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Dear CorVel Stockholder:

We are pleased to invite you to our 2009 Annual Meeting, which will be held at CorVel s principal executive offices at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time. Voting on election of directors and other matters is also scheduled. The items to be voted on at the 2009 Annual Meeting are addressed in the enclosed Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to Be Held on August 6, 2009: The Proxy Statement and Annual Report on Form 10-K are available at https://materials.proxyvote.com/221006.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the 2009 Annual Meeting, please complete and mail the enclosed proxy card to ensure that your shares will be represented at the 2009 Annual Meeting. A postage pre-paid envelope has been provided for your convenience.

We look forward to seeing you at our 2009 Annual Meeting.

Sincerely,

V. Gordon Clemons, Chairman of the Board

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CorVel Corporation

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS To Be Held August 6, 2009

To the Stockholders of CorVel Corporation:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2009 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) of CorVel Corporation, a Delaware corporation will be held at the our principal executive offices, at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time for the following purposes, as more fully described in the Proxy Statement accompanying this Notice:

1. To elect the six directors named in the attached proxy statement, each to serve until the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified;

2. To ratify the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010; and

3. To transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

We recommend that stockholders vote FOR the matters listed above. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on June 16, 2009 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at our principal executive offices and at our Annual Meeting.

You are cordially invited to attend the Annual Meeting in person. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you can be sure your shares are represented at the Annual Meeting by promptly completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the enclosed, self-addressed, postage pre-paid envelope provided for your convenience. Should you receive more than one proxy card because your shares are registered in different names and addresses, each proxy card should be signed and returned to assure that all your shares will be voted.

The holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote must be present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting in order to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Please return your proxy card in order to ensure that a quorum is obtained and to avoid the additional cost to us of adjourning the Annual Meeting until a later time and re-soliciting proxies.

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By order of the Board of Directors,

RICHARD J. SCHWEPPE Secretary

Irvine, California July 6, 2009

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT.

PLEASE READ THE ATTACHED PROXY STATEMENT CAREFULLY.

CorVel Corporation

PROXY STATEMENT

Proxies are being solicited on behalf of our Board of Directors (the Board) for use at the 2009 Annual Meeting of stockholders, which will be held at our principal executive offices located at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, on Thursday, August 6, 2009, at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, and at any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof (the Annual Meeting). Stockholders of record at the close of business on June 16, 2009 are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) of that meeting. A list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available for inspection at our principal executive offices and at the Annual Meeting.

On June 16, 2009, the record date (the Record Date) for determination of stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting, there were 12,975,647 shares of our Common Stock outstanding and approximately 1,082 holders of record according to information provided by our transfer agent. No shares of our preferred stock were outstanding as of June 16, 2009. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote on all matters brought before the Annual Meeting for each share of our Common Stock held by such stockholder on the Record Date. Stockholders may not cumulate votes in the election of directors.

The presence at the Annual Meeting, either in person or by proxy, of holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of our Common Stock entitled to vote will constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. In the election of directors under Proposal One, the six nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes shall be elected. The affirmative vote of the holders of our Common Stock representing a majority of the voting power present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote is being sought for approval of Proposal Two.

All votes will be tabulated by our inspector of election appointed for the Annual Meeting, who will separately tabulate affirmative and negative votes, abstentions and broker non-votes (*i.e.*, shares held by a broker or nominee that are represented at the Annual Meeting, but with respect to which such broker or nominee is not instructed to vote on a particular proposal and does not have discretionary voting power). Abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present for purposes of determining whether a quorum exists for the transaction of business at the Annual Meeting. With regard to Proposal One, broker non-votes and votes marked withheld will not be counted towards the tabulations of votes cast on such proposal presented to the stockholders, will not have the effect of negative votes and will not affect the outcome of the election of directors. With regard to Proposal Two, abstentions will be counted towards the tabulations of votes cast on such proposal presented to the stockholders and will have the same effect as negative votes, whereas broker non-votes will not be counted for purposes of determining whether such proposal has been approved and will not have the effect of negative votes.

If the enclosed proxy card is properly signed and returned, the shares represented thereby will be voted at the Annual Meeting in accordance with the instructions specified thereon. If the proxy card does not specify how the shares represented thereby are to be voted, the proxy will be voted **FOR** the election of the directors in Proposal One unless the authority to vote for the election of such directors is withheld and, if no contrary instructions are given, the proxy will be voted **FOR** the ratification of Proposal Two described in the accompanying Notice and this Proxy Statement. In their discretion, the proxies named on the proxy card will be authorized to vote upon any other matter that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment(s) or postponement(s) thereof. A proxy may be revoked

or changed at or prior to the Annual Meeting by delivery of a written revocation or by presentation of another properly signed proxy card with a later date to our Secretary at our principal executive offices at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, or by attendance at the Annual Meeting and voting in person by ballot.

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This Proxy Statement, the accompanying Notice, the enclosed proxy card and our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, were mailed on or about July 6, 2009, to stockholders of record on the Record Date.

Our principal executive offices are located at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614. Our telephone number is (949) 851-1473.

MATTERS TO BE CONSIDERED AT THE ANNUAL MEETING

PROPOSAL ONE

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Six individuals have been nominated to serve as our directors. Our stockholders are being asked to elect these nominees to the Board at the Annual Meeting. Our Nomination and Governance Committee selected and recommended, and the Board, including its independent directors, approved the nomination of each of the six individuals listed below for election to serve for a one-year term ending on the date of our next annual meeting of stockholders or until his or her successor has been duly elected and qualified. The term may be shorter if such individual resigns, becomes disqualified or disabled, or is otherwise removed. If these nominees are elected, the Board will consist of six persons and there will be one vacancy on the Board. The Board may fill such vacancy at any time during the year.

Unless otherwise instructed or unless the proxy is marked withheld, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them **FOR** the election of each of the nominees named below. Each such nominee is currently serving as a director and has indicated his or her willingness to continue to serve as a director if elected. In the event that any such nominee becomes unable or declines to serve at the time of the Annual Meeting, the proxy holders may exercise discretionary authority to vote for a substitute person selected and recommended by our Nomination and Governance Committee and nominated by the Board.

Director Nominees for Term Ending Upon the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders

The names and certain information, as of May 31, 2009, about the nominees for director are set forth below:

Name	Age	Position				
V. Gordon Clemons	65	Chairman of the Board				
Steven J. Hamerslag(1)(3)	52	Director				
Alan R. Hoops(1)(2)	61	Director				
R. Judd Jessup(1)	61	Director				
Jean H. Macino(2)	66	Director				
Jeffrey J. Michael(2)(3)	52	Director				

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee.

(3) Member of the Nomination and Governance Committee.

Mr. Clemons has served as our Chairman of the Board since April 1991. He served as our Chief Executive Officer from January 1988 until August 2007, when Daniel Starck was appointed to that office, and as our President from January 1988 until May 2006, when Mr. Starck was appointed to that office. Mr. Clemons was President of Caremark, Inc., a home intravenous therapy company, from May 1985 to September 1987, at which time Caremark was purchased by Baxter International, Inc. From 1981 to 1985, Mr. Clemons was President of INTRACORP, a medical

management company and subsidiary of CIGNA Corporation. Mr. Clemons has 32 years of experience in the healthcare and insurance industries.

Mr. Hamerslag has served as one of our directors since May 1991. Mr. Hamerslag has been Managing Partner of TVC Capital, a venture capital firm, since April 2006, and Managing Director of Titan Investment Partners, also a venture capital firm, since November 2002. Mr. Hamerslag served as the President and Chief Executive Officer of J2Global Communications, a publicly held unified communication services company, from June 1999 until January 2001. Mr. Hamerslag served as the CEO of MTI Technology Corporation, a publicly held manufacturer of enterprise storage solutions, from 1987 to 1996.

Mr. Hoops has served as one of our directors since May 2003. Mr. Hoops has been Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of CareMore California Health Plan, a health maintenance organization, since March 2006. Mr. Hoops was Chairman of Benu, Inc., a regional benefits administration/marketing company, from 2000 to

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March 2006, and Chairman of Enwisen, Inc., a human resources services software company, from 2001 to March 2006. Mr. Hoops was Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Pacificare Health Systems, Inc., a national health consumer services company, from 1993 to 2000. Mr. Hoops has 36 years of experience in the healthcare and managed care industries.

Mr. Jessup has served as one of our directors since August 1997. Mr. Jessup was Chief Executive Officer of U.S. LABS, a national laboratory which provides cancer diagnostic and genetic testing services, from 2002 to 2005. Mr. Jessup was President of the HMO Division of FHP International Corporation, a diversified health care services company, from 1994 to 1996. From 1987 to 1994, Mr. Jessup was President of TakeCare, Inc., a publicly held HMO operating in California, Colorado, Illinois and Ohio, until it was acquired by FHP. Mr. Jessup has 34 years of experience in the healthcare and managed care industries. Mr. Jessup has been a director of Superior Vision Services, a national managed vision care plan, since December 2007, a director of Accentcare since October 2005, a director of Xifin, Inc., a laboratory billing systems company, since January 2006, and a director of NovaMed, Inc. since August 1998.

Ms. Macino has served as one of our directors since February 2008. Ms. Macino was Managing Director of Marsh and McLennan Companies, an insurance broker and strategic risk advisor, from 1980 to 1995, and Office Head of the Newport Beach office of Marsh, Inc. from 1995 to 2005. Ms. Macino has served on the Board of Governors of Chapman University for the past ten years and currently serves as Chairman of the Governorship Committee of Chapman University. Ms. Macino has 35 years of experience in the insurance brokerage industry.

Mr. Michael has served as one of our directors since September 1990. Mr. Michael has been President, Chief Executive Officer and a Director of Corstar Holdings, Inc., one of our significant stockholders and a holding company owning equity interests in CorVel and an independent provider of data, voice, and video services to multiple dwelling units, since March 1996.

There are no family relationships among any of our directors, nominees or executive officers.

Corporate Governance, Board Composition and Board Committees

Independent Directors

The Board has determined that each of our current directors other than Mr. Clemons qualifies as an independent director in accordance with the published listing requirements of The Nasdaq Stock Market LLC (Nasdaq). The Nasdaq independence definition includes a series of objective tests, such as that the director is not also one of our employees and has not engaged in various types of business dealings with us. In addition, as further required by the Nasdaq rules, the Board has made a subjective determination as to each independent director that no relationships exist which, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. In making these determinations, our directors reviewed and discussed information provided by us and our directors with regard to each director s business and personal activities as they may relate to us and our management.

