax assets will be reduced by this amount.

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Cash paid for income taxes during the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006 was \$10.2 million, \$9.4 million, and \$22.0 million, respectively.

Approximately 90% of the Company's total goodwill is expected to be deductible for income tax purposes.

13. Shareholders' Equity

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company's Board of Directors established stock option plans during 1997 pursuant to which the Company may grant non-qualified options to officers, employees, and directors of the Company to purchase the Company's common stock. At September 30, 2006, the Board of Directors had reserved 8.1 million shares of common stock for issuance under the Company's stock option plans. At September 30, 2006, approximately 2.0 million shares remained available for grants under the Company's stock option plans.

Stock options are granted at exercise prices equal to the fair market value of the Company's common stock at the date of grant. Stock options generally vest ratably over a period of four years, and beginning in fiscal 2005, expire six years after date of grant. Options issued prior to fiscal 2005 expire ten years after date of grant.

The Company also issues Restricted Stock Units (RSUs) to certain executive officers and employees under its 1997 Equity Incentive Plan ("Plan"). Generally, these RSUs vest ratably over six years with full vesting upon the sixth anniversary of the date of grant, provided, however, that the vesting will accelerate if the Company meets certain earnings targets determined by the Board of Directors. The fair value of the RSUs, based on the Company's stock price at the grant date, is expensed over the vesting period. For the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006, compensation expense recognized related to RSUs was \$1.0 million, \$1.4 million and \$2.1 million, respectively.

Prior to October 1, 2005, the Company accounted for its stock-based compensation plans using the intrinsic value method in accordance with the provisions of Accounting Principle Board (APB) Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related Interpretations, as permitted by Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Effective October 1, 2005, the Company adopted the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), Share-Based Payment, using the modified-prospective-transition method.

Under the modified-prospective-transition method, compensation cost recognized in the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, included (i) compensation cost for all stock-based payments granted prior to but not yet vested as of October 1, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123, and (ii) compensation cost for all share-based payments granted subsequent to October 1, 2005, based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R). Results for prior periods have not been restated.

As a result of adopting SFAS No. 123(R) on October 1, 2005, the Company's income before income taxes for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, was \$4.4 million lower than if the Company had continued to account for share-based compensation under APB Opinion No. 25. Net income for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006, was \$2.7 million lower than if the Company had continued to account for share-based compensation under APB Opinion No. 25. Basic and diluted earnings per share for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 are \$0.13 and \$0.13, respectively, lower than if the Company had continued to account for share-based compensation under APB Opinion No. 25.

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Stock-based compensation cost is recognized in selling, general and administrative expense and, under the fair value provisions of SFAS No. 123(R), was \$6.6 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006. The total income tax benefit recognized in the income statement for share-based compensation arrangements was \$2.6 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006.

The following table illustrates the effect on net income and earnings per share if the Company had applied the fair value provisions of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based compensation for the periods prior to adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) (in thousands, except per share data):

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Year ended September 3			mber 30,
	2004		2005
\$	38,774	\$	36,069
	627		830
	(5,714)		(4,226)
\$	33,687	\$	32,673
\$	1.80	\$	1.69
\$	1.56	\$	1.53
\$	1.76	\$	1.67
\$	1.53	\$	1.51
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assumptions for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006:

	2004	2005	2006
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.7%	1.4%
Risk-free interest rate	3.1%	4.0%	4.6%
Expected volatility	55%	46%	37%
Expected life of option term (in years)	5.4	5.1	5.1
Weighted average fair value at grant date	\$ 18.20	\$ 13.48	\$11.58

The dividend yield is based on historical experiences and expected future changes. The risk-free interest rate is derived from the U.S. Treasury yields in effect at the time of grant. Expected volatilities are based on the historical volatility of our common stock. The expected life of the option is derived from historical data pertaining to option exercises and employee terminations.

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A summary of the Company's stock option activity for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006, is as follows:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price
Outstanding at September 30, 2003		\$ 25.14
Granted	654,688	34.92
Exercised	(840,374)	24.84
Forfeited or expired	(91,812)	25.06
Outstanding at September 30, 2004	2,551,114	27.76
Granted	521,012	31.87
Exercised	(514,184)	34.62
Forfeited or expired	(260,581)	32.61
Outstanding at September 30, 2005	2,297,361	28.65
Granted	557,101	33.12
Exercised	(300,314)	35.21
Forfeited or expired	(512,419)	33.19
Outstanding at September 30, 2006	2,041,729	29.39
Exercisable at September 30, 2006	1,239,484	\$ 24.27

The intrinsic value of exercisable stock options at September 30, 2006, was \$3.5 million with a weighted average remaining life of 3.5 years. The total intrinsic value of stock options exercised during the year ended September 30, 2006, was \$3.3 million. The weighted average grant date fair value of stock options granted during the year ended September 30, 2006, was \$11.58. The total fair value of stock options which vested during the year ended September 30, 2006, was \$3.3 million.

The following table provides certain information with respect to stock options outstanding at September 30, 2006:

Range of Exercise Prices	Stock Options Outstanding	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Weighted Average Remaining Life
\$0.01 - \$1.46	75,113	\$1.46	0.3
\$12.31 - \$20.96	236,204	20.48	4.0
\$21.00 - \$33.55	889,784	28.19	5.1
\$33.75 - \$46.03	840,628	35.65	5.8
	2,041,729	29.39	5.1

The following table provides certain information with respect to stock options exercisable at September 30, 2006:

Range of Exercise Prices	Stock Options Exercisable	Weighted Average Exercise Price
\$0.01 - \$1.46	75,113	\$1.46
\$12.31 - \$20.96	234,454	20.49
\$21.00 - \$33.55	526,300	27.43
\$33.75 - \$46.03	403,617	35.81
	1,239,484	24.27

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A summary of the Company's RSU activity for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2004, 2005 and 2006, is as follows:

	Shares	Market alue
Non-vested shares outstanding at September 30, 2003	135,998	\$ 31.86
Granted	101,300	34.99
Vested	(25,191)	35.00
Forfeited or expired	(26,019)	31.91
Non-vested shares outstanding at September 30, 2004	186,088	31.44
Granted	112,550	32.40
Vested	(43,147)	35.34
Forfeited or expired	(27,248)	32.05
Non-vested shares outstanding at September 30, 2005	228,243	32.69

Granted	258,843	34.17
Vested	(47,442)	28.67
Forfeited or expired	(74,432)	32.90
Non-vested shares outstanding at September 30, 2006	365.212 \$	33.26

As of September 30, 2006, the total remaining unrecognized compensation cost related to unvested stock options and RSUs was \$10.1 million and \$12.0 million, respectively.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), the Company presented all tax benefits of deductions resulting from the exercise of stock options as operating cash flows in the consolidated statement of cash flows. SFAS No. 123(R) requires the cash flows resulting from the tax benefits generated from tax deductions in excess of the compensation costs recognized for those options (excess tax benefits) to be classified as financing cash flows.

