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FORM 10-Q

QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the quarterly period ended September 28, 2018

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the transition period from to

Commission file number 001-33076

WILLDAN GROUP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	14-195112

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)
2401 East Katella Avenue, Suite 300 Anaheim, California	92806
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (800) 424-9144

Not Applicable

(Former Name, Former Address and Former Fiscal Year, if Changed Since Last Report).

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant: (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically every Interactive Data File required to be submitted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit such files). Yes No

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, a smaller reporting company, or an emerging growth company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer," "smaller reporting company," and "emerging growth company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer	Accelerated filer
Non-accelerated filer	Smaller reporting company Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes No

As of November 1, 2018, there were 10,935,424 shares of common stock, $0.01 par value per share, of Willdan Group, Inc. issued and outstanding.

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CAUTIONARY STATEMENT REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING INFORMATION

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (this “10-Q”) contains statements that constitute forward-looking statements as that term is defined by the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. These statements concern our business, operations and financial performance and condition as well as our plans, objectives and expectations for our business operations and financial performance and condition, which are subject to risks and uncertainties. All statements other than statements of historical fact included in this 10-Q are forward-looking statements. These statements may include words such as “aim,” “anticipate,” “assume,” “believe,” “can have,” “could,” “due,” “estimate,” “expe “intend,” “likely,” “may,” “objective,” “plan,” “potential,” “positioned,” “predict,” “should,” “target,” “will,” “would” and othe terms of similar meaning in connection with any discussion of the timing or nature of future operating or financial performance or other events or trends. For example, all statements we make relating to our plans and objectives for future operations, growth or initiatives and strategies are forward-looking statements.

These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about our business and the industry in which we operate and our management’s beliefs and assumptions. We derive many of our forward-looking statements from our own operating budgets and forecasts, which are based upon many detailed assumptions. While we believe that our assumptions are reasonable, we caution that predicting the impact of known factors is very difficult, and we cannot anticipate all factors that could affect our actual results.

All of our forward-looking statements are subject to risks and uncertainties that may cause our actual results to differ materially from our expectations. Important factors that could cause actual results to differ materially from our expectations include, but are not limited to:

- our ability to complete our pending acquisition of Lime Energy (as defined herein) and, if completed, to obtain the anticipated benefits therefrom,
- our ability to satisfy the conditions precedent to borrowing under the Delayed Draw Term Loan Facility (as defined herein) and, if we borrow under the Delayed Draw Term Loan Facility, our ability to make principal and interest payments as they come due and comply with applicable financial maintenance covenants,
- our ability to adequately complete projects in a timely manner,
- our ability to compete successfully in the highly competitive energy market,
- changes in state, local and regional economies and government budgets,
- our ability to win new contracts, to renew existing contracts (including with our two primary customers and, if the acquisition of Lime Energy is completed, the two primary customers of Lime Energy) and to compete effectively for contracts awarded through bidding processes, and
- our ability to successfully integrate our acquisitions and execute on our growth strategy.

The above is not a complete list of factors or events that could cause actual results to differ from our expectations, and we cannot predict all of them. All written and oral forward-looking statements attributable to us, or persons acting on our behalf, are expressly qualified in their entirety by the cautionary statements and risk factors disclosed in this 10-Q and under “Risk Factors,” “Management’s Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations” and elsewhere in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2017 and in our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on October 3, 2018, as such disclosures may be amended, supplemented or superseded from time to time by other reports we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including subsequent Annual Reports on Form 10-K and Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, Current Reports on Form 8-K and public communications. You should evaluate all forward-looking statements made in this

10-Q and otherwise in the context of these risks and uncertainties.

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Potential investors and other readers are urged to consider these factors carefully in evaluating the forward-looking statements and are cautioned not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements we make. These forward-looking statements speak only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and are not guarantees of future performance or developments and involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that are in many cases beyond our control. Except as required by law, we undertake no obligation to update or revise any forward-looking statements publicly, whether as a result of new information, future developments or otherwise.

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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

Item 1. Financial Statements

WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Unaudited)

	September 28, 2018	December 29, 2017
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	$ 16,681,000	$ 14,424,000
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of $296,000 and $369,000 at September 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, respectively	19,725,000	38,441,000
Contract assets	43,752,000	24,732,000
Other receivables	315,000	1,833,000
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,549,000	3,760,000
Total current assets	84,022,000	83,190,000
Equipment and leasehold improvements, net	5,042,000	5,306,000
Goodwill	40,187,000	38,184,000
Other intangible assets, net	10,454,000	10,666,000
Other assets	904,000	826,000
Total assets	$ 140,609,000	$ 138,172,000
Liabilities and Stockholders’ Equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	$ 18,979,000	$ 20,826,000
Accrued liabilities	21,804,000	23,293,000
Contingent consideration payable	4,020,000	4,246,000
Contract liabilities	5,001,000	7,321,000
Notes payable	—	383,000
Capital lease obligations	216,000	289,000
Total current liabilities	50,020,000	56,358,000
Contingent consideration payable	1,949,000	5,062,000
Notes payable	—	2,500,000
Capital lease obligations, less current portion	193,000	160,000
Deferred lease obligations	599,000	614,000
Deferred income taxes, net	1,582,000	2,463,000
Other noncurrent liabilities	468,000	363,000
Total liabilities	54,811,000	67,520,000

Commitments and contingencies		
Stockholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, $0.01 par value, 10,000,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, $0.01 par value, 40,000,000 shares authorized; 8,921,000 and 8,799,000 shares issued and outstanding at September 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, respectively	89,000	88,000
Additional paid-in capital	56,739,000	50,976,000
Retained earnings	28,970,000	19,588,000
Total stockholders' equity	85,798,000	70,652,000
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	$ 140,609,000	$ 138,172,000

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements.