Board Structure and Committees

The Board has established an audit committee, a compensation committee and a nomination and governance committee. The Board and its committees set schedules to meet throughout the year, and also can hold special meetings and act by written consent from time to time as appropriate. The independent directors of the Board also hold separate regularly scheduled executive session meetings at least twice a year at which only independent directors are present. The Board has delegated various responsibilities and authority to its committees as generally described

below. The committees regularly report on their activities and actions to the full Board. Each member of each committee of the Board qualifies as an independent director in accordance with the Nasdaq standards described above. Each committee of the Board has a written charter approved by the Board. A copy of each charter is posted on our web site at http://www.corvel.com under the Investor Relations section. The inclusion of our web site address in this Proxy Statement does not include or incorporate by reference the information on our web site into this Proxy Statement or our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Audit Committee

The audit committee of the Board reviews and monitors our corporate financial statements and reporting and our internal and external audits, including, among other things, our internal controls and audit functions, the results and scope of the annual audit and other services provided by our independent auditors and our compliance with legal matters that have a significant impact on our financial statements. Our audit committee also consults with our management and our independent auditors prior to the presentation of financial statements to stockholders and, as appropriate, initiates inquiries into aspects of our financial affairs.

Our audit committee has established procedures for the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and for the confidential, anonymous submission by our employees of concerns regarding accounting or auditing matters. In addition, our audit committee is directly responsible for the appointment, retention, compensation and oversight of the work of our independent auditors, including approving services and fee arrangements. In accordance with the audit committee s charter and policies regarding transactions with related persons, all related person transactions are approved or ratified by our audit committee. Please see the information set forth under the heading Policies regarding related person transactions. The current members of our audit committee are Messrs. Hamerslag, Hoops and Jessup. The audit committee held two meetings in person, held three meeting by telephonic conference calls and acted by unanimous written consent one time during fiscal 2009.

In addition to qualifying as independent under the Nasdaq rules described above, each member of our audit committee can read and understand fundamental financial statements, and each member currently qualifies as independent under special standards established by the SEC for members of audit committees. Our audit committee includes at least one member who has been determined by the Board to meet the qualifications of an audit committee financial expert in accordance with SEC rules. Mr. Hamerslag is the independent director who has been determined to be an audit committee financial expert. Stockholders should understand that this designation is a disclosure requirement of the SEC related to Mr. Hamerslag are experience and understanding with respect to certain accounting and auditing matters. The designation does not impose on Mr. Hamerslag any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than are generally imposed on him as a member of our audit committee and the Board, and his designation as an audit committee financial expert pursuant to this SEC requirement does not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of our audit committee or Board.

Compensation Committee

The compensation committee of the Board reviews and approves our general compensation policies and all forms of compensation to be provided to our executive officers and directors, including, among other things, annual salaries, bonuses, and stock option and other incentive compensation arrangements. In addition, our compensation committee administers the CorVel Corporation 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and the CorVel Corporation Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan), including reviewing and granting stock options. Our compensation committee also reviews and approves various other issues related to our compensation policies and matters. The compensation committee may form, and delegate any of its responsibilities to, a subcommittee so long as such subcommittee consists solely of at least two independent members of the compensation committee held one meeting and acted by unanimous written consent seven times during fiscal 2009.

Nomination and Governance Committee

The nomination and governance committee of the Board reviews and reports to the Board on a periodic basis with regard to matters of corporate governance, and reviews, assesses and makes recommendations on the effectiveness of our corporate governance policies. In addition, the nomination and governance committee reviews and makes recommendations to the Board regarding the size and composition of the Board and the appropriate qualities and skills required of our directors in the context of the then current make-up of the Board. This includes an assessment of each candidate s independence, personal and professional integrity, financial literacy or other

professional or business experience relevant to an understanding of our business, ability to think and act independently and with sound judgment, and ability to serve us and our stockholders long-term interests. These factors, and others as considered useful by our nomination and governance committee, are reviewed in the context of an assessment of the perceived needs of the Board at a particular point in time. As a result, the priorities and emphasis of the nomination and governance committee and of the Board may change from time to time to take into account changes in business and other trends, and the portfolio of skills and experience of current and prospective directors.

The nomination and governance committee leads the search for and selects, or recommends that the Board select, candidates for election to the Board (subject to legal rights, if any, of third parties to nominate or appoint directors). Consideration of new director candidates typically involves a series of committee discussions, review of information concerning candidates and interviews with selected candidates. Candidates for nomination to the Board typically have been suggested by other members of the Board or by our executive officers. From time to time, the nomination and governance committee may engage the services of a third-party search firm to identify director candidates. Each of the current nominees is standing for re-election at the Annual Meeting. The nomination and governance committee has not received any nominations from any stockholders in connection with this Annual Meeting. The current members of our nomination and governance committee are Messrs. Hamerslag and Michael. The nomination and governance committee held one meeting during fiscal 2009.

Although the nomination and governance committee does not have a formal policy on stockholder nominations, it will consider candidates proposed by stockholders of any outstanding class of our capital stock entitled to vote for the election of directors, provided such proposal is in accordance with the procedures set forth in Article II, Section 12 of our Bylaws and in the charter of the nomination and governance committee. Nominations by eligible stockholders must be preceded by notification in writing addressed to the Chairman of the nomination and governance committee, care of our Secretary, at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, not later than (i) with respect to an election to be held at an annual meeting of stockholders, ninety (90) days prior to the anniversary date of the immediately preceding annual meeting, or (ii) with respect to the election to be held at a special meeting of stockholders for the election of directors, the close of business on the tenth day following the date on which notice of such meeting is first given to stockholders. Our Bylaws and the charter of the nomination and governance committee require that such notification shall contain the written consent of each proposed nominee to serve as a director if so elected and the following information as to each proposed nominee and as to each person, acting alone or in conjunction with one or more other persons as a partnership, limited partnership, syndicate or other group, who participates or is expected to participate in making such nomination or in organizing, directing or financing such nomination or solicitation of proxies to vote for the nominee: (a) the name and address of the nominee; (b) the name and address of the stockholder making the nomination; (c) a representation that the nominating stockholder is a stockholder of record of our stock entitled to vote at the next annual meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at such meeting to nominate the person specified in the notice; (d) the nominee s qualifications for membership on the Board of Directors; (e) all of the information that would be required in a proxy statement soliciting proxies for the election of the nominee as a director pursuant to the rules and regulations of the United States Securities and Exchange Commission; (f) a description of all direct or indirect arrangements or understandings between the nominating stockholder and the nominee and any other person or persons (naming such person or persons) pursuant to whose request the nomination is being made by the stockholder; (g) all other companies to which the nominee is being recommended as a nominee for director; and (h) a signed consent of the nominee to cooperate with reasonable background checks and personal interviews, and to serve as one of our directors, if elected.

All such recommendations will be brought to the attention of our nomination and governance committee. Candidates proposed by stockholders will be evaluated by our nomination and governance committee using the same criteria as for all other candidates.

Board and Committee Meetings

The Board held four meetings in person and acted by unanimous written consent three times during fiscal 2009. Each director attended or participated in 75% or more of the aggregate of (i) the total number of meetings of

the Board and (ii) the total number of meetings held by all committees of the Board on which such director served during fiscal 2009. Although we do not have a formal policy regarding attendance by members of the Board at our annual meetings of stockholders, directors are encouraged and expected to attend each of our annual meetings of stockholders in addition to each meeting of the Board and of the committees on which he or she serves, except where the failure to attend is due to unavoidable circumstances or schedule conflicts. All of our directors attended our 2008 annual meeting of stockholders.

Code of Ethics and Business Conduct

The Board has adopted a code of ethics and business conduct that applies to all of our employees, officers and directors. The full text of our code of ethics and business conduct is posted on our web site at http://www.corvel.com under the Investor Relations section. We intend to disclose future amendments to certain provisions of our code of ethics and business conduct, or waivers of such provisions, applicable to our directors and executive officers, at the same location on our web site identified above. The inclusion of our web site address in this proxy statement does not include or incorporate by reference the information on our web site into this proxy statement or our Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Communications from Stockholders to the Board

The Board has implemented a process by which stockholders may send written communications to the attention of the Board, any committee of the Board or any individual Board member, care of our Secretary at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, CA 92614. This centralized process assists the Board in reviewing and responding to stockholder communications in an appropriate manner. The name of any specific intended Board recipient should be noted in the communication. Our Secretary, with the assistance of our Director of Legal Services, is primarily responsible for collecting, organizing and monitoring communications from stockholders and, where appropriate depending on the facts and circumstances outlined in the communication, providing copies of such communications to the intended recipients. Communications will be forwarded to directors if they relate to appropriate and important substantive corporate or board matters. Communications that are of a commercial or frivolous nature or otherwise inappropriate for the Board s consideration will not be forwarded to the Board. Any communications not forwarded to the Board will be retained for a period of three months and made available to any of our independent directors upon their general request to view such communications. There were no changes in this process in fiscal 2009.

Stockholder Approval

Directors are elected by a plurality of the votes present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote. The six nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes cast at the Annual Meeting will be our elected directors.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE FOR EACH OF THE NOMINEES NAMED ABOVE.



PROPOSAL TWO

RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee has appointed Haskell & White LLP to serve as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010, and our stockholders are being asked to ratify this appointment. Stockholder ratification of the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors is not required by our Bylaws or other applicable legal requirement. However, the Board is submitting the Audit Committee s appointment of Haskell & White LLP to the stockholders for ratification as a matter of good corporate practice. If the stockholders fail to ratify the appointment by an affirmative vote of the holders of a majority of the Common Stock present or represented at the meeting and entitled to vote, the Audit Committee may reconsider whether to retain Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors. Even if the appointment is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may direct the appointment of a different independent accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interest of us and our stockholders.

Representatives of Haskell & White LLP attended or participated by telephone in all meetings of the Audit Committee held during fiscal 2009. We expect that representatives of Haskell & White LLP will attend the Annual Meeting, will have the opportunity to make a statement if they so desire and will be available to respond to appropriate questions posed by stockholders.

Principal Accountant Fees and Services

Audit Fees. Audit fees as of March 31, 2009 include the audit of our annual financial statements, review of financial statements included in our Form 10-Q quarterly reports, and services that are normally provided by our independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the relevant fiscal years. Audit fees billed by Haskell & White LLP for services rendered to us in the audit of annual financial statements and the reviews of the financial statements included in our Form 10-Q quarterly reports were approximately \$877,000 for fiscal year 2009 and approximately \$906,411 for fiscal year 2008.

Audit-Related Fees. Audit-related fees consist of assurance and related services provided by Haskell & White LLP that are reasonably related to the performance of the audit or review of our financial statements and are not reported above under Audit Fees.

<u>Fiscal 2009</u>	
Audit of the financial statements of CorVel Incentive Savings Plan	\$ 21,000
Fiscal 2008	
Audit of the financial statements of CorVel Incentive Savings Plan	\$ 23,000
Audit of the financial statements of CorVel Incentive Savings Plan	\$ 23,000

Tax Fees. Tax fees consist of professional services rendered by our independent auditors for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning.

<u>Fiscal 2009</u>	
Tax consulting services	\$ 68,380
<u>Fiscal 2008</u>	
Tax consulting services	\$ 29,594

All Other Fees. Fees for a retainer, travel and other miscellaneous expenses billed by Haskell & White LLP were \$52,000 during fiscal year 2009 and \$48,403 during fiscal year 2008.