Employee Stock Purchase Plan

The Company also offers an employee stock purchase plan (ESPP) that allows eligible employees to purchase shares of the Company's common stock each quarter at 95% of the market value on the last day of the quarter. The ESPP is not considered compensatory under the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) and therefore no portion of the costs related to ESPP purchases are included in the Company's stock-based compensation expense. During fiscal 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively, the Company issued 71,400, 76,900, and 36,971 shares of common stock pursuant to this plan at an average price of \$28.40, \$25.80, and \$28.13 per share.

Stock Repurchase Program

Under resolutions adopted in May 2000, July 2002, and March 2003, the Board of Directors has authorized the repurchase, at management's discretion, of up to an aggregate of \$90.0 million of the Company's common stock. In addition, in June 2002, the Board of Directors authorized the use of option exercise proceeds for the repurchase of the Company's common stock. During the years ended September 30, 2005 and 2006, the Company repurchased 488,404 and 282,100 shares, respectively. At September 30, 2006, approximately \$26.6 million remained available for future stock repurchases under the program.

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14. Commitments and Contingencies

Litigation

The Company is involved in various legal proceedings, including contract and employment claims, in the ordinary course of its business. Management does not expect the ultimate outcome of these legal proceedings to have either individually or in the aggregate a material adverse effect on the Company's financial condition or its results of operations. The matters reported on below involve significant pending or potential claims against us.

- (a) In October 2004, MAXIMUS received a subpoena from the Criminal Division of the U.S. Department of Justice acting through the U.S. Attorney's Office for the District of Columbia. The subpoena requested records pertaining to the Company's work for the District of Columbia, primarily relating to the preparation and submission of federal Medicaid reimbursement claims on behalf of the District. The U.S. Attorney's Office is investigating issues pertaining to MAXIMUS' compliance with the federal laws governing Medicaid claims. We are fully cooperating with the U.S. Attorney's Office in producing documents in response to the subpoena and making employees available for interviews, and we have conducted an internal review of this matter through independent outside legal counsel. Based on the probable legal costs of the internal review, we recorded a charge of \$0.5 million in connection with this matter in the quarter ended December 31, 2005. We are unable to quantify the probability or magnitude of any other expenditure, fine, penalty, or settlement amount we may incur in connection with this matter at this time.
- (b) In June 2005, MAXIMUS received a subpoena pursuant to the Illinois Whistleblower Reward and Protection Act from the Office of the Attorney General of Illinois in connection with a purported whistleblower investigation of potential false claims. The subpoena requested records pertaining to the Company's work for agencies of the Executive Branch of Illinois State Government. Discussions with the Attorney General's office have indicated that MAXIMUS was one of nine contractors that received such subpoenas and that the investigation is primarily focused at this time on the procurement and contracting activities of the Illinois Department of Central Management Services. Although there can be no assurance of a favorable outcome and we are unable to quantify the probability or magnitude of any expenditures we may incur in connection with this matter, the Company does not believe that this matter will have a material adverse effect on its financial condition or results of operations, and the Company has not accrued for any loss related to this matter.

Employment Agreements

The Company has employment agreements with 10 of its executives and other employees with terms of the employment obligations ending between fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2010.

15. Concentrations of Credit Risk and Major Customers

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to significant concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of accounts receivable, billed and unbilled, on uncompleted contracts. To date, these financial instruments have been derived from contract revenue earned primarily from federal, state and local government agencies located in the United States.

For the years ended September 30, 2004, 2005, and 2006, the Company derived approximately 14%, 16%, and 14%, respectively, of its consolidated revenue from contracts with a single state customer, principally within our Operations Segment.

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16. Business Segments

The following table provides certain financial information for each business segment (in thousands). The segment results for fiscal 2005 and 2004 have been adjusted to reflect the organizational change that occurred on October 1, 2005, as reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 19, 2006.

<u>2004</u> <u>2005</u> <u>2006</u> Revenue:

Consulting	\$ 106,843	\$ 100,359	\$102,842
Systems	117,238	134,407	127,189
Operations	379,693	412,772	470,863
Total	\$ 603,774	\$ 647,538	\$ 700,894
Income (loss) from operations:			
Consulting	\$ 16,441	\$ 13,159	\$ 14,499
Systems	6,749	11,263	(853)
Operations	38,256	36,174	(9,453)
Consolidating adjustments	1,600	2,678	2,375
Legal expense	_	(7,000)	(9,394)
Total	\$ 63,046	\$ 56,274	\$ (2,826)
Identifiable assets:			
Consulting	\$ 62,763	\$ 53,891	\$ 59,295
Systems	114,740	134,101	144,511
Operations	127,017	146,904	160,946
Corporate	160,227	199,666	196,995
Total	\$ 464,747	\$ 534,562	\$ 561,747
Depreciation and amortization:			
Consulting	\$ 1,595	\$ 1,552	\$ 1,511
Systems	5,836	6,821	6,923
Operations	3,695	4,948	7,623
Corporate	2,024	1,824	1,588
Total	\$ 13,150	\$ 15,145	\$ 17,645

Revenue from foreign operations was \$30.0 million, \$49.7 million, and \$76.7 million for fiscal years 2004, 2005, and 2006, respectively. Total assets of foreign operations were \$40.2 million and \$48.0 million at September 30, 2005 and 2006, respectively.

The loss from operations in the Operations segment for the 2006 fiscal year of \$9.5 million includes a non-cash impairment charge of \$17.1 million to write off the full unamortized balance of the Texas Integrated Eligibility project's deferred contract costs.