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WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Unaudited)

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2018	September 29, 2017	September 28, 2018	September 29, 2017
Contract revenue	$ 71,386,000	$ 69,007,000	$ 185,814,000	$ 209,191,000
Direct costs of contract revenue (inclusive of directly related depreciation and amortization):				
Salaries and wages	11,233,000	11,425,000	33,358,000	33,594,000
Subcontractor services and other direct costs	36,840,000	37,310,000	86,453,000	118,881,000
Total direct costs of contract revenue	48,073,000	48,735,000	119,811,000	152,475,000
General and administrative expenses:				
Salaries and wages, payroll taxes and employee benefits	11,125,000	8,691,000	31,875,000	26,092,000
Facilities and facility related	1,492,000	1,235,000	4,087,000	3,478,000
Stock-based compensation	1,705,000	896,000	4,431,000	1,992,000
Depreciation and amortization	1,117,000	1,053,000	3,292,000	2,896,000
Other	2,961,000	4,214,000	11,226,000	11,548,000
Total general and administrative expenses	18,400,000	16,089,000	54,911,000	46,006,000
Income from operations	4,913,000	4,183,000	11,092,000	10,710,000
Other income (expense):				
Interest expense, net	(22,000)	(23,000)	(75,000)	(88,000)
Other, net	17,000	18,000	36,000	56,000
Total other expense, net	(5,000)	(5,000)	(39,000)	(32,000)
Income before income taxes	4,908,000	4,178,000	11,053,000	10,678,000
Income tax expense	1,597,000	1,292,000	2,224,000	1,839,000
Net income	$ 3,311,000	$ 2,886,000	$ 8,829,000	$ 8,839,000
Earnings per share:				
Basic	$ 0.37	$ 0.33	$ 1.00	$ 1.03
Diluted	$ 0.35	$ 0.31	$ 0.95	$ 0.97
Weighted-average shares outstanding:				
Basic	8,844,000	8,730,000	8,798,000	8,580,000

Diluted	9,343,000	9,248,000	9,283,000	9,138,000

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WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY

(Unaudited)

	Common Stock		Additional Paid-in		
	Shares	Amount	Capital	Retained Earnings	Total
Balance at December 29, 2017	8,799,000	$ 88,000	$ 50,976,000	$ 19,588,000	$ 70,652,000
Shares of common stock issued in connection with employee stock purchase plan	65,000	—	1,299,000	—	1,299,000
Shares of common stock issued in connection with incentive stock plan	51,000	1,000	475,000	—	476,000
Unregistered sales of equity securities and use of proceeds	(15,000)	—	(442,000)	—	(442,000)
Restricted Stock Awards	21,000	—	—	—	—
Stock-based compensation expense	—	—	4,431,000	—	4,431,000
Net income	—	—	—	8,829,000	8,829,000
Cumulative effect from adoption of ASC 606	—	—	—	553,000	553,000
Balance at September 28, 2018	8,921,000	$ 89,000	$ 56,739,000	$ 28,970,000	$ 85,798,000

See accompanying notes to the unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements

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WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Unaudited)

	Nine Months Ended	
	September 28, 2018	September 29, 2017
Cash flows from operating activities:		
Net income	$ 8,829,000	$ 8,839,000
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	3,391,000	2,976,000
Deferred income taxes, net	(1,460,000)	1,784,000
(Gain) loss on sale/disposal of equipment	(17,000)	26,000
Provision for (recovery of) doubtful accounts	317,000	(98,000)
Stock-based compensation	4,431,000	1,992,000
Accretion and fair value adjustments of contingent consideration	(713,000)	779,000
Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of effects from business acquisitions:		
Accounts receivable	19,492,000	(5,061,000)
Contract assets	(18,252,000)	(8,200,000)
Other receivables	1,518,000	(1,071,000)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	78,000	(167,000)
Other assets	(78,000)	44,000
Accounts payable	(1,960,000)	5,408,000
Accrued liabilities	(1,672,000)	(3,340,000)
Contract liabilities	(2,320,000)	(1,812,000)
Deferred lease obligations	(15,000)	(64,000)
Net cash provided by operating activities	11,569,000	2,035,000
Cash flows from investing activities:		
Purchase of equipment and leasehold improvements	(720,000)	(1,826,000)
Proceeds from sale of equipment	41,000	—
Cash paid for acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(2,994,000)	(14,603,000)
Net cash used in investing activities	(3,673,000)	(16,429,000)
Cash flows from financing activities:		
Payments on contingent consideration	(3,768,000)	(1,659,000)
Payments on notes payable	(383,000)	(3,270,000)
Repayments under line of credit	(2,500,000)	—
Principal payments on capital lease obligations	(321,000)	(323,000)
Proceeds from stock option exercise	476,000	1,751,000
Proceeds from sales of common stock under employee stock purchase plan	1,299,000	830,000
Unregistered sales of equity securities and use of proceeds	(442,000)	—
Net cash used in financing activities	(5,639,000)	(2,671,000)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	2,257,000	(17,065,000)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	14,424,000	22,668,000

Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	$ 16,681,000	$ 5,603,000
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:		
Cash paid during the period for:		
Interest	$ 75,000	$ 88,000
Income taxes	2,061,000	2,142,000
Supplemental disclosures of noncash investing and financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock related to business acquisitions	—	3,099,000
Contingent consideration related to business acquisitions	943,000	5,400,000
Other payable for working capital adjustment	698,000	1,881,000
Equipment acquired under capital leases	281,000	263,000

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WILLDAN GROUP, INC. AND SUBSIDIARIES

NOTES TO CONDENSED CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

September 28, 2018
(Unaudited)

1.BASIS OF PRESENTATION, ORGANIZATION AND OPERATIONS OF THE COMPANY

Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim condensed consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") and reflect all adjustments, which consist of only normal recurring adjustments, which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the consolidated results for the interim periods presented. The Company operates and reports its quarterly financial results based on the 13-week period ending on the Friday closest to March 31, June 30 and September 30 and the 13 or 14-week period ending on the Friday closest to December 31, as applicable, with consideration of business days. Results for the interim periods are not necessarily indicative of results for the full year. Certain information and footnote disclosures normally included in annual consolidated financial statements prepared in accordance with GAAP have been condensed or omitted pursuant to such rules and regulations. The condensed consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2017.

Nature of Business

Willdan Group, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") is a provider of professional technical and consulting services to utilities, private industry, and public agencies at all levels of government. The Company enables its clients to realize cost and energy savings by providing a wide range of specialized services without having to incur and maintain the overhead necessary to develop staffing in-house. Such services include energy and sustainability, engineering, construction management and planning, economic and financial consulting and national preparedness and interoperability. The Company operates its business through a nationwide network of offices spread across 19 states and the District of Columbia. Its clients primarily consist of public and governmental agencies, including cities, counties, public utilities, redevelopment agencies, water districts, school districts and universities, state agencies, federal agencies, a variety of other special districts and agencies, private utilities and industry and tribal governments. The Company's business with public and private utilities is concentrated primarily in California and New York and its business with public agencies is concentrated in California, New York and Arizona.

Principles of Consolidation

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of Willdan Group, Inc. and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Willdan Energy Solutions (“WES”), Willdan Engineering, Willdan Infrastructure, Public Agency Resources, Willdan Financial Services and Willdan Homeland Solutions and their respective subsidiaries. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

The Company accounts for variable interest entities in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification (“ASC”) 810, Consolidation. Under ASC 810, a variable interest entity (“VIE”) is created when: (a) the equity investment at risk in the entity is not sufficient to permit the entity to finance its activities without additional subordinated financial support provided by other parties, including the equity holders; (b) the entity’s equity holders as a group either (i) lack the direct or indirect ability to make decisions about the entity, (ii) are not obligated to absorb expected losses of the entity or (iii) do not have the right to receive expected residual returns of the entity; or (c) the entity’s equity holders have voting rights that are not proportionate to their economic interests, and the activities of the entity involve or are conducted on behalf of the equity holder with disproportionately few voting rights. If an entity is deemed to be a VIE pursuant to ASC 810, the enterprise that has both (i) the power to direct the activities of a VIE that most significantly impact the entity’s economic performance and (ii) the obligation to absorb the expected losses of the entity or right to receive benefits from the entity that could be potentially significant to the VIE is considered the primary

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beneficiary and must consolidate the VIE. In accordance with ASC 810, the Company performs ongoing reassessments of whether an enterprise is the primary beneficiary of a VIE.

As of September 28, 2018, the Company had one VIE— Genesys Engineering, P.C. ("Genesys"). Pursuant to New York law, the Company does not own capital stock of Genesys and does not have control over the professional decision making of Genesys' engineering services. The Company, however, has entered into an administrative services agreement with Genesys pursuant to which WES, the Company's wholly-owned subsidiary, will provide Genesys with ongoing administrative, operational and other non-professional support services. The Company manages Genesys and has the power to direct the activities that most significantly impact Genesys' performance, in addition to being obligated to absorb expected losses from Genesys. Accordingly, the Company is the primary beneficiary of Genesys and consolidates Genesys as a VIE.

Management also concluded there is no noncontrolling interest related to the consolidation of Genesys because management determined that (i) the shareholder of Genesys does not have more than a nominal amount of equity investment at risk, (ii) WES absorbs the expected losses of Genesys through its deferral of Genesys' service fees owed to WES, and the Company has, since entering into the administrative services agreement, had to continuously defer the service fees for Genesys, and (iii) the Company believes Genesys will continue to have a shortfall on payment of its service fees for the foreseeable future, leaving no expected residual returns for the shareholder.