Determination of Independence

The Audit Committee has determined that the provision of the above non-audit services by Haskell & White LLP was compatible with their maintenance of accountant independence.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval of Audit and Permissible Non-Audit Services of Independent Auditors

The Audit Committee pre-approves and reviews audit and permissible non-audit services performed by its independent auditors as well as the fees charged by its independent auditors for such services. In its pre-approval

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and review of permissible non-audit service fees, the Audit Committee considers, among other factors, the possible effect of the performance of such services on the auditors independence. Under certain de minimis circumstances described in the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission, the Audit Committee may approve permissible non-audit services prior to the completion of the audit in lieu of pre-approving such services.

Stockholder Approval

The affirmative vote of a majority of the shares of the Common Stock present or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting and entitled to vote is being sought for ratification of the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010.

THE BOARD RECOMMENDS A VOTE <u>FOR</u> RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF HASKELL & WHITE LLP AS OUR INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR THE FISCAL YEAR ENDING MARCH 31, 2010.

OTHER MATTERS

Management does not know of any other matters to be brought before the Annual Meeting. If any other matter is properly presented for consideration at the Annual Meeting, it is intended that the proxies will be voted by the persons named therein in accordance with the Board of Directors recommendation. Discretionary authority with respect to such other matters is granted by the execution of the enclosed proxy.

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AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The information contained in this Audit Committee Report shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed or incorporated by reference into any filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or subject to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into a document filed under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

The Audit Committee carries out its responsibilities pursuant to its written charter, and the members of the fiscal year 2009 Audit Committee have prepared and submitted this Audit Committee report. Each Audit Committee member is considered independent because each member satisfies the independence requirements for board members prescribed by the applicable rules of Nasdaq and Rule 10A-3 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Among other things, the Audit Committee oversees CorVel s financial reporting process on behalf of the Board. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the system of internal control over financial reporting. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed and discussed with management CorVel s audited financial statements in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, including a discussion of the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles; the reasonableness of significant judgments; and the clarity of disclosures in the financial statements; and management s assessment of CorVel s internal control over financial reporting.

The audit committee also reviewed and discussed with the independent auditors, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of those audited financial statements with generally accepted accounting principles, their judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of CorVel s accounting principles and such other matters as are required to be discussed with audit committees by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, *Communication With Audit Committees*, as may be amended, modified or supplemented. In addition, the audit committee discussed with the independent auditors their independence from management and CorVel, and has received the written disclosures and the letter from the independent auditors required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding the independent auditor s communications with the audit committee also considered the compatibility of potential non-audit services with the auditors independence.

The audit committee discussed with CorVel s independent auditors their overall approach, scope and plans for the audit. At the conclusion of the audit, the Audit Committee met with the independent auditors, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examination, their evaluation of CorVel s internal control over financial reporting and the overall quality of CorVel s financial reporting.

In reliance on the reviews and discussions referred to above, the audit committee recommended to the board (and the board has approved) that the audited financial statements be included in the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, for filing with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The Audit Committee has also recommended the selection of Haskell & White LLP as independent auditors for the year ending March 31, 2010.

AUDIT COMMITTEE

R. Judd Jessup, Chair Steven J. Hamerslag

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EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF CORVEL

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our executive officers as of May 31, 2009:

Name	Age	Position
V. Gordon Clemons	65	Chairman of the Board
Daniel J. Starck	42	Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer
Scott McCloud	42	Chief Financial Officer
Donald C. McFarlane	56	Chief Information Officer
Diane J. Blaha	54	Vice President of Sales

The following is a brief description of the capacities in which each of our executive officers who is not also a director has served, and other biographical information. The biography of Mr. Clemons appears earlier in this Proxy Statement under Proposal One: Election of Directors.

Mr. Starck has been our President and Chief Operating Officer since May 2006 and our Chief Executive Officer since August 2007. Prior to joining CorVel, Mr. Starck served as the Executive Vice President, Customer Services for Apria Healthcare Group, Inc., a provider of home healthcare services, since November 2005. From July 2003 to November 2005, Mr. Starck served as Apria s Executive Vice President, Business Operations. From April 2001 to July 2003, Mr. Starck served as Division Vice President, Operations for Apria s Pacific Division. From January 1998 to April 2001, Mr. Starck served as Regional Vice President, Operations for Apria s Northern California Region.

Mr. McCloud has been our Chief Financial Officer since August 2005. From June 1997 to August 2005, Mr. McCloud was our Controller. Mr. McCloud joined CorVel in June 1995 and served as Assistant Controller until his promotion to Corporate Controller in June 1997. Prior to joining CorVel, Mr. McCloud served as a staff accountant at Geffen Mesher & Co., P.C. a public accounting firm, from 1994 to 1995.

Mr. McFarlane has been our Chief Information Officer since February 2007. Before becoming Chief Information Officer, Mr. McFarlane was Vice President, Information Technology from 1995 through January 2007. Prior to joining CorVel in 1994 as a Software Development Manager, Mr. McFarlane was Vice President of Avant Software, Inc., a software consulting company. In 1988, Avant was engaged to develop CorVel s MedCheck medical bill review system, and Mr. McFarlane served as the chief architect and project manager for this effort. Mr. McFarlane has more than 35 years of experience in computer software and operations.

Ms. Blaha has been our Vice President of Sales since November 2008. From 1996 to November 2008, Ms. Blaha served as Vice President of Regional Sales. From 1994 to 1996, Ms. Blaha was an Account Executive in the Upper Midwest Region. Ms. Blaha joined CorVel in October 1992 as a Medical Case Manager until she moved into the sales and marketing team in 1994.

Our executive officers are elected by the Board on an annual basis and serve at the discretion of the Board until their successors have been duly elected and qualified or until their earlier resignation or removal.

Executive Compensation

Compensation Discussion and Analysis

The following discussion and analysis of our compensation practices and related compensation information should be read in conjunction with the Summary Compensation table and other tables included in this proxy statement, as well as our financial statements and management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. The following discussion includes statements of judgment and forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. These forward-looking statements are based on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, our business, compensation, management s beliefs, and certain assumptions made by us, all of which are subject to change. Forward-looking statements can often be identified by words such as anticipates, expects, intends, plans, predicts. believes. seeks. estimates, could. potential, continue, may, will, should, would. ongoing, simil variations or negatives of these words and include, but are not limited to, statements regarding projected performance and compensation. Actual results could

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differ significantly from those projected in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including, but not limited to, the risk factors discussed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009. We assume no obligation to update the forward-looking statements or such risk factors.

Introduction

It is the responsibility of the compensation committee of our board of directors to oversee our general compensation policies; to determine the base salary and bonus to be paid each year to each of our executive officers; and to determine the compensation to be paid each year to our directors for service on our board of directors and the various committees of our board of directors. In addition, the compensation committee administers our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly the Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan) with respect to stock option grants or other equity-based awards made to our executive officers. Stock options are granted to our directors automatically under the automatic option grant program of our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan) and the compensation committee does not exercise any discretion over that program. The three broad components of our executive officer compensation are base salary, annual cash incentive awards, and long term equity-based incentive awards. The compensation committee periodically reviews total compensation levels and the allocation of compensation among these three components for each of the executive officers in the context of our overall compensation policy. Additionally, the compensation committee, in conjunction with our board, reviews the relationship of executive compensation to corporate performance and relative stockholder return. The compensation committee believes that our current compensation plans are competitive and reasonable. Below is a description of the general policies and processes that govern the compensation paid to our executive officers, as reflected in the accompanying compensation tables.

General Compensation Philosophy

We operate in the medical cost containment and managed care industry. The compensation committee believes that our compensation programs for executive officers should: (a) be designed to attract, motivate and retain talented executives, (b) be competitive, and (c) reward individuals based on the achievement of designated financial targets, individual contribution, and financial performance relative to that of our competitors and market indices. Our philosophy is to focus more on equity compensation (in particular, to incentivize service within a five year timeframe for time-vesting stock options) than on annual base compensation because we believe that approach more closely aligns the interests of our executive officers with those of our shareholders. Within this philosophy, the committee s objectives are to:

Offer a total compensation program that takes into consideration the compensation practices of other managed care companies of similar size with which we compete for executive talent;

Tie an individual s total compensation to individual and profit center performance as well as our overall financial success;

Provide annual cash incentive awards that take into account our overall financial performance in terms of designated corporate objectives; and

Strengthen the alignment of the interests of our executive officers with those of our stockholders by providing significant equity-based, long-term incentive awards.

Compensation Components and Process

The compensation committee s conclusions on the compensation levels for our executive officers are based in part on executive compensation data, including cash compensation and long-term incentive compensation, drawn from information available in the public domain, and also the recommendations of our chief executive officer. When evaluating publicly available market data for compensation comparison purposes, the compensation committee seeks to obtain data regarding organizations considered to be comparable to us from a variety of perspectives, such as customer base, annual revenue and general industry, in order to ensure comparisons include both our relevant labor market for talent as well as business competitors.

In general, there are no other publicly-held cost containment and managed care companies within the workers compensation market with annual revenue similar to CorVel from which to obtain another data point in determining

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market levels for total compensation. The compensation committee, however, believes that the combination of published public domain survey data from survey companies such as salary.com and data from executive placement firms with experience in the cost containment and managed care industry such as Spencer Stuart, Korn/Ferry International, and RobertHalf International allows us to assess relevant external market pay practices, and to understand the range of pay practices occurring in comparable markets. These external market pay practices help inform us on the competitiveness of our compensation programs. The compensation committee does not use the services of any compensation consultant.

The compensation committee considered fiscal 2009 executive compensation on May 6, 2008, July 1, 2008, August 14, 2008, October 30, 2008, December 16, 2008, February 5, 2009, February 24, 2009, and March 16, 2009, fiscal 2008 executive compensation on May 10, 2007, July 9, 2007, August 2, 2007, October 29, 2007, and January 31, 2009 and fiscal 2007 executive compensation on May 26, 2006, November 6, 2006, and April 10, 2007. The material considered by the compensation committee also included the historical compensation and stock option awards made to each of our executive officers. As described in more detail below, the results of each executive s annual management by objectives plan, including a comparison of performance and job description relative to achievement and potential, were reviewed and discussed.

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Summary Compensation Table

me and Principal Position*	Fiscal Year		Salary (\$)		Bonus (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)		Option Awards (\$)(7)]	Incentive Plan mpens at	Change in Pensior Value and Nonqualif e Deferre tiompenSa Earnings	n fied ed (All Other p ensati		Fotal (\$)
Gordon Clemons	2009	\$	350,000	\$		\$	\$		\$		\$	\$		\$	
airman of the Board and	2009		350,000	э \$	100,000(4)		э \$				φ	э \$		э \$	
rmer Chief Executive	2008		350,000	э \$, , ,		э \$,				.թ \$		э \$	
ficer(1)	2007	ψ	550,000	Ψ	100,000(2)		Ψ	33,035				Ψ	3,772	Ψ	500,50
niel J. Starck	2009	\$	367,500	\$	85,000(6))	\$	278,626)			\$	515	\$	731,64
ief Executive Officer,	2008	\$	345,154				\$	101,092	\$	5 318,49	3	\$	352	\$	765,09
esident and Chief erating Officer(1)	2007	\$	280,077	\$	75,000		\$	194,517	\$	65,00	0	\$	2,851	\$	
nald C. McFarlane	2009	\$	176,286	\$			\$	88,103	\$	37,74	.0	\$	1,532	\$	303,66
ief Information Officer(2)	2008		167,563				\$,		,		\$		\$	
	2007		158,420				\$,		· · ·		\$	· ·	\$	
ott McCloud	2009	\$	144,210	\$			\$	58,319	\$	36,73	2	\$	1,513	\$	240,77
ief Financial Officer	2008	\$	137,006				\$	25,759	\$	40,38	,8	\$	1,132	\$	204,28
	2007	\$	124,167				\$			37,50	0	\$	951	\$	
ane J. Blaha ce President of Sales(3)	2009	\$	275,000	\$			\$	208,318	\$,		\$	577	\$	483,89

* Each of the individuals listed above are referred to in this Proxy Statement as our named executive officers.