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17. Quarterly Information (Unaudited)

Set forth below are selected quarterly income statement data for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2005 and 2006. The Company derived this information from unaudited quarterly financial statements that include, in the opinion of Company's management, all adjustments necessary for a fair presentation of the information for such periods. Results of operations for any fiscal quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for any future period. The segment results for the 2005 periods have been adjusted to reflect the organizational change that occurred on October 1, 2005, as reported in a Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on January 19, 2006.

		Quarter Ended						
	_	Dec. 31, 2004		Iarch 31, 2005		ie 30, 005	S	ept. 30, 2005
Fiscal Year 2005		(In thousands, except per share data)						
Revenue:	¢.	24.064	en en	22.592	ø	27 272	ø	25 440
Consulting	\$,	\$	23,583		27,272	\$	25,440
Systems		32,838		32,614		35,105		33,850
Operations	_	95,593	_	97,854		11,281		108,044
Total revenue		152,495		154,051	1	73,658		167,334
Gross profit		44,405		43,715		47,231		44,599
Selling, general and administrative expenses		29,450		28,373		30,681		28,172
Income from operations:								
Consulting		2,290		1,877		4,473		4,519
Systems		4,926		1,961		2,959		1,417
Operations		7,135		10,645		8,396		9,998
Consolidating adjustments		604		859		722		493
Legal expense		(99)		(341)		(1,060)		(5,500)
Total income from operations		14,856		15,001		15,490		10,927
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Net income		9,049		9,500		10,115		7,405
		-,		-,		,		,,
Earnings per share:								
Basic	\$	0.42	\$	0.45	\$	0.47	\$	0.35
Diluted	<u>*</u>	0.42	<u>\$</u>	0.44	¢	0.47	9	0.34
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		De 2	c. 31, 005		Iarch 31, 2006		June 30, 2006	S	ept. 30, 2006
FI IV Ann		(In thousands, except pe			pt pe	per share data)			
Fiscal Year 2006									
Revenue:		Φ	22.625	•	26.260	Ф	06.714	•	26.125
Consulting		\$	23,635	\$	26,368	\$	26,714	\$	26,125
Systems			36,290		32,229		28,686		29,984
Operations			102,801		121,176	_	131,196		115,690
Total revenue			162,726		179,773		186,596		171,799
Gross profit			44,746		45,332		10,542		35,626
Selling, general and administrative expenses			31,564		30,886		32,275		34,953
Income (loss) from operations:									
Consulting			2,536		2,976		3,818		5,169
Systems			3,887		278		(3,010)		(2,008)
Operations			6,068		10,544		(23,121)		(2,944)
Consolidating adjustments			691		648		580		456
Legal expense			(500)		(725)		(9,078)		909
Total income from operations	•		12,682		13,721		(30,811)		1,582
Net income			8,906		8,870		(17,309)		1,993
Earnings per share:									
Basic		\$	0.42	\$	0.41	\$	(0.81)	\$	0.09
Diluted		\$	0.41	\$	0.41	\$	(0.81)	\$	0.09

18. Recent Accounting Pronouncements

On July 13, 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Interpretation No. (FIN) 48, Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, which is effective in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006 which is the Company's fiscal year 2008. The purpose of FIN 48 is to clarify and set forth consistent rules for accounting for uncertain tax positions in accordance with FAS 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. The cumulative effect of applying the provisions of this interpretation are required to be reported separately as an adjustment to the opening balance of retained earnings in the year of adoption. We are in the process of reviewing and evaluating FIN 48, and therefore the ultimate impact of its adoption is not yet known.

19. Subsequent Events

On October 6, 2006, the Company's Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.10 for each share of the Company's common stock outstanding. The dividend was paid on November 30, 2006, to shareholders of record on November 15, 2006. Based on the number of shares outstanding, the payment was \$2.2 million.

On October 5, 2006, the Company sold its Corrections Services business for \$3.0 million in cash, plus the assumption of certain liabilities. The gain from the sale was approximately \$0.4 million (net of taxes of \$0.3 million).

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20. Texas Integrated Eligibility Project

Our fiscal 2006 results were impacted by a \$49.4 million operating loss on the Texas Integrated Eligibility project, which included a \$17.1 million write-off of deferred contract costs. Under this project, we serve as a subcontractor to Accenture as part of the Texas Access Alliance which provides services under the Texas Health and Human Services Commissions' Integrated Eligibility Program. We were awarded the five-year, \$370 million subcontract in June 2005. In June 2006, we amended our subcontract with Accenture to reduce scope and realign responsibilities. On November 15, 2006, we announced that we have commenced negotiations with Accenture which may further reduce our overall scope on the project. There is no assurance, however, that those negotiations will ultimately be successful. As of September 30, 2006, we have \$12.5 million in net, billed accounts receivable related to this project. See also Special Considerations and Risk Factors (Exhibit 99.1).

21. Legal Expense

In fiscal 2004, the Company learned that two former employees, who were principals in a small business MAXIMUS acquired in 2000, had signed fraudulent guarantees on behalf of MAXIMUS for computer equipment leases. The equipment was leased from Solarcom LLC which, in turn, assigned certain of the payments under the leases to various financial institutions including De Lage Landen Financial Services, Inc. ("DLL") and Fleet Business Credit LLC ("Fleet"). The Company did not have knowledge of the leases or guarantees, and much of the equipment appears to have been used in businesses unrelated to MAXIMUS. When the leases went into default, Solarcom demanded payment of the remaining amounts due under the leases from MAXIMUS based on the guarantees.

On August 6, 2004, DLL sued MAXIMUS and Solarcom in the federal District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania seeking recovery of damages, and Solarcom asserted a cross-claim against MAXIMUS. Solarcom also filed suit against MAXIMUS to enforce the guarantees on August 17, 2004, in state court in Gwinnett County, Georgia. On August 24, 2004, Fleet sued MAXIMUS and Solarcom in the federal District Court for the Northern District of Georgia. The Solarcom and Fleet actions were consolidated in the federal District Court for the Northern District of Georgia on September 29, 2004.

All of the lawsuits were settled. In connection with the DLL settlement, MAXIMUS recorded a charge of \$7.0 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2005. That amount included the settlement amount paid to DLL and the associated legal expenses for fiscal year 2005, as well as a liability for estimated probable future legal defense costs of the Georgia lawsuit. MAXIMUS settled the Solarcom and Fleet claims and recorded a charge of \$10.0 million in the quarter ended June 30, 2006 in connection with that settlement.