Segment Information

Willdan Group, Inc. is a holding company with six wholly-owned subsidiaries. The Company presents segment information externally consistent with the manner in which the Company's chief operating decision maker reviews information to assess performance and allocate resources. Willdan Group, Inc. performs administrative functions on behalf of its subsidiaries, such as treasury, legal, accounting, information systems, human resources and certain business development activities, and earns revenue that is only incidental to the activities of the enterprise. As a result, Willdan Group, Inc. does not meet the definition of an operating segment. The Company's two segments are Energy and Engineering and Consulting. The Company's principal segment, Energy, consists of the business of its subsidiary, WES, which offers energy and sustainability consulting services to utilities public agencies and private industry. The Company's Engineering and Consulting segment includes the operation of the Company's remaining subsidiaries, Willdan Engineering, Willdan Infrastructure, Public Agency Resources, Willdan Financial Services and Willdan Homeland Solutions. Willdan Engineering provides civil engineering-related construction management, building and safety, city engineering, city planning, geotechnical, material testing and other engineering consulting services to its clients. Willdan Infrastructure, which was launched in fiscal year 2013, provides engineering services to larger rail, port, water, mining and other civil engineering projects. Public Agency Resources primarily provides staffing to Willdan Engineering. Willdan Financial Services provides economic and financial consulting to public agencies. Willdan Homeland Solutions provides national preparedness and interoperability services and communications and technology solutions. See Note 10 "Segment Information" for revised and restated segment information for the current and prior period.

Contract Assets and Liabilities

Amounts classified as “Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts” and “Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts” on the consolidated balance sheets of the Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 29, 2017 have been reclassified as “Contract assets” and “Contract liabilities”, respectively, on the condensed consolidated balance sheets and statements of cash flows.

Billing practices are governed by the contract terms of each project based upon costs incurred, achievement of milestones or pre-agreed schedules. Billings do not necessarily correlate with revenue recognized using the percentage-of-completion method of revenue recognition. Contract assets include unbilled amounts typically resulting from revenue under long-term contracts when the percentage-of-completion method of revenue recognition is utilized and revenue recognized exceeds the amount billed to the customer and right to payment is not unconditional. In addition, contract

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assets include retainage amounts withheld from billings to the Company's clients pursuant to provisions in the contracts. Contract liabilities consist of advance payments and billings in excess of revenue recognized and deferred revenue.

The increase in contract assets was primarily attributable to the reclassification of retainage from accounts receivable to contract assets as of December 30, 2017 due to the adoption of Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") 2014-09, offset by normal business operations for the nine months ended September 28, 2018. The decrease in contract liabilities was primarily related to normal business operations for the nine months ended September 28, 2018.

Contract Accounting

The Company enters into contracts with its clients that contain various types of pricing provisions, including fixed price, time-and-materials, unit-based and service related provisions. The Company recognizes revenues in accordance with ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customer, codified as ASC Topic 606 and the related amendments (collectively "ASC 606"). As such, the Company identifies a contract with a customer, identifies the performance obligations in the contract, determines the transaction price, allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation in the contract and recognizes revenues when (or as) the Company satisfies a performance obligation.

The following table reflects the Company's two reportable segments and the types of contracts that each most commonly enters into for revenue generating activities.

Segment	Contract Type	Revenue Recognition Method
	Time-and-materials	Time-and-materials
Energy	Unit-based	Unit-based
	Software license	Unit-based
	Fixed price	Percentage-of-completion
	Time-and-materials	Time-and-materials
Engineering and Consulting	Unit-based	Unit-based
	Fixed price	Percentage-of-completion
	Service-related	Proportional performance

Revenue on the vast majority of the Company's contracts will continue to be recognized over time because of the continuous transfer of control to the customer. Revenue on fixed price contracts is recognized on the percentage-of-completion method based generally on the ratio of direct costs incurred-to-date to estimated total direct costs at completion. The Company's uses the percentage-of-completion method to better match the level of work performed at a certain point in time in relation to the effort that will be required to complete a project. In addition, the percentage-of-completion method is a common method of revenue recognition in the Company's industry.

Many of the Company's fixed price contracts involve a high degree of subcontracted fixed price effort and are relatively short in duration, thereby lowering the risks of not properly estimating the percent complete. Revenue on time-and-materials and unit-based contracts is recognized as the work is performed in accordance with the specific rates and terms of the contract. The Company recognizes revenues for time-and-materials contracts based upon the actual hours incurred during a reporting period at contractually agreed upon rates per hour and also includes in revenue all reimbursable costs incurred during a reporting period. Certain of the Company's time-and-materials contracts are subject to maximum contract values and, accordingly, when revenue is expected to exceed the maximum contract value, these contracts are generally recognized under the percentage-of-completion method, consistent with fixed price contracts. For unit-based contracts, the Company recognizes the contract price of units of a basic production product as revenue when the production product is delivered during a period. Revenue recognition for software licenses issued by the Energy segment is generally recognized at a point in time, utilizing the unit-based revenue recognition method, upon acceptance of the software by the customer and in recognition of the fulfillment of the performance obligation. Certain additional performance obligations beyond the base software license may be separated from the gross license fee and amortized over time. Revenue for amounts that have been billed but not earned is deferred, and such deferred revenue is referred to as contract liabilities in the accompanying condensed consolidated balance sheets.