(1) Mr. Clemons resigned the position of Chief Executive Officer in August 2007. Mr. Starck commenced employment as President and Chief Operating Officer in May 2006 and was appointed Chief Executive Officer in August 2007.

- (2) Mr. McFarlane was appointed Chief Information Officer in February 2007.
- (3) Ms. Blaha was appointed Vice President of Sales in November 2008.
- (4) This discretionary bonus was approved in July 2008, earned as of March 31, 2008, and paid retrospectively in July 2008 for prior fiscal year 2008.
- (5) This discretionary bonus was approved in November, 2006, earned as of December 31, 2006 and paid respectively in April 2007 for prior calendar year 2006.

- (6) This discretionary bonus was approved in February 2009, earned as of March 31, 2009, and paid retrospectively in April 2009.
- (7) Represents the dollar amount of compensation expense recognized in fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, for financial reporting purposes related to stock option awards granted in fiscal 2009 and prior fiscal years, excluding the effects of forfeiture assumptions. Refer to Note B, Stock-Based Compensation, in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Reports on Form 10-K filed June 12, 2009, June 16, 2008 and June 14, 2007, respectively, for the relevant assumptions used to determine the valuation of our option awards.
- (8) See the discussion under Annual Incentive Awards Plan for a description of our cash-based incentive plan awards.

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(9) Includes matching contributions by us under our 401(k) savings plan and annual premiums paid by us for the purchase of group term life insurance in an amount equal to each executive officer s annual salary as follows:

	Fiscal Year	rVel Contributions to ection 401(k) Plan	CorVel-Paid Life Insurance Premiums			
V. Gordon Clemons	2009	\$ 900	\$	504		
	2008	\$ 900	\$	2,925		
	2007	\$ 700	\$	2,772		
Daniel J. Starck	2009	\$ 0	\$	515		
	2008	\$ 0	\$	352		
	2007	\$ 0	\$	101		
Donald C. McFarlane	2009	\$ 1,281	\$	251		
	2008	\$ 1,315	\$	597		
	2007	\$ 1,104	\$	421		
Scott R. McCloud	2009	\$ 1,036	\$	207		
	2008	\$ 1,033	\$	99		
	2007	\$ 896	\$	55		
Diane J. Blaha	2009	\$ 0	\$	577		
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Principal Elements of Executive Compensation

Base Salary. In determining executive compensation, we take into account overall expense control. Our board of directors approves initial annual base salary for newly hired executive officers based on comparable data for similar positions at peer companies. Our compensation committee reviews all executive officer base salaries annually, taking into account both updated peer group data in the public domain and individual performance during the previous year. We believe that adjustments should be made to base salary both to reflect market changes and to reward high performance within the confines of overall expense control.

Each of our executive officers, other than our chief executive officer, undergoes an annual performance review with our chief executive officer, Daniel J. Starck, and during that review develops an individual performance development plan for the upcoming year. In general, these objectives vary for each named executive officer based on his or her individual responsibilities and the business function of the group that he or she manages, and includes one or more quantitative or qualitative financial or strategic measure, including earnings per share, revenue targets, product development and implementation, customer satisfaction and acceptance, strategic planning and development, operations excellence and efficiency and productivity. In reviewing past performance, the chief executive officer and the executive officer will compare actual performance during the review year to the objectives set at the beginning of the year, taking into account other factors that may not have been anticipated when the objectives were first set. In setting objectives for the upcoming year, the chief executive officer and the executive officer will typically consider not only corporate objectives, but also the executive officer s short and long term career objectives. To assist our compensation committee in reviewing executive officer performance in fiscal 2008 for fiscal 2009 compensation purposes, in fiscal 2007 for fiscal 2008 compensation purposes and in fiscal 2006 for fiscal 2007 compensation purposes, our chief executive officer provided the compensation committee with his analysis of the performance and potential of each executive officer ranked against each other executive officer, and made recommendations based on how well each executive officer executed on his or her individual performance development plan while also taking into account external market compensation information. The compensation committee then approved the compensation paid to executive officers.

In the case of our chief executive officer, the compensation committee ranked his fiscal 2009 performance against goals set by the compensation committee in fiscal 2008, ranked his fiscal 2008 performance against goals set by the compensation committee early in fiscal 2007 and ranked his fiscal 2007 performance against goals set by the compensation committee early in fiscal 2007. The compensation committee then approved the compensation paid to the chief executive officer.

Decisions to adjust base salaries for fiscal 2009 were made by the compensation committee on December 16, 2008 and March 16, 2009, decisions to adjust base salaries for fiscal 2008 were made by the compensation committee on May 10, 2007 and August 2, 2007, and decisions to adjust base salaries for fiscal 2007 were made by the compensation committee on November 2, 2006, and all such adjustments took effect on each executive officer s respective compensation adjustment anniversary date. Our compensation policies with respect to new hires are different as compared to annual adjustments because recruitment requires different consideration than retention. Mr. Starck s base salary was not adjusted during fiscal 2007 because his annual review was not until May 2007, but was adjusted on his anniversary date in May 2007 and then again in August 2007 when he was appointed as chief executive officer. In recognition of his performance, Mr. Starck s base salary was adjusted in November 2008 following the quarterly board of directors meeting in late October 2008 where executive compensation was discussed. Mr. Clemons base salary was not adjusted during fiscal 2007, 2008 and 2009 because of his commitment to ongoing expense control. The other executive officers base salaries were increased by a range of 3.0% to 5.6% during each of these three fiscal years.

Discretionary Bonus. The compensation committee also has the discretion under extraordinary circumstances to award cash bonuses based on a percentage of base salary. As of November 6, 2006, our compensation committee approved by unanimous written consent a discretionary bonus for Mr. Clemons for fiscal 2007 in the amount of \$100,000, in consideration of his contributions during the first three calendar quarters of 2006 in implementing changes in network solutions product development. As of July 1, 2008, our compensation committee approved by unanimous written consent a discretionary bonus for Mr. Clemons for fiscal 2008 in the amount of \$100,000, in consideration of his contributions as Chairman of the Board. As of April 10, 2007, our compensation committee approved by unanimous written consent a discretionary bonus for Mr. Starck in the amount of \$75,000

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pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement. As of March 16, 2009, our compensation committee approved by unanimous written consent a discretionary bonus for Mr. Starck for fiscal 2009 in the amount of \$85,000, in consideration of his contributions as Chief Executive Officer.

Performance-Based Bonus. As of April 10, 2007, our compensation committee approved by unanimous written consent a performance-based bonus for Mr. Starck in the amount of \$65,000, pursuant to the terms of his employment agreement, for achievement of certain performance criteria related to revenue growth.

Annual Cash Incentive Awards Plan. To reinforce the attainment of our goals, we believe that a substantial portion of the annual compensation of each executive officer should be in the form of variable cash incentive pay. In parallel with its review of base salaries for executive officers, the compensation committee considers the design and structure of the executive officer annual incentive awards plan. Cash incentive amounts for each executive officer are determined by the compensation committee based on the recommendation of our chief executive officer. Although we have a March 31 fiscal year-end, we have calendar year budgets and annual cash incentive plans which are based on the calendar year. Prior to going public, our fiscal year-end and internal budgets and annual cash incentive plans were all based on the calendar year; however, upon going public, our fiscal year was changed to March 31 in order to be eligible for lower audit fees due to a non-calendar year-end. Our internal budgets and annual cash incentive plans continued to be based on the calendar year in order to maintain consistency in managing performance from year-to-year. Cash incentive awards to the Chief Executive Officer and the other named executive officers are shown in the Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation column of the Summary Compensation Table above. Annual cash incentive plan awards are designed to reward personal contributions to our success and are earned under a structured formula. Each executive has some portion of his or her annual bonus measured against individual management by objective goals, or MBOs, established for that person, which, depending on the executive officer, include revenue growth, national sales and regional vice president management, implementation, planning and strategy for software development and information technology infrastructure, and adherence to company-wide internal financial reporting and controls. The maximum amount that any executive may earn based on the MBO element is variable, with full achievement of MBOs resulting in an expected 75% payout and increasing up to a 100% payout for achievement exceeding established MBOs. For executive officers with operations responsibilities, this element comprises a lesser percentage of the annual incentive award for the individual, and for executive officers with corporate staff responsibilities, it comprises a greater percentage of the annual incentive award. We expect that the MBO s for our executive officers will be difficult to achieve.

Long-Term Equity-Based Incentive Awards. The goal of our long- term, equity-based incentive awards is to serve as a long term staff retention vehicle by aligning the interests of our executive officers with our stockholders and providing each executive officer with a significant incentive to manage from the perspective of an owner with an equity stake in the business. The compensation committee administers our equity-based incentive plans for executive officers and determines the size of long-term, equity-based incentives according to each executive s position, and sets a level it considers appropriate to create a meaningful opportunity for stock ownership. In addition, the compensation committee takes into account an individual s recent performance, his or her potential for future responsibility and promotion, and the number of unvested stock option shares held by each individual at the time of any new grant. However, there is no set formula for determining the size of a stock option award. Our chief executive officer historically has made recommendations to our board of directors and compensation committee regarding the amount of stock options and other compensation to grant to our other named executives based upon his assessment of their performance, and may continue to do so in the future. Our board of directors and compensation committee takes such recommendations into account when it approves stock option grants. Our executive officers, however, do not make any determinations as to when stock options are granted. We do not require a minimum stock ownership by our executive officers, but the compensation committee considers an executive officer s existing stock holdings relative to performance in determining the size of awards.