During 2006, the Company received insurance settlements relating to this matter in the amount of \$1.8 million. The Company has also reported the matter to law enforcement authorities, and has filed claims against the former employees. Those claims have been referred to arbitration for resolution.

ITEM 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None

ITEM 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures. Our management, with the participation of our principal executive officer and principal financial officer, has evaluated the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the "Exchange Act")) as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Based on this evaluation, our principal executive officer and principal financial officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures are effective and designed to ensure that the information required to be disclosed in our reports filed or submitted under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the requisite time periods.

Management's Report on Internal Control Over Financial Reporting Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Exchange Act). Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of our financial reporting and the preparation of published financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate

Management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006. In making this assessment, management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (COSO) in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework*. Based on our assessment, we believe that as of September 30, 2006, our internal control over financial reporting was effective based on criteria set forth by COSO in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework*.

Management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, has been audited by Ernst & Young LLP, the independent registered public accounting firm who also audited our consolidated financial statements. Ernst & Young's attestation report on management's assessment of our internal control over financial reporting is included following this Item 9A.

Changes in Internal Control Over Financial Reporting. There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) identified in connection with the evaluation of our internal control that occurred during our fourth fiscal quarter of 2006 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of MAXIMUS, Inc.:

We have audited management's assessment, included in the accompanying Report on Management's Assessment of Internal Control over Financial Reporting, that MAXIMUS, Inc. maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, based on criteria established in *Internal Control — Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission (the COSO criteria). MAXIMUS, Inc.'s management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment about the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on management's assessment and an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, evaluating management's assessment, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, management's assessment that MAXIMUS, Inc. maintained effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, is fairly stated, in all material respects, based on the COSO criteria. Also, in our opinion, MAXIMUS, Inc. maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2006, based on the COSO criteria.

We also have audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the accompanying consolidated financial statements of MAXIMUS, Inc. as of September 30, 2006 and our report dated December 6, 2006 expressed an unqualified opinion thereon.

ITEM 9B. Other Information.

None.

PART III

The information required by Items 10, 11, 12, 13 and 14 of Part III of Form 10-K has been omitted in reliance on General Instruction G(3) to Form 10-K and is incorporated herein by reference to the Company's Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders scheduled for March 20, 2007 (the "Proxy Statement") to be filed with the SEC, except as otherwise indicated below:

ITEM 10. Directors and Executive Officers of the Registrant.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement.

ITEM 11. Executive Compensation.

Except for certain information set forth under the captions "Stock Performance Graph" and "Report of the Compensation Committee," the information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement.

ITEM 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

Except for the information disclosed in this Item below, the information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information as of September 30, 2006 with respect to shares of our common stock that may be issued under our existing equity compensation plans:

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (1)
Equity compensation	-	 	
plans/arrangements approved by			
the shareholders (2)	2,039,292	\$ 29.41	1,962,505
Equity compensation			
plans/arrangements not			
approved by the shareholders	2,437(3)	\$ 12.31	_
Total	2,041,729	\$ 29.39	1,962,505

- (1) In addition to being available for future issuance upon exercise of options that may be granted after September 30, 2006, all shares under the 1997 Equity Incentive Plan may be issued in the form of restricted stock, performance shares, stock appreciation rights, stock units, or other stock-based awards.
- (2) Includes the 1997 Equity Incentive Plan, the 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and the 1997 Director Stock Option Plan.
- (3) Represents options assumed in connection with our acquisition of Carrera Consulting Group ("Carrera") in August 1998. The exercise price of these options is \$12.31 per share. All of these options are fully vested and expire in May 2008.

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ITEM 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement.

ITEM 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to the Proxy Statement.

PART IV

ITEM 15. Exhibits, Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) 1. Financial Statements.

The consolidated financial statements are listed under Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Financial Statement Schedules.

None. Financial statement schedules are either not required under the related instructions or are inapplicable and therefore have been omitted.

Exhibits

The Exhibits filed as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K are listed on the Exhibit Index immediately preceding such Exhibits, which Exhibit Index is incorporated herein by reference.

(b) Exhibits — see Item 15(a)(3) above.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this Annual Report on Form 10-K to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized on the 6^{th} day of December 2006.

MAXIMUS, Inc.

By: /s/ RICHARD A. MONTON

Richard A. Montoni Chief Executive Officer

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, this Annual Report on Form 10-K has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ RICHARD A. MONTONI Richard A. Montoni	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director (principal executive officer)	December 6, 2006
/s/ DAVID N. WALKER David N. Walker	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (principal financial and accounting officer)	December 6, 2006
/s/ PETER B. POND Peter B. Pond	Chairman of the Board of Directors	December 6, 2006
/s/ RUSSELL A. BELIVEAU Russell A. Beliveau	Director	December 6, 2006
/s/ JOHN J. HALEY John J. Haley	Director	December 6, 2006
/s/ PAUL R. LEDERER Paul R. Lederer	Director	December 6, 2006
/s/ RAYMOND B. RUDDY Raymond B. Ruddy	Director	December 6, 2006
/s/ MARILYN R. SEYMANN Marilyn R. Seymann	Director	December 6, 2006
/s/ JAMES R. THOMPSON, JR. James R. Thompson, Jr.	Director	December 6, 2006
/s/ WELLINGTON E. WEBB Wellington E. Webb	Director	December 6, 2006

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit Number	
3.1	Amended and Restated Articles of Incorporation of the Company, as amended. (1)
3.2	Amended and Restated By-laws of the Company. (2)
4.1	Specimen Common Stock Certificate. (2)
10.1	1997 Equity Incentive Plan, as amended. (3)*

10.2	1997 Director Stock Option Plan, as amended. (4)*
10.3	1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended. (5)*
10.4	Executive Employment, Non-Compete and Confidentiality Agreement by and between the Company and Richard A. Montoni. (6)*
10.5	Form of Indemnification Agreement by and between the Company and each of the directors of the Company. (7)*
10.6	Income Continuity Program. (8)
10.7	1997 Equity Incentive Plan - Restricted Stock Units - Terms and Conditions. (9)
10.8	1997 Equity Incentive Plan - Non-Qualified Stock Option - Terms and Conditions. (9)
10.9	Subcontract Agreement dated as of June 25, 2005 between Accenture LLP and the Company. (10)
0.10	First Amendment to Subcontract Agreement dated as of June 21, 2006 between Accenture LLP and the Company. (10)
21.1	Subsidiaries of the Company. Filed herewith.
23.1	Consent of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm. Filed herewith.
31.1	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Filed herewith.
31.2	Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002. Filed herewith.
32.1	Section 906 Principal Executive Officer Certification. Furnished herewith.
32.2	Section 906 Principal Financial Officer Certification. Furnished herewith.
99.1	Special Considerations and Risk Factors. Filed herewith.