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To determine the proper revenue recognition method for contracts, the Company evaluates whether two or more contracts should be combined and accounted for as one single contract and whether the combined contract should be accounted for as one performance obligation. With respect to the Company's contracts, it is rare that multiple contracts should be combined into a single performance obligation. This evaluation requires significant judgment and the decision to combine a group of contracts or separate a single contract into multiple performance obligations could change the amount of revenue and profit recorded in a given period. Contracts are considered to have a single performance obligation if the promise to transfer the individual goods or services is not separately identifiable from other promises in the contracts, which is mainly because the Company provides a significant service of integrating a complex set of tasks and components into a single project or capability.

The Company may enter into contracts that include separate phases or elements. If each phase or element is negotiated separately based on the technical resources required and/or the supply and demand for the services being provided, the Company evaluates if the contracts should be segmented. If certain criteria are met, the contracts would be segmented which could result in revenues being assigned to the different elements or phases with different rates of profitability based on the relative value of each element or phase to the estimated total contract revenue. Segmented contracts may comprise up to approximately 2.0% to 3.0% of the Company's consolidated contract revenue.

Contracts that cover multiple phases or elements of the project or service lifecycle (development, construction and maintenance and support) may be considered to have multiple performance obligations even when they are part of a single contract. For contracts with multiple performance obligations, the Company allocates the transaction price to each performance obligation using the best estimate of the standalone selling price of each distinct good or service in the contract. For the periods presented, contracts with multiple performance obligations were not material. In cases where the Company does not provide the distinct good or service on a standalone basis, the primary method used to estimate standalone selling price is the expected cost plus a margin approach, under which the Company forecasts the Company's expected costs of satisfying a performance obligation and then adds an appropriate margin for the distinct good or service.

The Company provides quality of workmanship warranties to customers that are included in the sale and are not priced or sold separately or do not provide customers with a service in addition to assurance of compliance with agreed-upon specifications and industry standards. The Company does not consider these types of warranties to be separate performance obligations.

In some cases, the Company has a master service or blanket agreement with a customer under which each task order releases the Company to perform specific portions of the overall scope in the service contract. Each task order is typically accounted for as a separate contract because the task order establishes the enforceable rights and obligations, and payment terms.

Under ASC 606, variable consideration should be considered when determining the transaction price and estimates should be made for the variable consideration component of the transaction price, as well as assessing whether an

estimate of variable consideration is constrained. For certain of the Company’s contracts, variable consideration can arise from modifications to the scope of services resulting from unapproved change orders or customer claims. Variable consideration is included in the transaction price to the extent it is probable that a significant reversal of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur when the uncertainty associated with the variable consideration is resolved. The Company estimates of variable consideration and determination of whether to include estimated amounts in the transaction price are based largely on assessments of legal enforceability, the Company’s performance, and all information (historical, current and forecasted) that is reasonably available to the Company.

Due to the nature of the work required to be performed on many of the Company’s performance obligations, the estimation of total revenue and cost at completion is complex, subject to many variables and requires significant judgment. As a significant change in one or more of these estimates could affect the profitability of the Company’s contracts, the Company reviews and updates the Company’s contract-related estimates regularly through a company-wide disciplined project review process in which management reviews the progress and execution of the Company’s performance obligations and the estimate at completion (EAC). As part of this process, management reviews information including, but not limited to, any outstanding key contract matters, progress towards completion and the related program

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schedule and the related changes in estimates of revenues and costs. Management must make assumptions and estimates regarding labor productivity and availability, the complexity of the work to be performed, the cost and availability of materials, the performance of subcontractors, and the availability and timing of funding from the customer, among other variables.

The Company recognizes adjustments in estimated profit on contracts under the cumulative catch-up method. Under this method, the impact of the adjustment on profit recorded to date is recognized in the period the adjustment is identified. Revenue and profit in future periods of contract performance is recognized using the adjusted estimate. If at any time the estimate of contract profitability indicates an anticipated loss on the contract, the Company recognizes the full amount of estimated loss in the period it is identified.

Contracts are often modified to account for changes in contract specifications and requirements. The Company considers contract modifications to exist when the modification either creates new rights or obligations or changes the existing enforceable rights or obligations. Most of the Company's contract modifications are for goods or services that are not distinct from existing contracts due to the significant integration provided in the context of the contract and are accounted for as if they were part of the original contract. The effect of a contract modification that is not distinct from the existing contract on the transaction price and the Company's measure of progress for the performance obligation to which it relates is recognized as an adjustment to revenue (either as an increase in or a reduction of revenue) on a cumulative catch-up basis.

For contract modifications that result in the promise to deliver goods or services that are distinct from the existing contract and the increase in price of the contract is for the same amount as the standalone selling price of the additional goods or services included in the modification, the Company accounts for such contract modifications as a separate contract.

The Company includes claims to vendors, subcontractors and others as a receivable and a reduction in recognized costs when enforceability of the claim is established by the contract and the amounts are reasonably estimable and probable of being recovered. The amounts are recorded up to the extent of the lesser of the amounts management expects to recover or to costs incurred.

Billing practices are governed by the contract terms of each project based upon costs incurred, achievement of milestones or pre-agreed schedules. Billings do not necessarily correlate with revenue recognized using the percentage-of-completion method of revenue recognition.

Direct costs of contract revenue consist primarily of that portion of technical and nontechnical salaries and wages that has been incurred in connection with revenue producing projects. Direct costs of contract revenue also include production expenses, subcontractor services and other expenses that are incurred in connection with revenue

producing projects.