Under our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly the Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan), we have the ability to grant different forms of equity compensation, including stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock and restricted stock units, performance awards and other stock-based awards. We have chosen to use stock options exclusively for purposes of providing long-term incentives because we believe they best align with our objectives of providing incentives that are commensurate with total stockholder return and employee retention. Stock options provide actual economic value to the executive officer if he or she remains employed by us during the vesting period, and then only if the market price of our shares appreciates over the option term. The compensation

amounts shown for stock options in the summary compensation table are calculated in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123(R) and represent the amount of compensation earned during fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, respectively, that is reflected in our financial statements. Actual compensation earned from stock options can be higher or lower than the compensation expense recognized for purposes of SFAS 123(R). Consequently, stock options motivate executive officers by providing substantial upside compensation even though the entire amount of potential compensation is at risk. In the future, we may choose to grant different forms of equity compensation particularly if the use of such different forms of compensation become more prevalent at companies with which we compete or from which we intend to recruit personnel. Other factors that may lead us to provide different forms of equity compensation include, but are not limited to, the executives perceived value of one form of equity compensation over another, the potential effect of stockholder dilution, and the financial statement cost of one form of equity compensation over the other. Under our Restated 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, we also provide all employees who work more than 25 hours per week with the ability to purchase shares of common stock, through payroll deduction, at a pre-determined discount to the closing price at the end of a six month purchase period. For fiscal 2009, fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007, our board of directors set the maximum permitted payroll deduction for the purposes of the Restated 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan at 20% of salary, and set the pre-determined discount at 5% of the closing price at the end of the purchase period.

Stock options provided to executive officers are typically granted pursuant to action by unanimous written consent of the compensation committee executed by the compensation committee members in person on the same day as each regularly scheduled quarterly meeting of the board of directors in conjunction with ongoing review of each executive officer s individual performance, unless the executive officer is a new hire or other individual performance considerations are brought to the attention of our compensation committee during the course of the year. Such meetings are usually scheduled well in advance of the meeting, without regard to earnings or other major announcements by us. We intend to continue this practice of approving stock-based awards concurrently with regularly scheduled meetings, unless earlier approval is required for new hires, new performance considerations or retention purposes, regardless of whether or not our board of directors or compensation committee knows material non-public information on such date. We have not timed, nor do we intend to time, our release of material non-public information for the purpose of affecting the value of executive compensation. The grant date of our stock options is the date our board of directors or compensation committee meets to approve such stock option grants, which also is the date our compensation committee executes its action by unanimous written consent regarding such approval. In accordance with our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan), the exercise price of all options is set at the closing price of our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the day of grant.

Material terms of options granted to our named executive officers in fiscal 2009, fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 typically included: (a) exercise price equal to the closing market value as quoted by the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant; (b) vesting of 25% one year from the grant date and then continued vesting in a series of thirty-six (36) equal installments over the remaining balance of the four-year period, contingent on the executive officer s continued service; (c) a term no longer than five years from the date of grant; and (d) to the extent not already exercisable, the options become exercisable in full on an accelerated basis upon (i) a sale of assets, (ii) a merger in which we do not survive or (iii) a reverse merger in which we survive but ownership of 50% or more of the voting power of our stock is transferred, unless the option is assumed or replaced with a comparable option by the successor corporation. In addition, pursuant to the terms of our option agreements with Mr. Starck, in the event Mr. Starck is terminated at any time after a corporate change in control transaction, the vesting of his options will accelerate and become fully vested. The options we granted prior to July 1, 2006, are also subject to limited stock appreciation rights pursuant to which the options, to the extent exercisable at the time a hostile tender offer occurs, will automatically be canceled in return for a cash payment equal to the tender-offer price minus the exercise price multiplied by the number of shares for which the option was exercisable. Although stock options granted to our executive officers typically contain time-vesting provisions, on one occasion in each of fiscal 2009, 2008 and 2007, our compensation committee

awarded stock options with performance vesting provisions to Messrs. Starck, McFarlane and McCloud and Ms. Blaha which will vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria, approved by our board of directors and compensation committee, relating to earnings growth with respect to the fiscal 2009 grants, relating to revenue growth with respect to the fiscal 2008 grants and relating to earnings growth with respect to the fiscal 2007 grants. Ms. Blaha also received a stock option award in fiscal 2009 which will vest based on

achievement of certain performance criteria, approved by our board of directors and compensation committee, relating to revenue growth. We decided to grant the performance-based stock options as part of our decision to pursue a new compensation strategy of aligning equity compensation with our earnings and revenue performance.

In fiscal 2009, we granted stock option awards for 230,775 shares to all full-time employees, including 71,300 shares to executive officers, or less than 4% of our outstanding common stock. In May 2006, stock options for 150,000 shares of common stock were awarded to Mr. Starck upon his hiring as President and Chief Operating Officer. One stock option to purchase 75,000 shares of common stock will vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and the remaining 75% of the shares subject to the stock option will vest in 36 successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each month of service by Mr. Starck after the first anniversary of the grant date. The other stock option to purchase 75,000 shares of common stock will vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria, approved by our board of directors and compensation committee, relating to earnings growth. These grants were larger than the grants to other named executives in the interest of providing an opportunity for a meaningful stock ownership for this new executive. Mr. Starck also was granted a time-vesting stock option for an additional 1,500 shares on November 2, 2006 on the same day as regularly scheduled board meeting. On November 6, 2006, the compensation committee acting by unanimous written consent also awarded Mr. Clemons 45,000 stock options in recognition for his contributions to our success in the previous year and for incentive purposes. Options granted to executive officers on May 10, August 2, and October 29, 2007 and May 6, 2009, were all approved by unanimous written consent of our compensation committee executed by the compensation committee members in person on the same day as the regularly scheduled board meeting on such date. Options granted to executive officers on February 24, 2009, were approved by unanimous written consent of our compensation committee on the date that specific revenue targets for those performance-based options were established. Executive officers received stock option grants in each of 2009, 2008 and 2007 for incentive purposes.

As part of their ongoing performance reviews, in May 2008, Messrs. Starck, McFarlane, and McCloud each were granted options to purchase 2,000 shares, 800 shares, and 500 shares, respectively, of our common stock at an exercise price of \$32.44. These options vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and the remaining 75% of the shares vest in 36 successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each month of service after the anniversary of the grant date, and terminate five years from grant.

If the board of directors determined that an executive officer has engaged in fraudulent or intentional misconduct, and if the misconduct resulted in a significant restatement of our financial results, we expect that we would, among other disciplinary action, seek reimbursement of any portion of performance-based or incentive compensation paid or awarded to the executive that is greater than would have been paid or awarded if calculated based on the restated financial results. This remedy would be in addition to, and not in lieu of, other disciplinary actions and any actions imposed by law enforcement agencies, regulators or other authorities.

Grants of Plan-Based Awards

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Name	Date	(\$)	(\$)	(\$)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(#)	(\$/Sh)(2)	(\$)(3)
V. Gordon Clemons Chairman of the Board and Former Chief Executive Officer(4)		\$	\$	\$							\$
Daniel J. Starck	5/6/08								2 000	32.44	24.077
CEO,	5/0/08								2,000	52.44	24,977
President and Chief Operating	8/14/08								5,000	30.00	58,293
Officer	11/3/08								3,000	25.82	31,118
	2/24/09						20,000)		19.79	164,238
Donald C. McFarlane Chief Information	5/6/08								800	32.44	9,991
Officer	8/14/08								750	30.00	8,744
	11/3/08								750	25.82	7,779
	2/24/09						7,500)		19.79	61,589
Scott R. McCloud Chief Financial	5/6/08								500	32.44	6,244
Officer	8/14/08								500	30.00	5,829
	11/3/08								500	25.82	5,186
	2/24/09						5,000)		19.79	41,060

Diane Blaha Vice President	2/5/09		10,000	20.37	82,732
of Sales(5)	2/5/09 2/24/09	10,000 5,000		20.37 19.79	84,526 41,059

- (1) The threshold and target will not be determinable until the completion of calendar year 2009.
- (2) See Note B, Stock-Based Compensation, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed June 12, 2009 for the relevant assumptions used to determine the valuation of our option awards.
- (3) The exercise price of the option award is equal to the closing price of our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant.
- (4) Mr. Clemons was not granted any options during fiscal 2009.
- (5) Ms. Blaha was promoted into the position of Vice President of Sales in November 2008.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End

			Stock Awards				
	Unexercised		Option Award Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Securities Underlying			Marke NumberValue of of SharesShares or or Units Units of of Stock Stock that that	Equity Incentive Equity Plan Incentiv&wards: Market Plan or Awards:Payout Number Value of of Unearntethearned Shares,Shares, Units Units or or Other Other Rights Rights
	Options (#)	Options (#)	Unexercised	Option	Option	have have not not	have have not not
		Jnexercisabl		Exercise	Expiration		l Vested Vested
Name	(1)	(1)	Options (#)	Price (\$)	Date(2)	(#) (\$)	(#) (\$)
V. Gordon Clemons Chairman of the Board and Former Chie Executive Office		18,750		\$ 30.13	11/6/2011	l	
Daniel J. Starck CEO, President	53,125	21,825		15.76	5/26/2011	l	
and Chief Operating	0	0	75,000(3)	15.76	5/26/2011		
Officer	875	625		29.41	11/02/2011	l	
	917	1,083		27.15	5/10/2012	2	
	1,979	3,021		26.85	8/02/2012		
	885	1,615		25.30	10/29/2012		
	0	0	6,000(4)	25.10	2/04/2013		
	677	1,823		25.10	2/04/2013		
	0	2,000		32.44	5/06/2013		
	0	5,000		30.00	8/14/2013		
	0	3,000		25.82	11/03/2013	5	

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Donald C.					
McFarlane	0	0	3,750(3)	15.76	5/26/2011
Chief Information					
Officer	1,125	0		17.14	8/05/2009
	2,325	0		13.47	2/09/2010
	1,438	62		13.50	5/05/2010
	1,969	281		15.79	9/01/2010
	1,000	200		11.00	11/22/2010
	925	275		11.99	2/02/2011
	1,860	765		14.76	5/04/2011
	1,212	663		18.09	8/03/2011
	589	406		29.41	11/02/2011
	417	383		47.70	2/01/2012
	387	4330		27.15	5/10/2012
	396	604		26.85	8/02/2012
	354	646		25.30	10/29/2012
	0	0	4,000(4)	25.10	2/04/2013
	271	728		25.10	2/04/2013
	0	800		32.44	5/06/2013
	0	750		30.00	8/14/2013
	0	750		25.82	11/03/2013
	0	0	7,500(3)	19.79	2/24/2014
			20		

			ds	Stock Awards					
	Number of Securities	Number of Securities	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of			Number of Shares or	l Market	Equity Incentive Plan Awards: Number of Unearnd Shares, Units or	Awards: Market or Payout Value of dnearned
		Underlying					of Stock	_	Rights
	Options (#)	Options (#)	Underlying Unexercised	Option	Option	that have not	that have not	that have not	that have not
Name	Exercisable (1)	Unexercisable (1)	e Unearned Options (#)	Exercise Price (\$)	Expiration Date(2)	Vested (#)	Vested (\$)	Vested (#)	Vested (\$)
Scott R. McCloud	450	0	1,500(3)	17.14	8/05/2009				
Chief Financial Officer	1,500	31		13.47	2/09/2010				
	719	750		13.50	5/05/2010				
	5,250	84		15.79	9/01/2010				
	366	172		13.16	12/01/2010				
	578	219		11.99	2/02/2011				
	531	1,500	1,000(4)	14.76	5/04/2011				
	0	265		15.76	5/26/2011				
	485	250		18.09	8/03/2011				
	360	240		29.41	11/02/2011				
	260	271		47.70	2/01/2012				
	229	262		27.15	5/10/2012				
	238	484		26.85	8/02/2012				
	266 0	292		25.30 25.10	10/29/2012 2/04/2013				
	108	500 500		25.10	2/04/2013				
	0 0	500 500		32.44 30.00	5/06/2013 8/14/2013				
	0 0	500		25.82	8/14/2013				
	U		5,000(3)	25.82 19.79	2/24/2013				
			5,000(5)	17.17	212412014				

Diane J. Blaha Vice President of	375	0		17.35	06/10/2009
Sales	359	16		13.50	05/05/2010
	266	109		14.76	05/04/2011
	0	0	10,000(4)	20.37	02/05/2014
	0	10,000		20.37	02/05/2014
	0	0	5,000(3)	19.79	2/24/2014

- (1) Options become exercisable for 25% of the option shares one year from the grant date and thereafter the remaining shares become exercisable in 36 equal monthly installments.
- (2) The expiration date of each option award is five years after the date of grant.
- (3) Options become exercisable based on achievement of certain performance criteria related to earnings growth.
- (4) Options become exercisable based on achievement of certain performance criteria related to revenue growth.