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- (6) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 1-12997) on April 26, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (7) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-21611) on February 12, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (8) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 1-12997) on March 27, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (9) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 1-12997) on June 23, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.
- (10) Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Current Report on Form 8-K (File No. 1-12997) on June 27, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.

Denotes management contract or compensation plan.

⁽¹⁾ Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 2000 (File No. 142997) on August 14, 2000 and incorporated herein by reference.

⁽²⁾ Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended June 30, 1997 (File No. 142997) on August 14, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference.

⁽³⁾ Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-136400) on August 8, 2006 and incorporated herein by reference.

⁽⁴⁾ Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 1997 (File No. 142997) on December 22, 1997 and incorporated herein by reference.

⁽⁵⁾ Filed as an exhibit to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (File No. 333-122711) on February 10, 2005 and incorporated herein by reference.

MAXIMUS, Inc. List of Subsidiaries As of September 30, 2006

Name*	Jurisdiction of Incorporation/Organization
MAXNetwork Pty Limited	Australia
LGA Recruitment Plus Pty Limited	Australia
ACN 083 406 795 Pty Limited	Australia
MAXIMUS Brazil, Ltda.	Brazil
MAXIMUS Canada, Inc.	Canada
MAXIMUS Government Services, Inc.	Florida
UNISON MAXIMUS, Inc.	Illinois
Israel Workforce Solutions Ltd(1)	Israel
MAXIMUS Properties LLC	Virginia
MAXIMUS International, LLC	Virginia
MAXIMUS Federal Services, Inc.	Virginia
MAXIMUS Financial Services, Inc.	Virginia
MAXIMUS Administrative Services, Inc.	Virginia
MAXIMUS Tennessee Child Support, Inc.	Virginia

All subsidiaries are 100% owned by MAXIMUS, unless otherwise noted.

^{(1) –} Owned 55% by MAXIMUS

^{*} This list identifies all subsidiaries that are directly owned by MAXIMUS at the "first tier" of its corporate structure. The names of all of the subsidiaries of these "first tier" subsidiaries have been omitted from this list because, considered in the aggregate, they would not constitute a significant subsidiary under Securities and Exchange Commission Regulation S-X, Rule 1-02(w).

CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We consent to the incorporation by reference in the Registration Statements (Form S-8, Nos. 333-48012, 333-41871, 333-62380, 333-75263 and 333-136400) pertaining to the 1997 Equity Incentive Plan of MAXIMUS, Inc., the Registration Statements (Form S-8, Nos. 333-41867 and 333-122711) pertaining to the 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan of MAXIMUS, Inc., the Registration Statement (Form S-3, No. 333-75265) pertaining to the resale of stock in connection with the acquisition of Control Software, Inc., and the Registration Statement (Form S-8, No. 333-41869) pertaining to the 1997 Director Stock Option Plan of MAXIMUS, Inc., of our report dated December 6, 2006, with respect to the consolidated financial statements of MAXIMUS Inc., and our report dated December 6, 2006, with respect to MAXIMUS Inc. management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, and the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting of MAXIMUS, Inc., included in the Annual Report (Form 10-K) for the year ended September 30, 2006.

/s/ Ernst & Young LLP

McLean, Virginia December 6, 2006

Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

- I, Richard A. Montoni, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed the Annual Report on Form 10-K of MAXIMUS, Inc. for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: December 6, 2006

/s/ RICHARD A. MONTONI
Richard A. Montoni
Chief Executive Officer

Certification Pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

I, David N. Walker, certify that:

- 1. I have reviewed the Annual Report on Form 10-K of MAXIMUS, Inc. for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Dated: December 6, 2006

/s/ DAVID N. WALKER
David N. Walker
Chief Financial Officer

Section 906 CEO Certification

- I, Richard A. Montoni, Chief Executive Officer of MAXIMUS, Inc. ("the Company"), do hereby certify, under the standards set forth in and solely for the purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:
- 1. The Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 (the "Annual Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Section 78m or 78o(d)) and
- 2. The information contained in the Annual Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: December 6, 2006

/s/ RICHARD A. MONTONI Richard A. Montoni Chief Executive Officer

Section 906 CFO Certification

- I, David N. Walker, Chief Financial Officer of MAXIMUS, Inc. ("the Company"), do hereby certify, under the standards set forth in and solely for the purposes of 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that, to my knowledge:
- 1. The Annual Report on Form 10-K of the Company for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2006 (the "Annual Report") fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (15 U.S.C. Section 78m or 78o(d)) and
- 2. The information contained in the Annual Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

Dated: December 6, 2006

/s/ DAVID N. WALKER
David N. Walker
Chief Financial Officer

Special Considerations and Risk Factors

From time to time, we may make forward-looking public statements, such as statements concerning our then-expected future revenue or earnings or concerning projected plans, performance or contract procurement, as well as other estimates relating to future operations. Forward-looking statements may be in reports filed under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), in press releases or in informal statements made with the approval of an authorized executive officer. The words or phrases "will likely result," "are expected to," "will continue," "is anticipated," "estimate," "project," "believe," "could," "intend," "may," "opportunity," "plan," "potential" or similar terms and expressions are intended to identify "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of Section 21E of the Exchange Act and Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, as enacted by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

We wish to caution you not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements that speak only as of the date on which they are made. In addition, we wish to advise you that the factors listed below, as well as other factors we have not currently identified, could affect our financial or other performance and could cause our actual results for future periods to differ materially from any opinions or statements expressed with respect to future periods or events in any current statement.

We will not undertake and we specifically decline any obligation to publicly release revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect either a circumstance after the date of the statements or the occurrence of events that may cause us to re-evaluate our forward-looking statements.

In connection with the "safe harbor" provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act, we are hereby filing the following cautionary statements identifying important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from those projected in forward-looking statements made by us or on our behalf:

If we fail to satisfy our contractual obligations or meet performance standards, our contracts may be terminated and we may incur significant costs or liabilities, including liquidated damages and penalties, which could adversely impact our operating results, financial condition and our ability to compete for future contracts.