Direct costs of contract revenue exclude that portion of technical and nontechnical salaries and wages related to marketing efforts, vacations, holidays and other time not spent directly generating revenue under existing contracts. Such costs are included in general and administrative expenses. Additionally, payroll taxes, bonuses and employee benefit costs for all Company personnel are included in general and administrative expenses in the accompanying consolidated statements of operations since no allocation of these costs is made to direct costs of contract revenue. No allocation of facilities costs is made to direct costs of contract revenue. Other companies may classify as direct costs of contract revenue some of the costs that the Company classifies as general and administrative costs. The Company expenses direct costs of contract revenue when incurred.

Included in revenue and costs are all reimbursable costs for which the Company has the risk or on which the fee was based at the time of bid or negotiation. No revenue or cost is recorded for costs in which the Company acts solely in the capacity of an agent and has no risks associated with such costs.

Accounts receivable are carried at original invoice amount less an estimate made for doubtful accounts based upon a review of all outstanding amounts on a quarterly basis. Management determines allowances for doubtful accounts

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through specific identification of amounts considered to be uncollectible and potential write-offs, plus a non-specific allowance for other amounts for which some potential loss has been determined to be probable based on current and past experience. The Company's historical credit losses have been minimal with governmental entities and large public utilities, but disputes may arise related to these receivable amounts. Accounts receivable are written off when deemed uncollectible. Recoveries of accounts receivable previously written off are recorded when received.

Retainage, included in contract assets, represents amounts withheld from billings to the Company's clients pursuant to provisions in the contracts and may not be paid to the Company until specific tasks are completed or the project is completed and, in some instances, for even longer periods. At September 28, 2018 and December 29, 2017, contract assets included retainage of approximately $6.9 million and $8.6 million, respectively.

Goodwill

Goodwill represents the excess of costs over fair value of the assets acquired. The Company completes its annual testing of goodwill as of the last day of the first month of its fourth fiscal quarter each year to determine whether there is impairment. Goodwill, which has an indefinite useful life, is not amortized, but instead tested for impairment at least annually or more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. Impairment losses for reporting units are recognized to the extent that a reporting unit's carrying amount exceeds its fair value.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's financial instruments consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents, accounts receivable, contract assets, other receivables, prepaid expenses and other current assets, accounts payable, accrued liabilities, contingent consideration and contract liabilities, and approximate their fair values because of the relatively short period of time between the origination of these instruments and their expected realization or payment. The carrying amounts of debt obligations and contingent consideration approximate their fair values since the terms are comparable to terms currently offered by local lending institutions for loans of similar terms to companies with comparable credit risk.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the consolidated financial statements. Estimates also affect the reported amounts of revenue and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Liquidity

As of September 28, 2018, the Company had $16.7 million of cash and cash equivalents. The Company's primary source of liquidity is cash generated from operations. In addition, as of September 28, 2018, the Company also had a revolving line of credit with BMO Harris Bank, N.A. ("BMO"), which was scheduled to mature on January 20, 2020 (see Note 7 "Debt"), but which was refinanced on October 1, 2018 (see Note 12 "Subsequent Events"). The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents on hand, cash generated by operating activities and funds available under its current line of credit (if needed and if available) will be sufficient to finance its operating activities for at least the next 12 months.

Adoption of New Accounting Standards

On December 30, 2017, the Company adopted ASC 606, using the modified retrospective method applied to those contracts which were not completed as of December 29, 2017. Prior to adopting ASC 606, it established an implementation team, which included senior managers from its finance and accounting group. The implementation team evaluated the impact of adopting ASC 606 on the Company's contracts expected to be uncompleted as of December 30, 2017 (the date of adoption). The evaluation included reviewing the Company's accounting policies and practices to identify differences that would result from applying the requirements of the new standard. The Company identified and made changes to its processes, systems and controls to support recognition and disclosure under the new standard. The

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implementation team worked closely with various professional consultants and attended several formal conferences and seminars to conclude on certain interpretative issues.

The Company recognizes engineering and consulting contract revenue over time using the percentage-of-completion method, based primarily on contract cost incurred to date compared to total estimated contract cost. Revenue on the vast majority of the Company's contracts will continue to be recognized over time because of the continuous transfer of control to the customer. Revenue recognition for software licenses issued by the Energy segment is recognized at a point in time, upon acceptance of the software by the customer and in recognition of the fulfillment of the performance obligation. Certain additional performance obligations beyond the base software license may be separated from the gross license fee and amortized over time.

Results for operating periods beginning after December 30, 2017 are presented under ASC 606, while comparative information has not been restated and continues to be reported in accordance with the accounting standards in effect for those periods.

