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**AMENDMENT NO. 2 TO  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
ON FORM SB-2**

*Under*

*The Securities Act of 1933*

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**NEXT, INC.**

(Name of Small Business Issuer in Its Charter)

2759

(Primary Standard Industrial Classification Code Number)

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Jurisdiction	Executive Offices	Employer
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**APPROXIMATE DATE OF COMMENCEMENT OF PROPOSED SALE TO THE PUBLIC:** From time to time after this registration statement becomes effective.

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act of 1933 (the Securities Act ), check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering. [ ]

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The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

Subject to completion, April 28, 2006

## **PROSPECTUS**

**NEXT, INC.**

### **OFFERING UP TO 3,565,000 Shares of Common Stock**

This Prospectus relates to the registration of up to 3,565,000 shares of common stock of the Company. Of these shares, 2,300,000 have been issued pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated January 24, 2005 and 1,150,000 may be issued pursuant to warrants dated January 25, 2005 as follows: (i) Bonanza Master Fund, Ltd. purchased from the Company 2,000,000 shares of common stock and a warrant to purchase 1,000,000 shares of common stock; (ii) MidSouth Investor Fund, L.P. purchased from the Company 250,000 shares of common stock and a warrant to purchase 125,000 shares of common stock; and (iii) Itasca Capital Partners LLC purchased from the Company 50,000 shares of common stock and a warrant to purchase 25,000 shares of common stock. In connection with this transaction the Company also issued a warrant to purchase 115,000 shares of common stock to Dougherty & Company, LLC. The shares offered under this Prospectus were issued by the Company in private transactions.

There is no minimum number of shares that must be sold in this offering. Information regarding the selling stockholders and the manner in which they may offer and sell the shares under this Prospectus is provided under the

heading "Plan of Distribution" commencing on page four. Although the Company has received the proceeds from the sale of the common stock and the warrants and may receive further proceeds from the exercise of the warrants, it will not receive any of the proceeds from sales of the common stock by the selling stockholders under this Prospectus. To the knowledge of the Company, the selling stockholders have not made any arrangements with any brokerage firm, underwriter or agent for the sale of the shares of common stock.

The common stock is quoted on the OTC Bulletin Board ( OTCBB ) under the symbol NXTI.OB but it is not listed on a national securities exchange. On April 27, 2006 the last reported sale price of the common stock was \$0.59 per share.

Investing in the common stock involves a high degree of risk which is described in the "Risk Factors" beginning on page two of this Prospectus.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this Prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The information in this Prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. The Prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and it is not a solicitation of an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

The date of this Prospectus is \_\_\_\_\_, 2006.

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**PROSPECTUS SUMMARY**

This summary highlights selected information contained elsewhere in this Prospectus. It may not contain all of the information you should consider before investing in the Company's common stock. You should carefully consider all information contained in this Prospectus and particularly the section on Risk Factors set forth below before investing in the shares of common stock offered under this Prospectus.

**The Company**

Next, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company) formed in 1989, is a creative and innovative sales and marketing organization that designs, develops, markets and distributes licensed and branded promotional products and imprinted sportswear primarily through key licensing agreements and the Company's own proprietary designs. The Company's fiscal year ends on the Friday closest to November 30. The Company's principal executive offices are located at 7625 Hamilton Park Drive, Suite 12, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37421. The Company's telephone number is (423) 296-8213. The common stock is quoted on the OTCBB but it is not listed on a national securities exchange. Because the common stock is not listed for trading on any national securities exchange there may be a limited market for the Company's shares. The trading symbol is NXTI.OB.

**The Offering**

Up to 3,565,000 shares of common stock, par value \$0.001 may be sold by the selling stockholders from time to time at prevailing market prices or in privately negotiated transactions. Of these shares, 2,300,000 have been issued pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement dated January 24, 2005 and 1,265,000 may be issued pursuant to warrants dated January 25, 2005.

**Selling Stockholders**

Bonanza Master Fund, Ltd., MidSouth Investor Fund, L.P., Itasca Capital Partners LLC and Dougherty & Company, LLC.

Proceeds to the Company

Although the Company will receive no proceeds from sales of common stock by the selling stockholders, the Company received \$2,990,000 in the aggregate for sales of the shares of common stock and warrants to the selling stockholders, or \$2,691,000 net of associated fees, and may receive up to \$2,213,750 if the selling stockholders exercise all their warrants.



## **RISK FACTORS**

An investment in our common stock involves a high degree of risk. You should carefully consider the following risk factors, other information included in this prospectus and information in our periodic reports filed with the SEC. If any of the following developments described as risks actually occur, our business, financial condition or results of operations could be materially and adversely affected and you may lose some or all of your investment.

### **SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS**

This prospectus contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. We generally use words such as "believe," "may," "could," "will," "intend," "expect," "anticipate," "plan," and similar expressions to identify forward-looking statements. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements for many reasons, including the risks described below and elsewhere in this report. Although we believe the expectations reflected in the forward-looking statements are reasonable, they relate only to events as of the date on which the statements are made, and our future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements may not meet these expectations. We do not intend to update any of the forward-looking statements after the date of this document to conform these statements to actual results or to changes in our expectations, except as required by law.