Our contracts may be terminated for our failure to satisfy our contractual obligations or to meet performance standards and often require us to indemnify customers. In addition, some of our contracts contain substantial liquidated damages provisions and financial penalties related to performance failures. Although we have liability insurance, the policy coverage and limits may not be adequate to provide protection against all potential liabilities. Further, for certain contracts, we have posted significant performance bonds or issued letters of credit to secure our indemnification and other obligations. If a claim is made against a performance bond or letter of credit, we would be required to reimburse the issuer for the amount of the claim. Consequently, as a result of the above matters, we may incur significant costs or liabilities, including penalties, which could adversely impact our operating results, financial condition and our ability to compete for future contracts.

Earlier in 2006, the Texas Health and Human Services Commission announced that the phased roll out of the integrated eligibility project was being delayed. MAXIMUS is a subcontractor to Accenture for that project. The delay was a result of needed technical and operational improvements stemming from the complexity of the systems development and interfacing as well as start-up readiness. This project is large, complex and in many ways leading-edge innovation, with commensurate risks and challenges.

On June 27, 2006, we filed a Form 8-K describing amendments to our subcontract with Accenture, including reassignment of certain program responsibilities and the corresponding financial impacts to us. Even with the reassignment of responsibilities, the program carries a substantial degree of performance risk for MAXIMUS, and we have incurred substantial losses in connection with the program. Moreover, the program has received considerable scrutiny from the State legislature and advocacy groups as well as negative press attention. Failure to satisfactorily perform our obligations or implement required improvements could result in financial penalties, loss of work scope, or partial or complete termination of the subcontract, all of which could adversely affect our operating results, financial condition and our ability to compete for future contracts.

We may be subject to fines, penalties and other sanctions if we fail to comply with federal, state and local laws governing our business.

Our business lines operate within a variety of complex regulatory schemes, including but not limited to the Federal Acquisition Regulation (FAR), Cost Accounting Standards, the Truth in Negotiations Act, the Fair Debt Collection Practices Act (and analogous state laws), as well as the regulations governing Medicaid and Medicare. If a government audit uncovers improper or illegal activities by us or we otherwise determine that these activities have occurred, we may be subject to civil and criminal penalties and administrative sanctions, including termination of contracts, forfeitures of profits, suspension of payments, fines and suspension or disqualification from doing business with the government. Any adverse determination could adversely impact our ability to bid in response to RFPs in one or more jurisdictions. Further, as a government contractor subject to the types of regulatory schemes described above, we are subject to an increased risk of investigations, criminal prosecution, civil fraud, whistleblower lawsuits and other legal actions and liabilities to which private sector companies are not, the result of which could have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We are subject to review and audit by federal, state and local governments at their sole discretionand, if any improprieties are found, we may be required to refund revenue we have received, or forego anticipated revenue, which could have a material adverse impact on our revenues and our ability to bidin response to RFPs.

As a provider of services to government agencies, we are subject to periodic audits and other reviews by federal, state and local governments of our costs and performance, accounting and general business practices relating to our contracts with those government agencies. As part of that process, the government agency reviews our performance on the contract, our pricing practices, our cost structure and our compliance with applicable laws, regulations and standards. Based on the results of these audits, government agencies may demand refunds or adjust our contract-related costs and fees, including internal costs and expense allocation. Although adjustments arising from government audits and reviews have not had a material adverse effect on our results of operations in the past, there can be no assurance that future audits and reviews would not have such effects.

If we fail to accurately estimate the factors upon which we base our contract pricing, we may generate less profit than expected or incur losses on those contracts.

We derived approximately 41% of our fiscal 2006 revenue from fixed-price contracts and approximately 35% of our fiscal 2006 revenue from performance-based contracts. For fixed-price contracts, we receive our fee based on services provided. Those services might include operating a Medicaid enrollment center pursuant to specified standards, designing and implementing computer systems or applications, or delivering a planning document under a consulting arrangement. For performance-based contracts, we receive our fee on a per-transaction basis. These contracts include, for example, child support enforcement contracts, in which we often receive a fee based on the amount of child support collected. To earn a profit on these contracts, we must accurately estimate costs involved and assess the probability of completing individual transactions within the contracted time period. If our estimates prove to be inaccurate, we may not achieve the level of profit we expected or we may incur a net loss on a contract. Although we believe that we have recorded adequate provisions in our financial statements for losses on our fixed-price and cost-plus contracts, as required under U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, we cannot assure you that our contract loss provisions will be adequate to cover all actual future losses.

Adverse judgments or settlements in legal disputes could harm our financial condition and operating results.

We are subject to a variety of litigation or other claims and suits that arise from time to time in the ordinary course of our business such as contract and employment claims and lawsuits involving compliance with laws governing debt collections and child support enforcement. Adverse judgments or settlements in some or all of these legal disputes may result in significant monetary damages or injunctive relief against us. In addition, the litigation and other claims described in our periodic report are subject to inherent uncertainties and management's view of these matters may change in the future. Those uncertainties include, but are not limited to, costs of litigation, unpredictable court or jury decisions, and the differing laws and attitudes regarding damage awards among the states and countries in which we operate.

We may incur significant costs before receiving related contract payments that could result in increasing the use of cash and accounts receivable.

When we are awarded a contract, we may incur significant expenses before we receive contract payments, if any. These expenses may include leasing office space, purchasing office equipment and hiring personnel. In other situations, contract terms provide for billing upon achievement of specified project milestones. As a result, in these situations, we are required to expend significant sums of money before receiving related contract payments. In addition, payments due to us from government agencies may be delayed due to billing cycles or as a result of failures to approve governmental budgets in a timely manner. These factors could impact us by increasing the use of cash and accounts receivable. Moreover, these impacts could be exacerbated if we fail to either invoice the government agency or collect our fee in a timely manner.

We obtain most of our business through competitive bidding in response to government RFPs. We may not be awarded contracts through this process on the same level in the future as in the past, and contracts we are awarded may not be profitable.