The Company recognized the cumulative effect of initially applying ASC 606 as an adjustment to retained earnings in the balance sheet as of December 30, 2017 as follows:

	Balance at December 29, 2017	Adjustments Due to ASC 606	Balance at December 30, 2017
Assets			
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	$ 38,441,000	$ (8,560,000)	$ 29,881,000
Contract assets	$ 24,732,000	$ 9,328,000	$ 34,060,000
Liabilities			
Deferred income taxes, net	$ 2,463,000	$ (215,000)	$ 2,248,000
Equity			
Retained earnings	$ 19,588,000	$ 553,000	$ 20,141,000

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The impact of adoption on the Company’s condensed consolidated balance sheet and cash flows for the nine month period ended September 28, 2018 was as follows:

	For the nine month period ended September 28, 2018		
	As Reported	Balances Without Adoption of ASC 606	Effect of Change Higher/(Lower)
Assets			
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	$ 19,725,000	$ 26,634,000	$ (6,909,000)
Contract assets	$ 43,752,000	$ 36,443,000	$ 7,309,000
Liabilities			
Deferred income taxes, net	$ 1,582,000	$ 1,731,000	$ (149,000)
Equity			
Retained earnings	$ 28,970,000	$ 28,850,000	$ 120,000

	For the nine month period ended September 28, 2018		
	As Reported	Balances Without Adoption of ASC 606	Effect of Change Higher/(Lower)
Cash flows from operating activities			
Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts	$ 19,492,000	$ 12,583,000	$ 6,909,000
Contract assets	(18,252,000)	(11,343,000)	(6,909,000)
Total cash flows used in operating activities	$ 1,240,000	$ 1,240,000	$ 0

The impact of adoption on the Company’s opening balance sheet was primarily related to deferred revenues and unrecognized license renewals associated with software license agreements currently in force reclassified to retained earnings, net of the deferred income tax impact and reclassification of amounts between accounts receivable net of allowance for doubtful accounts and contract assets based on whether an unconditional right to consideration has been established or not.

The impact of adoption on the Company’s balance sheet at September 28, 2018 was primarily related to conforming the accounting treatment of most of the Company’s non-cancellable software license contracts, which were previously recorded over time based on prior acceptable accounting methods, and now recognize the full amount of such licenses upon acceptance of the software by the customer.

The impact of adoption on the Company’s statement of operations was not material for the nine month period ended September 28, 2018.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements

Revenue Recognition

Effective December 30, 2017, the Company adopted ASC 606 using the modified retrospective approach. See Note 1 “Basis of Presentation, Organization and Operations of the Company—Adoption of New Accounting Standards” above for a discussion of the Company’s adoption of ASC 606.

Statement of Cash Flows

In August 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (the “FASB”) issued ASU 2016-15, Statement of Cash Flows: Clarification of Certain Cash Receipts and Cash Payments, which eliminates the diversity in practice related to the classification of certain cash receipts and payments in the statement of cash flows, by adding or clarifying guidance on eight specific cash flow issues. ASU 2016-15 is effective for annual and interim reporting periods beginning

after December 15, 2017. ASU 2016-15 provides for retrospective application for all periods presented. Effective December 30, 2017, the Company adopted ASU 2016-15 and the impact did not have a material effect on the Company's condensed consolidated financial statements.

Leases

In February 2016, the FASB issued ASU 2016-02, Leases (Topic 842). The FASB issued this update to increase transparency and comparability among organizations by recognizing lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet and disclosing key information about leasing arrangements. The updated guidance is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018, including interim periods within those fiscal years. Early adoption of the update was permitted. The Company has developed a detailed plan to implement the new standard and, through a cross functional team, is assessing contractual arrangements that may qualify as leases under the new standard. Based on initial evaluations performed by the Company, the impact of the new standard will be an increase to right of use assets and lease liabilities on the Company's consolidated balance sheet, primarily as a result of operating leases currently not recognized on the balance sheet. The Company expects to complete its evaluations of the impact of the new standard during the fourth quarter of 2018.

Proposed Accounting Standards

A variety of proposed or otherwise potential accounting standards are currently being studied by standard-setting organizations and certain regulatory agencies. Because of the tentative and preliminary nature of such proposed standards, the Company has not yet determined the effect, if any, that the implementation of such proposed standards would have on its consolidated financial statements.

2.BUSINESS COMBINATIONS

Acquisition of Newcomb Anderson McCormick

On April 30, 2018, the Company, through its wholly-owned subsidiary, WES, acquired all of the outstanding equity interests of Newcomb Anderson McCormick, Inc. (“NAM”). NAM is an energy engineering and consulting company with offices in San Francisco and Los Angeles that provides clients with mechanical engineering expertise and comprehensive energy efficiency programs and services. Pursuant to the terms of the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated April 30, 2018, by and among the Company, WES and NAM, WES will pay NAM shareholders a maximum purchase price of $4.0 million, subject to potential earn-out payments plus working capital adjustments, to be paid in cash. In connection with the Company’s New Credit Facilities (as defined herein), as of October 8, 2018, the earn-out payments to NAM shareholders became subject to certain subordination provisions in favor of BMO, as the Company’s senior secured lender, under the New Credit Facilities. The Company expects to finalize the purchase price allocation with respect to this transaction by the end of the second quarter of 2019. NAM’s financial information is included within the Energy segment.

Acquisition of Integral Analytics

On July 28, 2017, the Company and the Company’s wholly-owned subsidiary, WES, acquired all of the outstanding shares of Integral Analytics, Inc. (“Integral Analytics”), a data analytics and software company, pursuant to the Stock Purchase Agreement, dated July 28, 2017 (the “Purchase Agreement”), by and among Willdan Group, Inc., WES, Integral Analytics, the stockholders of Integral Analytics (the “IA Stockholders”) and the Sellers’ Representative (as defined therein). The Company believes the addition of Integral Analytics’ capabilities will improve the ability to target locational energy savings and microgrids and can provide a clear technical advantage on energy programs. Integral Analytics’ financial information is included within the Energy segment.