**Risks Related To Our Business.** In addition to the other information contained in this report, including risks and uncertainties described elsewhere, the following risk factors should be considered in evaluating the Company. The risks and uncertainties described below or elsewhere in this report are not the only ones the Company faces. Additional risks and uncertainties not presently known to the Company or that the Company currently deems immaterial also may impair the Company's business and operations. If any of the risks described below or elsewhere in this report materialize, the Company's business, financial condition, operating results and cash flows could be materially affected. Stockholders or investors considering the purchase of shares of the Company's common stock should carefully consider the following risk factors, in addition to the other information contained in this report.

You should not rely on the Company's past results to predict its future performance because its operating results fluctuate due to factors which are difficult to forecast and often out of the Company's control. The Company's past revenues and other operating results may not be accurate indicators of the Company's future performance. The factors that may contribute to these fluctuations include: fluctuations in aggregate capital spending, cyclicalities and other economic conditions in one or more markets in which we sell our products; changes or reductions in demand in the markets we serve; a change in market acceptance of the Company's products or a shift in demand for the Company's products; new product introductions by the Company or by the Company's competitors; changes in product mix and pricing by the Company, its suppliers or its competitors; pricing and related availability of raw materials for the Company's products; the Company's failure to manufacture a sufficient volume of products in a timely and cost

-effective manner; the Company's failure to anticipate changing product requirements of its customers; changes in the mix of sales by distribution channels; exchange rate fluctuations; and extraordinary events such as litigation or acquisitions.

**Loss of Licenses.** A substantial portion of the Company's revenue is derived from its licensing program and Company owned brands. The Company is a party to numerous licensing agreements to utilize "branded" logos for its products. Licenses from colleges and universities comprise the greatest segment of the Company's licenses and these licenses are grouped into master licenses. All of these master license arrangements have a duration of one to three years and may not contain automatic renewal options. Although the Company has had no difficulty renewing these license arrangements in the past and obtaining new licenses, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to do so in the future. The loss of any one group of licenses or any master license may have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial conditions and results of operations.

**Competition.** The principal competitive factors affecting the market for the Company's products include product functionality, performance, quality, reliability, delivery, price, compatibility and conformance with customer and licensor standards. Several of the Company's existing and potential competitors are larger than the Company and may have substantially greater financial, sourcing and other resources than does the Company. In addition, the Company may in the future face competition from new entrants in its markets and there can be no assurance that these competitors will not offer better price points for competitive products or offer better terms to the Company's customers than those offered by the Company to obtain greater market share or cause the Company to lower prices for its products, any of which could harm the Company's business.

**Dependence Upon Key Personnel.** The Company depends to a significant degree on the continued contribution of key executive management and key operations and sales management. The loss of the services of one or more key executives could have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Company's success also depends on its ability to attract and retain additional highly qualified management personnel to meet the needs of future expansion. Competition for these individuals is intense and they are often subject to offers from competing employers, some of whom may be better able to offer more lucrative compensation incentives than those offered by the Company. Although most of the Company's key employees have been with the Company for an extended period of time, there can be no assurance that the Company will be able to retain its key employees, or that it will be able to attract or retain additional skilled personnel as needed. The Company's key executive management, senior operational, finance and sales management personnel have entered into written employment contracts with the Company.

**Dependence On Non-U.S. Suppliers.** The Company sources a significant amount of its products from international suppliers. Relationships with foreign suppliers present a greater risk of disruption due to political and economic instability than relationships with domestic suppliers. Although the majority of the products used by the Company are available from multiple sources both domestically and internationally, any disruption in availability of products and services from these foreign suppliers could lead to increases in the Company's product costs. The Company believes it can locate alternative products from several supplier sources to obtain the quality and delivery standards if a disruption in international sources should occur.

**Dependence Upon Key Customers.** Historically, the Company's customer base has been comprised primarily of national and regional mass merchandise and specialty retailers. During the past three years the Company has made a concerted effort to expand its customer base. The acquisition of CMJ Ventures, Inc., which sells to over five hundred specialty retailers, and the introduction of major product lines and distribution channels, such as the Motor Sports Division, which sells to a dealer network of approximately 9,000 auto dealers are two components of this expansion. The acquisition of Lil' Fan, Inc ("Lil' Fan") also expanded the Company's customer base with the addition of a full line of design and merchandising primarily focusing on children's licensed college and motor sports products. Lil' Fan customers are complementary to the Company and do not overlap with existing customers. The acquisition of Choice International, Inc further expands the customer base into a private label distribution network. Additionally, the acquisition of S-2-S Acquisition Corporation gave the Company access to a new customer who is a large national retailer. As a result of this effort, the Company has developed a large, diverse, and distinguished customer base of traditional retailers, ranging from national and large regional chains to specialty retailers, corporate accounts, college book stores, motor sports, souvenir, golf and gift shops. If the Company is unable to sustain this expansion of its customer base, or if it is unable to maintain its customer base it could have a negative impact on its financial condition and results of operations.