Substantially all of our customers are government agencies. To market our services to government customers, we are often required to respond to government RFPs which may result in contract awards on a competitive basis. To do so effectively, we must estimate accurately our cost structure for servicing a proposed contract, the time required to establish operations and likely terms of the proposals submitted by competitors. We must also assemble and submit a large volume of information within a RFP's rigid timetable. Our ability to respond successfully to RFPs will greatly impact our business. There is no assurance that we will continue to obtain contracts in response to government RFPs and our proposals may not result in profitable contracts. In addition, competitors may protest contracts awarded to us through the RFP process which may cause the award to be delayed or overturned or may require the customer to reinitiate the RFP process.

Government entities have in the past and may in the future terminate their contracts with us earlier than we expect, which may result in revenue shortfalls.

Many of our government contracts contain base periods of one or more years, as well as option periods covering more than half of the contract's potential duration. Government agencies do not have to exercise these option periods, and they may elect not to exercise them for budgetary, performance, or any other reason. Our contracts also typically contain provisions permitting a government customer to terminate the contract on short notice, with or without cause. Termination without cause provisions generally allow the government to terminate a contract at any time, and enable us to recover only our costs incurred or committed, and settlement expenses and profit, if any, on the work completed prior to termination. The unexpected termination of significant contracts could result in significant revenue shortfalls. If revenue shortfalls occur and are not offset by corresponding reductions in expenses, our business could be adversely affected. We cannot anticipate if, when or to what extent a customer might terminate its contracts with us.

If we are unable to manage our growth, our profitability will be adversely affected.

Sustaining our growth places significant demands on our management as well as on our administrative, operational and financial resources. For us to continue to manage our growth, we must continue to improve our operational, financial and management information systems and expand, motivate and manage our workforce. If our growth comes at the expense of providing quality service and generating reasonable profits, our ability to successfully bid for contracts and our profitability will be adversely affected.

We rely on key contracts with state and local governments for a significant portion of our sales. A substantial reduction in those contracts would materially adversely affect our operating results.

In fiscal 2006, approximately 77% of our total revenue was derived from contracts with state and local government agencies. Any significant disruption or deterioration in our relationship with state and local governments and a corresponding reduction in these contracts would significantly reduce our revenues and could substantially harm our business.

Government unions may oppose outsourcing of government programs to outside vendors such as us, which could limit our market opportunities and could impact us adversely. In addition, our unionized workers could disrupt our operations.

Our success depends in part on our ability to win profitable contracts to administer and manage health and human services programs traditionally administered by government employees. Many government employees, however, belong to labor unions with considerable financial resources and lobbying networks. Unions have in the past applied, and are likely to continue to apply, political pressure on legislators and other officials seeking to outsource government programs. Union opposition to these programs may result in fewer opportunities for us to service government agencies and/or longer and more complex procurements.

We do operate outsourcing programs using unionized employees in Canada. We have experienced opposition from the union which does not favor the outsourcing of government programs. As a result, we have received negative press coverage as the union continues to oppose our program operations. Such press coverage and union opposition may have an adverse affect on the willingness of government agencies to outsource such projects as well as certain contracts that are operated within a unionized environment. Our unionized workers could also declare a strike which could adversely affect our performance and financial results.

We may be precluded from bidding and performing certain work due to other work we currently perform.

Various laws and regulations prohibit companies from performing work for government agencies that might be viewed as an actual or apparent conflict of interest. These laws may limit our ability to pursue and perform certain types of work. For example, some of our Consulting Segment divisions assist government agencies in developing requests for proposals (RFPs) for various government programs. In those situations, the divisions involved in operating such programs would likely be precluded from bidding on those RFPs. Similarly, rules governing the independence of enrollment brokers could prevent us from providing services to other organizations such as health plans.

We may lose executive officers and senior managers on whom we rely to generate business and execute projects successfully.

The ability of our executive officers and our senior managers to generate business and execute projects successfully is important to our success. While we have employment agreements with some of our executive officers, those agreements do not prevent them from terminating their employment with us. The loss of an executive officer or senior manager could impair our ability to secure and manage engagements, which could harm our business, prospects, financial condition and results of operations.

Inaccurate, misleading or negative media coverage could adversely affect our reputation and our ability to bid for government contracts.

Because of the public nature of many of our business lines, the media frequently focus their attention on our contracts with government agencies. If the media coverage is negative, it could influence government officials to slow the pace of outsourcing government services, which could reduce the number of RFPs. The media also focus their attention on the activities of political consultants engaged by us, and we may be tainted by adverse media coverage about their activities, even when those activities are unrelated to our business. Moreover, inaccurate, misleading or negative media coverage about us could harm our reputation and, accordingly, our ability to bid for and win government contracts.

We may be unable to attract and retain sufficient qualified personnel to sustain our business.

Our delivery of services is labor-intensive. When we are awarded a government contract, we must quickly hire project leaders and case management personnel. The additional staff also creates a concurrent demand for increased administrative personnel. Our success requires that we attract, develop, motivate and retain:

- · experienced and innovative executive officers;
- · senior managers who have successfully managed or designed government services programs; and
- information technology professionals who have designed or implemented complex information technology projects.

Innovative, experienced and technically proficient individuals are in great demand and are likely to remain a limited resource. There can be no assurance that we will be able to continue to attract and retain desirable executive officers and senior managers. Our inability to hire sufficient personnel on a timely basis or the loss of significant numbers of executive officers and senior managers could adversely affect our business.

If we fail to establish and maintain important relationships with government entities and agencies, our ability to successfully bid for RFPs may be adversely affected.

To facilitate our ability to prepare bids in response to RFPs, we rely in part on establishing and maintaining relationships with officials of various government entities and agencies. These relationships enable us to provide informal input and advice to the government entities and agencies prior to the development of an RFP. We also engage marketing consultants, including lobbyists, to establish and maintain relationships with elected officials and appointed members of government agencies. The effectiveness of these consultants may be reduced or eliminated if a significant political change occurs. In that circumstance, we may be unable to successfully manage our relationships with government entities and agencies and with elected officials and appointees. Any failure to maintain positive relationships with government entities and agencies may adversely affect our ability to bid successfully in response to RFPs.

The federal government may refuse to grant consents and/or waivers necessary to permit private entities, such as us, to perform certain elements of government programs.

Under current law, in order to privatize certain functions of government programs, the federal government must grant a consent and/or waiver to the petitioning state or local agency. If the federal government does not grant a necessary consent or waiver, the state or local agency will be unable to outsource that function to a private entity, such as us. This situation could eliminate a contracting opportunity or reduce the value of an existing contract.