Pursuant to the terms of the Purchase Agreement, WES will pay the IA Stockholders a maximum purchase price of $30.0 million, consisting of (i) $15.0 million in cash paid at closing (subject to certain post-closing tangible net asset value adjustments), (ii) 90,611 shares of common stock, par value $0.01 per share, of Willdan Group, Inc. (“Common

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Stock”) issued at closing, equaling $3.0 million, calculated based on the volume-weighted average price of shares of Common Stock for the ten trading days immediately prior to, but not including, the closing date of the acquisition of Integral Analytics (the “Closing Date”) and (iii) up to $12.0 million in cash for a percentage of sales attributable to the business of Integral Analytics during the three years after the Closing Date, as more fully described below (such potential payments of up to $12.0 million, being referred to as “Earn-Out Payments” and $12.0 million in respect thereof, being referred to as the “Maximum Payout”). The Company used cash on hand for the $15.0 million cash payment paid at closing. As of September 30, 2018, we finalized the purchase price allocation (as detailed in the table below) with respect to this transaction.

The size of the Earn-Out Payments to be paid will be determined based on two factors. First, the IA Stockholders will receive 2% of gross contracted revenue for new work sold by the Company in close collaboration with Integral Analytics during the three years following the Closing Date (the “Earn-Out Period”). Second, the IA Stockholders will receive 20% of the gross contracted revenue specified in each executed and/or effective software licensing agreement, entered into by the Company or one of its affiliates that contains pricing either equal to or greater than standard pricing, of software offered for licensing by Integral Analytics during the Earn-Out Period. The amounts due to the IA Stockholders pursuant to these two factors will in no event, individually or in the aggregate, exceed the Maximum Payout. Earn-Out Payments will be made in quarterly installments for each year of the Earn-Out Period. For the purposes of both of these factors credit will be given to Integral Analytics for the gross contracted revenue in the quarter in which the contract/license is executed, regardless of when the receipt of payment thereunder is expected. The amount of gross contracted revenue for contracts with unfunded ceilings or of an indeterminate contractual value will be mutually agreed upon. Further, in the event of a change of control of WES during the Earn-Out Period, any then-unpaid amount of the Maximum Payout will be paid promptly to the IA Stockholders, even if such Earn-Out Payments have not been earned at that time. The Company has agreed to certain covenants regarding the operation of Integral Analytics during the Earn-Out Period, of which a violation by the Company could result in damages being paid to the IA Stockholders in respect of the Earn-Out. In addition, as of September 28, 2018, the Earn-Out Payments were subject to certain subordination provisions in favor of BMO, as the Company’s senior secured lender, under the Prior Credit Agreement (see Note 7 “Debt” below). In connection with the Company’s New Credit Facilities, as of October 6, 2018, the Earn-Out Payments became subject to certain subordination provisions in favor of BMO, as the Company’s senior secured lender, under the New Credit Facilities.

WES has also established a bonus pool for the employees of Integral Analytics to be paid based on Integral Analytics’ performance against certain targets.

The acquisition was accounted for as a business combination in accordance with ASC 805. Under ASC 805, the Company recorded the acquired assets and assumed liabilities at their estimated fair value with the excess allocated to goodwill. Goodwill represents the value the Company expects to achieve through the operational synergies and the expansion into new markets. The Company estimates that the entire $15.9 million of goodwill resulting from the acquisition will be tax deductible. Consideration for the acquisition includes the following information:

	Integral Analytics
Cash paid	$ 15,000,000
Other payable for working capital adjustment	113,000
Issuance of common stock	3,100,000
Contingent consideration	5,600,000
Total consideration	$ 23,813,000

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The following table summarizes the final purchase price allocation for the acquired assets recorded at their estimated fair value as of the acquisition date:

	Integral Analytics
Current assets	$ 626,000
Non-current assets	2,000
Cash	397,000
Property, plant and equipment	5,000
Liabilities	(946,000)
Customer relationships	1,200,000
Tradename	990,000
Developed technology	3,410,000
In-process technology	2,220,000
Goodwill	15,909,000
Net assets acquired	$ 23,813,000

The following unaudited pro forma financial information for the three and nine months ended September 28, 2018 and September 29, 2017 assumes that acquisition of all the outstanding shares of Integral Analytics occurred on December 31, 2016 as follows:

	Three Months Ended		Nine Months Ended	
In thousands (except per share data)	September 28, 2018	September 29, 2017	September 28, 2018	September 29, 2017
Pro forma revenue	$ 71,386	$ 69,331	$ 185,814	$ 211,461
Pro forma income from operations	$ 4,913	$ 4,071	$ 11,092	$ 8,997
Pro forma net income	$ 3,314	$ 2,812	$ 8,864	$ 7,076
Earnings per share:				
Basic	$ 0.37	$ 0.32	$ 1.01	$ 0.82
Diluted	$ 0.35	$ 0.30	$ 0.95	$ 0.77
Weighted average shares outstanding:				
Basic	8,844	8,730	8,798	8,598
Diluted	9,343	9,248		