Option Exercises and Stock Vested

	Option	Awards	Stock Awards		
	Number of Shares Acquired	Value Realized on Exercise	Number of Shares Acquired on	Value Realized on	
Name	on Exercise (#)	(\$)(1)	Vesting (#)	Vesting (\$)	
V. Gordon Clemons Chairman of the Board and Former Chief Executive Officer	0	\$ 0		\$	
Daniel J. Starck Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer	0	0			
Donald C. McFarlane Chief Information Officer	1,200	12,402			
Scott R. McCloud Chief Financial Officer	900	6,251			
Diane J. Blaha Vice President of Sales	375	4,630			

(1) Represents the difference between the exercise price and the fair market value of our common stock on the date of exercise.

Perquisites

Our executives are entitled to the same perquisites as all employees and generally do not receive additional perquisites because they hold executive positions. All employees that participate in our 401(k) plan receive a discretionary matching contribution from us in an amount equal to a percentage of the employee s first 6% of contribution as approved by our board of directors in its sole discretion on an annual basis. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in our Restated 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, which in fiscal 2009, fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 provided a 5% discount from market price on the last day of the purchase period. Our health and life insurance plans are the same for all employees. We typically offer reimbursement to newly hired executive officers for relocation costs.

Post-Employment Compensation

We do not provide pension arrangements, non-qualified deferred compensation, or post-retirement health coverage for our executives or employees. All full-time employees are eligible to participate in our 401(k) plan. In any plan year, our board of directors in its sole discretion decides whether or not to contribute to each participant s account a matching contribution equal to a percentage of the first 6% of the participant s compensation that has been contributed to the plan. All of our executive officers participated in the plan during fiscal 2009, fiscal 2008 and fiscal 2007 and received matching contributions.

Employment Contracts, Termination of Employment and Change-In-Control Agreements

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Employment Contracts. We do not have employment contracts with any of our named executive officers other than Messrs. Clemons and Starck. On January 26, 1988, we along with Corstar Holdings, Inc. (formerly North Star) entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Clemons. The agreement became effective on February 15, 1988 and has an indefinite term. The agreement initially provided Mr. Clemons with an annual salary of \$250,000, payable in semi-monthly installments. Mr. Clemons may terminate the agreement at any time on four months notice and we may terminate the agreement at any time with or without cause. If Mr. Clemons is terminated without cause, we are required to pay Mr. Clemons his salary for one year after such termination, less any other employment compensation received by Mr. Clemons during such one year period. The compensation committee approved an increase in Mr. Clemons annual salary to \$350,000, effective January 1, 2002.

We entered into an employment agreement effective May 26, 2006 with Mr. Starck in connection with his appointment as our President and Chief Operating Officer. Pursuant to the terms of this employment agreement,

Mr. Starck received an initial annual base salary of \$330,000, subject to periodic review and adjustment. For the remainder of calendar year 2006, Mr. Starck was eligible to receive, in our sole discretion, a guaranteed bonus of \$75,000, provided that he completed at least six months of employment with us before the end of calendar year 2006, and he was eligible to receive, in our sole discretion, an additional bonus of up to \$75,000 based upon certain performance criteria determined by our board of directors. For calendar year 2007 and each calendar year thereafter during the term of the employment agreement, Mr. Starck is eligible to receive, in our sole discretion, a discretionary annual bonus of up to 70% of his annual base salary upon meeting certain expectations such as earnings and revenue targets, or up to 100% of his annual base salary for exceeding such expectations. The bonus amount will be based on the following factors: (1) our financial performance as determined and measured by our board of directors; and (2) Mr. Starck s achievement of management targets and goals as set by the board of directors.

The employment agreement with Mr. Starck continues until terminated upon written notice by either party at any time for any reason. Pursuant to the terms of the employment agreement, if (i) we terminate Mr. Starck s employment other than for cause (as such term is defined in the employment agreement), because of his death, or as a result of disability or (ii) Mr. Starck terminates his employment within 60 days following a reduction in his annual base salary to an annual amount less than \$297,000, Mr. Starck will be entitled to continued payment of his then current annual base salary for (a) a minimum of twenty-six weeks and (b) an additional week for each calendar quarter of service provided to us during the term of the employment agreement, provided that the total of such payments shall not exceed the annual base salary for one year and in any event shall cease at such time as Mr. Starck signing a general release of all known and unknown claims against us. Mr. Starck also will be entitled to certain gross-up payments not to exceed \$500,000 to offset any applicable excise taxes imposed pursuant to Sections 280G and 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

In connection with his employment, Mr. Starck also was granted options to purchase an aggregate of 150,000 shares of our common stock under and pursuant to the terms of our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan and option agreements. One stock option to purchase 75,000 shares of Common Stock will vest 25% on the first anniversary of the grant date, and the remaining 75% of the shares subject to the stock option will vest in 36 successive equal monthly installments upon completion of each month of service by Mr. Starck after the first anniversary of the grant date. The other stock option to purchase 75,000 shares of common stock will vest based on the achievement of certain performance criteria, approved by our board of directors and compensation committee, relating to earnings growth. Pursuant to the terms of the stock option agreements, in the event that Mr. Starck is terminated at any time after a corporate change in control transaction, the vesting of his stock options will accelerate and become fully vested.

In the event of a corporate change in control transaction, each outstanding stock option granted under the Discretionary Option Grant Program of our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan will automatically become exercisable as to all of the option shares immediately prior to the effective date of the corporate change in control transaction. However, no acceleration will occur if and to the extent: (a) such option is either to be assumed by the successor corporation or parent thereof or replaced by a comparable option to purchase shares of the capital stock of the successor corporation or parent thereof, (b) such option is to be replaced with a cash incentive program of the successor corporation designed to preserve the option spread existing at the time of the corporate change in control transaction and incorporating the same vesting schedule applicable to the option or (c) acceleration of such option is subject to other applicable limitations imposed by the compensation committee at the time of grant.

The compensation committee, as the administrator of our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan, has the authority to provide for accelerated vesting of the shares of common stock subject to any outstanding stock options held by any of our named executive officers in connection with certain changes in control or the subsequent termination of the officer s employment following a change in control.

Summary Termination Table. The following table summarizes each executive officer s present estimated entitlement to severance and the potential value of stock option acceleration upon a termination other than for cause, a termination within 60 days after a reduction in salary and a termination following a change in control, as if such termination occurred on March 31, 2009. The potential value of accelerated stock option vesting is based on the closing price of our stock on March 31, 2009 and is in addition to the value of vested stock options shown in the Option Exercises and Stock Vested table above. These termination provisions were individually negotiated with Mr. Clemons and Mr. Starck for recruitment and retention purposes.

	-	or Cause-No	Other than Change of	60 day Redu	on Within s After action		nation After a
Name		Cont Cash	trol Accelerated Option Vesting	in Sa Cash	alary Accelerated Option Vesting	Chang Cash	ge in Control Accelerated Option Vesting
V. Gordon Clemons Daniel J. Starck(1) Donald C. McFarlane Scott R. McCloud Diane J. Blaha	\$ \$	350,000 170,000 N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	\$ N/A 170,000 N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A N/A N/A N/A N/A	N/A% \$ 1,492,654 N/A N/A N/A

(1) Mr. Starck is entitled to certain gross up payments not to exceed \$500,000 to offset any applicable excise taxes imposed pursuant to Sections 280G and 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended.

Principal Elements of Director Compensation

Compensation of Directors

Each non-employee director received an amount equal to \$3,000 in fiscal 2009 for each board of directors meeting attended in person, as well as reimbursement for all associated travel expenses, and \$1,000 for each telephonic board of directors meeting and each in-person or telephonic committee meeting attended provided it was not in conjunction with a duly convened board of directors meeting Other than the Chairman of the audit committee, who in fiscal 2009 received \$1,000 for each audit committee meeting attended and an annual retainer of \$4,000 for other services performed in his capacity as Chairman of the audit committee, the directors did not receive fees for any other director services during fiscal 2009. These amounts were determined and approved during a telephonic meeting held on April 24, 2006, by the nomination and governance committee based on their prior experience and ratified by the compensation committee. In the future, any adjustments to director compensation will be approved by the compensation committee.

Currently, when an individual who has not previously been in our employ first becomes a non-employee member of our board of directors, he or she receives an automatic stock option grant for 7,500 shares of common stock under our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan). In addition, on the date of each annual stockholders meeting, each non-employee director who has served as a non-employee member of our board of directors for at least six months, whether or not such individual is standing for re-election as a member of our board of directors at that particular meeting and whether or not such individual has been in our prior employ, is

automatically granted a stock option to purchase 3,000 shares of common stock. The exercise price of these stock options is set at the closing price of our common stock as reported by the Nasdaq Global Select Market on the date of grant. Ms. Macino and each of Messrs. Hamerslag, Hoops, Jessup, and Michael will be automatically granted a stock option to purchase 3,000 shares of common stock on August 6, 2009 (the date of the 2009 annual meeting of stockholders) at an exercise price equal to the fair market value of the common stock on such date. Each automatic grant has a maximum term of ten years measured from the grant date, and becomes exercisable in a series of four equal and successive annual installments over the optione s period of service on the board of directors, with the first such installment to become exercisable twelve months after the grant date.