Our business could be adversely affected by future legislative or government budgetary and spending changes.

The market for our services depends largely on federal and state legislative programs and the budgetary capability to support programs, including the continuance of existing programs. These programs can be modified or amended at any time by acts of federal and state governments.

Moreover, part of our growth strategy includes aggressively pursuing new opportunities and continuing to serve existing programs scheduled for re-bid, which are or may be created by federal and state initiatives, principally in the area of health services, human services and child welfare.

State budgets were adversely impacted by a general economic slowdown in fiscal 2003, creating state budget deficits, which trend, although to a lesser extent, continued into fiscal 2004 and 2005. All but one state must operate under a balanced budget. There are a number of alternatives to states in managing a possible budget deficit, including:

- · Accessing previously set aside or "rainy day" funds;
- · Increasing taxes;
- · Elimination or reduction in services;
- · Cost containment and savings;
- · Pursuit of additional federal assistance; and
- · Developing additional sources of revenue, such as the legalization of gaming.

While we believe that the demand for our services remains substantial, and that some service offerings may experience increased demand in the current environment, continued state budget deficits may adversely impact our existing and anticipated business as well as our future financial performance.

Also, changes in federal initiatives or in the level of federal spending due to budgetary or deficit considerations may have a significant impact on our future financial performance. For example, increased or changed spending on defense, security or anti-terrorism threats may impact the level of demand for our services. Many state programs, such as Medicaid, are federally mandated and fully or partially funded by the federal government. Changes, such as program eligibility, benefits, or the level of federal funding may impact the demand for our services. Certain changes may present new opportunities to us and other changes may reduce the level of demand for services provided by us, which could materially adversely impact our future financial performance.

Business combinations involve a number of factors that affect operations, including:

- · diversion of management's attention;
- · loss of key personnel;
- · entry into unfamiliar markets;
- · assumption of unanticipated legal or financial liabilities;
- becoming significantly leveraged as a result of incurring debt to finance an acquisition;
- · unanticipated operating, accounting or management difficulties in connection with the acquired entities;
- · impairment of acquired intangible assets, including goodwill; and
- · dilution to our earnings per share.

Businesses we acquire may not achieve the revenue and earnings we anticipated. Customer dissatisfaction or performance problems with an acquired firm could materially and adversely affect our reputation as a whole. As a result, we may be unable to profitably manage businesses that we have acquired or that we may acquire or we may fail to integrate them successfully without incurring substantial expenses, delays or other problems that could materially negatively impact our business and results of operations.

Federal government officials may discourage state and local governmental entities from engaging us, which may result in a decline in revenue.

To avoid higher than anticipated demands for federal funds, federal government officials occasionally discourage state and local authorities from engaging private consultants to advise them on obtaining federal funding reimbursements. If state and local officials are dissuaded from engaging us for revenue maximization services, we will not receive contracts for, or revenue from, those services.

We may rely on subcontractors and partners to provide clients with a single-source solution.

From time to time, we may engage subcontractors, teaming partners or other third parties to provide our customers with a single-source solution. While we believe that we perform appropriate due diligence on our subcontractors and teaming partners, we cannot guarantee that those parties will comply with the terms set forth in their agreements. We may have disputes with our subcontractors, teaming partners or other third parties arising from the quality and timeliness of the subcontractor's work, customer concerns about the subcontractor or other matters. Subcontractor performance deficiencies could result in a customer terminating our contract for default. We may be exposed to liability, and we and our clients may be adversely affected if a subcontractor or teaming partner failed to meet its contractual obligations.

We face competition from a variety of organizations, many of which have substantially greater financial resources than we do; we may be unable to compete successfully with these organizations.

Our Consulting Segment typically competes for consulting contracts with large consulting firms such as Accenture Ltd., as well as smaller niche players, suchas Public Consulting Group.

Our Systems Segment competes for system products sales and system service contracts with a large number of competitors, including Unisys Corporation, SAP America, Inc., Oracle Corporation, BearingPoint, Inc., Accenture Ltd., Deloitte & Touche LLP, Northrop Grumman Corporation, and Electronic Data Systems Corporation.

Our Operations Segment competes for program management contracts with the following:

- · government services divisions of large organizations such as Affiliated Computer Services, Inc., Electronic Data Systems Corporation, and International Business Machines Corporation;
- · specialized service providers; and
- · local non-profit organizations such as the United Way of America, Goodwill Industries and Catholic Charities, USA.

Many of these companies are national and international in scope, are larger than us and have greater financial resources, name recognition and larger technical staffs. Substantial resources could enable certain competitors to initiate severe price cuts or take other measures in an effort to gain market share. In addition, we may be unable to compete for the limited number of large contracts because we may not be able to meet an RFP's requirement to obtain and post a large cash performance bond. Also, in some geographic areas, we face competition from smaller consulting firms with established reputations and political relationships. There can be no assurance that we will be able to compete successfully against our existing or any new competitors.

A number of factors may cause our cash flows and results of operations to vary from quarter to quarter.

Factors which may cause our cash flows and results of operations to vary from quarter to quarter include:

- · the terms and progress of contracts;
- $\cdot \quad \text{the levels of revenue earned and profitability of fixed-price and performance-based contracts}; \\$
- · expenses related to certain contracts which may be incurred in periods prior to revenue being recognized;
- · the commencement, completion or termination of contracts during any particular quarter;
- · the schedules of government agencies for awarding contracts;
- the term of awarded contracts; and
- · potential acquisitions.

Changes in the volume of activity and the number of contracts commenced, completed or terminated during any quarter may cause significant variations in our cash flows and results of operations because a large amount of our expenses are fixed.

Our articles of incorporation and bylaws include provisions that may have anti-takeover effects.

Our Articles of Incorporation and bylaws include provisions that may delay, deter or prevent a takeover attempt that shareholders might consider desirable. For example, our Articles of Incorporation provide that our directors are to be divided into three classes and elected to serve staggered three-year terms. This structure could impede or discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by preventing stockholders from replacing the entire board in a single proxy contest, making it more difficult for a third party to take control of us without the consent of our Board of Directors. Our Articles of Incorporation further provide that our shareholders may not take any action in writing without a meeting. This prohibition could impede or discourage an attempt to obtain control of us by requiring that any corporate actions initiated by shareholders be adopted only at properly called shareholder meetings.