Director Compensation

	Fees				Change in Pension Value and		
	Earned			Non-Equity Incentive	Nonqualified	l	
Name(1)	or Paid in Cash (\$)	Stock Awards (\$)	Option Awards (\$)(2)(3)	Plan	Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Steven J. Hamerslag Alan R. Hoops Judd Jessup Jean H. Macino Jeffrey J. Michael	\$ 15,000 15,000 19,000 12,769 12,000	\$	\$ 34,976 34,976 34,976 34,976 34,976		\$	\$	\$ 49,976 49,976 53,976 47,745 46,976

- (1) V. Gordon Clemons, the chairman of our board of directors, has been omitted from this table as he receives no additional compensation for serving on our board of directors.
- (2) Represents the amounts of compensation expense recognized in fiscal 2009 for financial reporting purposes related to stock option awards granted in fiscal 2009 and prior fiscal years, excluding the effect of forfeiture assumptions. See Note B, Stock-Based Compensation, in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed June 12, 2009, for the relevant assumptions used to determine the valuation of our option awards.
- (3) Aggregate option awards outstanding that have been granted under the automatic option grant program of our Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan to each of our non-employee directors as of March 31, 2009, the last day of our most recent fiscal year, are as follows: Mr. Hamerslag- 18,486 shares, Mr. Hoops- 26,248 shares, Mr. Jessup-57,750 shares, Ms. Macino- 10,000 shares, and Mr. Michael- 57,750 shares.

Impact of Accounting and Tax Treatment of Compensation

Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code disallows a tax deduction to publicly held companies for compensation paid to certain of their executive officers to the extent that such compensation exceeds \$1.0 million per covered officer in any fiscal year. The limitation applies only to compensation that is not considered to be performance-based. Non-performance-based compensation paid to our executive officers during fiscal 2009 did not exceed the \$1.0 million limit per officer, and we do not expect the non-performance-based compensation payable to any of our executive officers in the foreseeable future will approach the \$1.0 million limit, we do not expect to take any action to limit or restructure the elements of cash compensation payable to our executive officers so as to qualify that compensation as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m). We will reconsider this decision should the individual cash compensation of any executive officer ever approach the \$1.0 million level. With respect to Mr. Starck s compensation, we agreed to certain gross up payments not to exceed \$500,000 to offset any applicable

excise taxes imposed pursuant to Sections 280G and 4999 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended

Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

Messrs. Hamerslag, Hoops and Michael served as members of the compensation committee during fiscal year 2009. Mr. Michael is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Corstar Holdings, Inc., a beneficial owner of more than 10% of the outstanding shares of our common stock. No member of the compensation committee was, during fiscal 2009, an employee or officer of ours or was formerly an officer of ours.

During fiscal 2009, no current executive officer of ours served as a member of the board of directors or compensation committee of any other entity that has or had one or more executive officers serving as a member of our board of directors or compensation committee.

Report of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors

The compensation committee of the board of directors has reviewed and discussed CorVel s compensation discussion and analysis with management. Based on this review and discussion, the compensation committee recommended to the board of directors that the compensation discussion and analysis be included in CorVel s definitive proxy statement on Schedule 14A for its 2009 annual meeting of stockholders, and be incorporated by reference in CorVel s annual report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009, each filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

The foregoing report was submitted by the compensation committee of the board of directors and shall not be deemed soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission or subject to Regulation 14A or 14C promulgated by the Securities and Exchange Commission or to the liabilities of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Notwithstanding CorVel s incorporation of the foregoing report by reference into its Annual Report on Form 10-K, the foregoing report shall be deemed furnished in the Annual Report on Form 10-K and shall not be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 as a result of such furnishing.

Respectfully submitted,

Alan R. Hoops Jean H. Macino Jeffrey J. Michael

SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

The following table sets forth certain information known to the us as of March 31, 2009, with respect to beneficial ownership of Common Stock by (i) each person (or group of affiliated persons) who is known by us to own beneficially more than 5% of the outstanding Common Stock, (ii) each director and/or nominee for director, (iii) each of our named executive officers (named under the heading Summary Compensation Table above), and (iv) all current directors and executive officers as a group, together with the approximate percentages of outstanding Common Stock beneficially owned by each of them. The following table is based upon information supplied by directors, executive officers and principal stockholders, and Schedules 13D and 13G filed with the SEC. Except as otherwise noted, the persons named in the following table have sole voting and investment power with respect to all shares shown as beneficially owned by them, subject to community property laws where applicable. Unless otherwise indicated, the principal address of each of the stockholders below is c/o CorVel Corporation, 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount of Common Stock Beneficially Owned	Percentage of Common Stock Beneficially Owned(1)
Jeffrey J. Michael	4,117,181(2)	32%
10901 Red Circle Drive, Suite 370		
Minnetonka, MN 55343		
Corstar Holdings, Inc.	4,050,001	31%
10901 Red Circle Drive, Suite 370		
Minnetonka, MN 55343		
V. Gordon Clemons	1,309,493(3)	10.1%
2010 Main Street, Suite 600		
Irvine, CA 92614		
HealthCor Management, L.P.	1,063,451(4)	7.9%
152 West 57 th Street, 47 th Floor		
New York, NY 10019		
Wellington Management Company, L.P.	718,026(5)	5.4%
75 State Street		
Boston, MA 02109		
R. Judd Jessup	87,913(6)	*
Daniel J. Starck	64,647(7)	*
Steven J. Hamerslag	59,813(8)	*
Donald C. McFarlane	18,266(9)	*
Alan R. Hoops	17,061(10)	*
Scott R. McCloud	16,636(11)	*
Diane J. Blaha	2,379(12)	*
Jean H. Macino	1,875(13)	*
All current executive officers and directors as a group (10	5 500 20((14)	10 000
individuals)	5,502,306(14)	42.00%

- * Less than 1%
- (1) Applicable percentage ownership is based on 12,917,279 shares of Common Stock outstanding as of March 31, 2009. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, and generally includes voting power and/or investment power with respect to the securities held. Any securities not outstanding but which are subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009 are deemed outstanding and beneficially owned for the purpose of computing the percentage of outstanding Common Stock beneficially owned by any person holding such options but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage of Common Stock beneficially owned by any other person.

- (2) Includes 4,050,001 shares owned by Corstar, 67,180 shares owned directly by Mr. Michael, a director of ours and of Corstar, and 48,563 shares subject to options held by Mr. Michael that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009. Mr. Michael is the President, Chief Executive Officer and a director of Corstar. In addition, Mr. Michael is the trustee of the Michael Family Grantor Trust (formerly Michael Acquisition Corporation Trust), which is the sole shareholder of Corstar. Based on the foregoing, Mr. Michael may be deemed to have beneficial ownership of the shares of our Common Stock held by Corstar. Mr. Michael disclaims such beneficial ownership except to the extent of any indirect pecuniary interest therein.
- (3) Includes 1,281,368 shares owned by Mr. Clemons directly and 28,125 shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (4) According to the Schedule 13G of HealthCor Management, L.P., (HealthCor) dated February 17, 2009, collectively, HealthCor, L.P., HealthCore Offshore Master Fund L.P., and HealthCor Hybrid Offshore Master Fund, L.P., (each a Fund and together, the Funds) are the beneficial owners of a total of 1,063,451 shares of the Common Stock of CorVel. By virtue of its position as the investment manager of the Funds, HealthCor has shared voting and dispositive power over the shares. HealthCor Associates, LLC is the general partner of HealthCor Management, L.P. HealthCor Group LLC is the general partner of HealthCor Capital, L.P., which is in turn is the general partner of HealthCor, L.P. As the managers of HealthCor Associates, LLC, Arthur Cohen and Joseph Healey exercise both shared voting and investment power with respect to the shares.
- (5) According to the Schedule 13G of Wellington Management Company (Wellington) dated February 17, 2009, Wellington, in its capacity as investment advisor, has shared power to vote and dispose the shares.
- (6) Includes 39,350 shares owned directly by Mr. Jessup and 48,563 shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (7) Includes 2,000 shares owned directly by Mr. Starck and 62,647 shares subject to options held by Mr. Starck that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (8) Consists of 54,564 shares owned directly by Mr. Hamerslag and 5,249 shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (9) Includes 1,962 shares owned directly by Mr. McFarlane and 16,304 shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (10) Consists of 17,061 shares subject to options held by Mr. Hoops that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (11) Includes 3,938 shares owned directly by Mr. McCloud, 711 shares owned by Mr. McCloud s spouse and 11,989 shares subject to options exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (12) Consists of 1,232 shares owned directly by Ms. Blaha and 1,147 shares subject to options that are exercisable within 60 days of March, 31, 2009.
- (13) Consists of 1,875 shares subject to options held by Ms. Macino that are exercisable within 60 days of March 31, 2009.
- (14) Includes the information set forth in notes 2, 3, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, and 13 above.

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Equity Compensation Plan Information

The following table provides information as of March 31, 2009, with respect to the shares of our Common Stock that may be issued under our existing equity compensation plans. We have not assumed any equity compensation plans in connection with any mergers or acquisitions.

	A Number of Securities to be Issued Upon Exercise of	Av Exercis Outs	B sighted verage se Price of standing	C Number of Securities Remaining Available for Future Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans (Excluding Securities
Plan Category	Outstanding Options	U	ptions	Reflected in Column A)
Equity Compensation Plans Approved by Shareholders(1) Equity Compensation Plans Not	1,115,171(2)	\$	20.31	996,475(3)
Approved by Shareholders Total	0 1,115,171	\$ \$	0 20.31	0 996,475

- (1) Consists solely of the CorVel Corporation Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan) and the Restated 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Excludes purchase rights accruing under our 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan which has a stockholder approved reserve of 1,425,000 shares. Under the Purchase Plan, each eligible employee may purchase up to 1,000 shares of our Common Stock at semi-annual intervals on the last business day of March and September each year at a purchase price per share equal to 95% of the fair market value of a share of our Common Stock on the last day of the relevant purchase period. For the purchase period ending September 30, 2009, the administrator has set the maximum permitted payroll deduction at 5% of salary and established a purchase price equal to 95% of the fair market value on September 30, 2009.
- (3) Includes shares available for future issuance under the 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. As of March 31, 2009, an aggregate of 249,123 shares of our Common Stock were available for issuance under the 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan. During the last purchase period ending March 31, 2009, 9,003 shares were purchased and we expect approximately a similar number of shares will be subject to purchase in the current purchase period.

Share issuances under the CorVel Corporation Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan) will not reduce or otherwise affect the number of shares of our Common Stock available for issuance under the 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and share issuances under the 1991 Employee Stock Purchase Plan will not reduce or otherwise affect the number of shares of our Common Stock available for issuance under the CorVel Corporation Restated Omnibus Incentive Plan (Formerly The Restated 1988 Executive Stock Option Plan).

CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED PERSON TRANSACTIONS

Mr. Clemons has an adult son, V. Gordon Clemons, Jr., who is currently employed by CorVel as its Vice President Enterprise Comp. V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. became an employee of CorVel in 2001 as a Product Manager, served as Director of Business Development from June 2002 to March 2006, and was promoted to Vice President of Business Development in March 2006 and subsequently promoted to Vice President, Enterprise Comp in April 2007, and most recently assumed the role of Vice President Network Solutions in June 2009. V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. has received a salary of \$125,167, \$145,627, and \$165,110 for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009 respectively. V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. also received a bonus of \$64,000, \$106,313 and \$56,834 for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009 respectively. V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. also received stock option grants for 6,825, 10,750, 16,250 shares for fiscal years 2007, 2008, and 2009, respectively, which includes a stock option for 6,000 shares granted on February 4, 2008, which becomes exercisable based on achievement of certain performance criteria related to revenue growth and a stock option for 12,500 shares granted on February 24, 2009, which becomes exercisable based on achievement of certain performance criteria related to earnings growth. As of March 31, 2009, V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. held outstanding stock options for 37,950 shares. The grant date fair market value was

\$147,406 for the stock option grants that V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. received in fiscal 2009, \$106,789 for the stock option grants that V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. received in fiscal 2008 and \$60,836 for the stock option grants that V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. received in fiscal 2007. V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. received other compensation of annual premiums and matching 401(k) contributions in the aggregate amount of \$1,552, \$1,029 and \$764.17 for fiscal years 2009, 2008, and 2007, respectively, paid by us for the purchase of group term life insurance in an amount equal to his annual salary and as matching contributions by us to our Section 401(k) Plan. The compensation of V. Gordon Clemons, Jr. has been ratified by the audit committee.

FMR Corp. Fidelity Management Trust Company, an affiliate of FMR Corp., has provided services to us in connection with the administration of our 401(k) employee savings plan since calendar year 1993. During calendar years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 the total amount of fees charged to CorVel for these services was approximately \$80,493, \$86,514, \$85,223, \$71,976, \$62,900, \$33,570, and \$36,655, \$33,772, and \$29,694 respectively. In addition, during calendar years 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008 our employees who participated in the 401(k) plan paid Fidelity \$5,563, \$6,548, \$6910, \$8049, \$11,684, \$23,900, \$26,090, \$23,744, \$26,671, and \$23,021 respectively, for asset management and plan administration services. Prior to 2000, payments to FMR Corp. did not exceed \$60,000 in any fiscal year. Based on its holdings reported on a Schedule 13G filed on February 17, 2009, FMR Corp. beneficially owned 3.7% of our common stock as of December 31, 2009, and has historically beneficially owned greater than 5% of our common stock. The Audit Committee has reviewed FMR Corp. s stock ownership position in CorVel and has concluded that such ownership position does not currently have and is not expected to have a bearing on CorVel s relationship with Fidelity Management Trust Company.

Since the beginning of fiscal year 2009, other than as described above and as described under the heading Compensation Discussion and Analysis, there has not been, nor has there been proposed, any transaction, arrangement or relationship or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, including those involving indebtedness not in the ordinary course of business, to which we or our subsidiaries were or are a party, or in which we or our subsidiaries were or are a participant, in which the amount involved exceeded or exceeds \$120,000 and in which any of our directors, nominees for director, executive officers, beneficial owners of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities, or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest. Each of the transactions described above was reviewed and approved or ratified by our Audit

Committee.

Policies and Procedures for Related Person Transactions

Under Item 404 of SEC Regulation S-K, a related person transaction is any actual or proposed transaction, arrangement or relationship or series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships, including those involving indebtedness not in the ordinary course of business, since the beginning of our last fiscal year, to which we or our subsidiaries were or are a party, or in which we or our subsidiaries were or are a participant, in which the amount involved exceeded or exceeds \$120,000 and in which any of our directors, nominees for director, executive officers, beneficial owners of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities, or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons, had or will have a direct or indirect material interest.

Pursuant to its written charter, our Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving all related person transactions and potential conflict of interest situations involving any of our directors, nominees for director, executive officers, beneficial owners of more than 5% of any class of our voting securities, or any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons.

Our Audit Committee also has adopted written policies and procedures for related person transactions that require the Audit Committee to review any proposed transaction with related persons to determine if it rises to the level of a

related person transaction covered by Item 404 of Regulation S-K and, if it does, then such related person transaction must be approved or ratified by the disinterested members of the Audit Committee. Our management must disclose to the Audit Committee all material information regarding actual and proposed related person transactions known to them that involve our directors, nominees for director, executive officers, persons known to be five percent or greater beneficial owners of our stock, and any member of the immediate family of any of the foregoing persons. A related person will not be deemed to have a material interest in a transaction if the interest

arises only: (a) from the person s position as a director of another corporation or organization that is a party to the transaction; or (b) from the direct or indirect ownership by such person and all other related persons, in the aggregate, of less than a ten percent equity interest in another person or entity (other than a partnership) which is a party to the transaction; or (c) from a combination of both (a) and (b); or (d) from the person s position as a limited partner in a partnership in which the person and all other related persons, have an interest of less than ten percent, and the person is not a general partner of and does not hold another position in the partnership.

Our Audit Committee has determined that the following categories of transactions shall be deemed preapproved by the Audit Committee, notwithstanding the fact that they are related person transactions:

compensation to executive officers determined by our Compensation Committee;

compensation to directors determined by our Compensation Committee or our Board; and

transactions in which all security holders receive proportional benefits.

Section 16(a) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the 1934 Act), as amended, requires our officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our equity securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC. Officers, directors and greater than 10% stockholders are required by SEC regulations to furnish us with copies of all Section 16(a) forms they file.

Based solely on our review of the copies of such forms received by us, we believe that, during fiscal year 2009, all transactions required to be reported by our officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were reported in a timely manner.

ANNUAL REPORT ON FORM 10-K AND STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS FOR THE 2010 ANNUAL MEETING

We filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission an Annual Report on Form 10-K on June 12, 2009. A copy of the Annual Report on our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended March 31, 2009 has been mailed concurrently with this Proxy Statement to stockholders entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting, and is also posted at https://materials.proxyvote.com/221006. No separate annual report to the stockholders was prepared. The Annual Report sent to stockholders is not incorporated into this Proxy Statement and is not considered soliciting material. Our Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as certain other reports, proxy statements and other information regarding us, are available on the Securities and Exchange Commission s Web site at http://www.sec.gov. In addition, we will provide without charge a copy of our Annual Report on Form 10-K to any stockholder upon written request addressed to our corporate Secretary, CorVel Corporation, 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614, and will furnish upon request any exhibits to the Form 10-K upon the payment by the requesting stockholder of our reasonable expenses in furnishing such exhibits.

Stockholders may present proposals for action at a future meeting only if they comply with the requirements of the proxy rules established by the SEC and our Bylaws. Pursuant to Rule 14a-8 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, some stockholder proposals may be eligible for inclusion in the proxy statement for our 2010 annual meeting. These stockholder proposals, along with proof of ownership of our stock in accordance with Rule 14a-8(b)(2), must be received by us not later than March 8, 2010, which is 120 calendar days prior to the anniversary date of the mailing of this Proxy Statement.

Stockholders are also advised to review our Bylaws which contain additional advance notice requirements, including requirements with respect to advance notice of stockholder proposals (other than non-binding proposals presented under Rule 14a-8) and director nominations. Under our current Bylaws, the deadline for submitting such stockholder proposals or a nomination for director is May 10, 2010, which is 90 days prior to the anniversary date of the 2009 Annual Meeting. If a stockholder gives notice of such proposal after this deadline, the stockholder will not be permitted to present the proposal to the stockholders for a vote at the meeting. All stockholder proposals must be in the form required by our Bylaws. If a stockholder gives notice of a proposal after May 24, 2010, which is the 45th calendar day prior to the anniversary of the mailing date for this year s proxy materials, our proxy holders will

be allowed to use their discretionary voting authority to vote the shares they represent as the Board may recommend, which may include a vote against the stockholder proposal when and if the proposal is raised at our 2010 annual meeting. We have not been notified by any stockholder of his or her intent to present a stockholder proposal from the floor of the 2009 Annual Meeting. The enclosed Proxy grants the proxy holders discretionary authority to vote on any matter properly brought before the 2009 Annual Meeting.

Stockholder proposals must be in writing addressed to our corporate Secretary, CorVel Corporation, 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California 92614. It is recommended that stockholders submitting proposals utilize certified mail, return receipt requested in order to provide proof of timely receipt. All stockholder proposals must be in compliance with applicable laws and regulations.

COSTS OF SOLICITATION

Proxies will be solicited by mail and by telephone, facsimile, electronic or any other means, by our regular employees without additional remuneration. We will request banks, brokerage houses and other institutions to forward the soliciting material to persons for whom they hold shares. We will reimburse banks, brokerage houses and other institutions for their reasonable expenses in forwarding our proxy materials to beneficial owners of our Common Stock. All costs associated with the solicitation of proxies, including the preparation, printing and mailing of this proxy statement, the proxy and any additional solicitation materials furnished to the stockholders, will be borne by us. We may retain a proxy solicitor to assist in the distribution of proxies and proxy solicitation materials, and in the solicitation of proxies. Generally, the fee for such services is approximately \$15,000 plus expenses. If so, we will pay the proxy solicitor reasonable and customary fees. Except as described above, we do not presently intend to solicit proxies other than by mail.

By Order of the Board of Directors

Richard J. Schweppe Secretary

July 6, 2009 Irvine, California

CORVEL CORPORATION PROXY Annual Meeting of Stockholders, August 6, 2009 This Proxy is Solicited on Behalf of the Board of Directors

The undersigned revokes all previous proxies, acknowledges receipt of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on August 6, 2009, and the accompanying Proxy Statement, and appoints V. Gordon Clemons and Richard J. Schweppe, or either of them, the proxy of the undersigned, with full power of substitution, to vote all shares of the Common Stock of CorVel Corporation which the undersigned is entitled to vote, either on his or her own behalf or on behalf of an entity or entities, at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders of CorVel Corporation to be held at 2010 Main Street, Suite 600, Irvine, California, on Thursday, August 6, 2009 at 1:00 p.m. Pacific Daylight Time, and at any adjournment or postponement thereof, with the same force and effect as the undersigned might or could do if personally present thereat. In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon any other matter that may properly come before the meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. The shares represented by this proxy shall be voted in the following manner:

1. To elect the following directors to serve until the 2010 annual meeting of stockholders or until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

V. Gordon	FOR o	WITHHOLDING AUTHORITY o
Clemons		
Steven J.	FOR o	WITHHOLDING AUTHORITY o
Hamerslag		
Alan R. Hoops	FOR o	WITHHOLDING AUTHORITY o
R. Judd Jessup	FOR o	WITHHOLDING AUTHORITY o
Jean H. Macino	FOR o	WITHHOLDING AUTHORITY o
Jeffrey J.	FOR o	WITHHOLDING AUTHORITY o
Michael		

2. To ratify the appointment of Haskell & White LLP as our independent auditors for the fiscal year ending March 31, 2010; and

FOR o AGAINST o ABSTAIN o In accordance with the discretion of the proxy holders, to act upon all matters incident to the conduct of the

meeting and upon other matters as may properly come before the meeting.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR each of the nominees and the proposals set forth above. This Proxy, when properly executed, will be voted as specified above. This Proxy will be voted FOR the nominees listed above and FOR the other Proposals if no specification is made.

Dated:

(Print name(s) as it (they) appear(s) on certificate)

(Authorized Signature(s)) Please print the name(s) appearing on each share certificate(s) over which you have voting authority.

PLEASE RETURN YOUR EXECUTED PROXY TO COMPUTERSHARE TRUST COMPANY, N.A. IN THE ENCLOSED SELF-ADDRESSED, POSTAGE PRE-PAID ENVELOPE.