**Possible Need For Additional Financing/Capital.** The Company is highly leveraged. Based upon the Company's current level of operations and anticipated growth, the Company believes that cash flows from operations, together with its working capital facility, will be sufficient to enable the Company to satisfy anticipated cash flow requirements for operating, investment and financing activities, including debt service. However, with the Company's expected expansion and additional acquisitions, the Company could be required to obtain additional financing and/or capital, by private placement or in the public markets, to satisfy its requirements. There can be no assurance that such alternatives would be available to the Company at all or on terms reasonably acceptable to the board of directors. If we cannot obtain adequate funds on acceptable terms or at all, we may not be able to take advantage of market opportunities, develop or enhance new products, pursue acquisitions that would complement our existing product offerings, execute our business plan or otherwise respond to competitive pressures or unanticipated requirements.

**Limited Trading Market For Common Stock.** The Company's common stock is quoted on the National Association of Securities Dealers' OTC Bulletin Board. There may be a limited trading market for the common stock.

**Volatility Of Common Stock's Market Price.** The market price of the common stock is more volatile than the price of common stock of more established companies, because of the limited number of shareholders and the low volume of trading. In addition, the price is subject to a variety of factors, including the business environment; the operating results of companies in the industries we serve; future announcements concerning the Company's business or that of its competitors or customers; the introduction of new products or changes in product pricing policies by the Company or its competitors; litigation matters; changes in analysts' earnings statements; developments in the financial markets; quarterly operating results; and perceived dilution from stock issuances for acquisitions and other transactions. Furthermore, stock prices for many companies fluctuate for reasons that may be unrelated to their operating results. Those fluctuations and general economic, political and market conditions, such as recessions, terrorist actions or other military actions, or international currency fluctuations, as well as public perception of equity values of publicly traded companies may adversely affect the market price of our common stock.

**Additional Shares.** The Board of Directors has the authority to issue, without further action by the stockholders, up to 10,000,000 additional shares of preferred stock in one or more series and to fix the price, rights, preferences, privileges and restrictions thereof, including dividend rights, dividend rates, conversion rights, voting rights, terms of redemption, redemption prices, liquidation preferences and the number of shares constituting a series or the designation of such series. The Company has previously issued 1,750 shares of Series A Preferred Stock which have all been converted to common stock. The issuance of preferred stock, while providing desirable flexibility in connection with possible acquisitions and other corporate purposes, could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company without further action by the stockholders and may adversely affect the market price of, and the voting and other rights of, the holders of common stock.

### **USE OF PROCEEDS**

All net proceeds from the sale of the common stock covered by this Prospectus will go to the selling stockholders. The Company will not receive any proceeds from the sale of the common stock in this offering. The Company did, however, receive proceeds from the sale of the common stock and the warrants to selling stockholders and may receive proceeds from the exercise of the warrants by the selling stockholders. If all of the warrants were exercised with cash, the Company would receive proceeds of \$2,213,750. These proceeds would be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital and potential acquisitions.

### **DETERMINATION OF OFFERING PRICE**

The selling stockholders may sell shares from time to time in negotiated transactions, brokers' transactions or a combination of such methods at market prices prevailing at the time of the sale or at negotiated prices.

### **DIVIDEND POLICY**

It is the Company's present policy not to pay cash dividends on its shares of common stock and to retain future earnings for use in the operations of the business and to fund future growth. Additionally, bank covenants prohibit us from paying cash dividends on our common stock. Any payment of cash dividends on our common stock in the future will be dependent upon the amount of funds legally available, earnings, financial condition, capital requirements and other factors that the Board of Directors may think are relevant. The Company does not anticipate paying any dividends on the common stock in the foreseeable future. The Company is obligated to pay certain dividends on its issued and outstanding shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock. Such dividends may be paid in cash or by the issuance of shares of common stock or Series A Convertible Preferred Stock.



### SELLING SECURITY HOLDERS

The table below sets forth ownership information regarding the selling stockholders. For purposes of calculating the percentage of common stock outstanding, any securities not outstanding which are subject to options, warrants or conversion privileges are deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage of outstanding securities owned by the selling stockholders. Unless otherwise indicated, the selling stockholders have the sole power to direct the voting and investment over the shares owned by them.

<u>Equity Group</u>	Number of		Number of	Number of	
	Shares	Percent		Shares	Percent
	Owned	Owned	Owned	Owned	Owned
	Prior to	Prior to	Shares Being	After	After
	<u>Offering (1)</u>	<u>Offering (1)</u>	<u>Offered (1)</u>	<u>Offering (1)</u>	<u>Offering (1)</u>
Bonanza Master Fund, Ltd.	3,000,000	15.4 %	3,000,000	0	0
MidSouth Investor Fund, L.P.	375,000	1.9 %	375,000	0	0
Itasca Capital Partners LLC	75,000	*	75,000	0	0
Dougherty & Company, LLC	115,000	*	115,000	0	0

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Less than one percent.

(1)

Based on shares outstanding as of April 27, 2006. Assumes that all the warrants are exercised in full and all shares of common stock held and to be held by the selling stockholders being offered under this Prospectus are sold, and that none of the selling stockholders acquire any additional shares of common stock before the completion of this offering. The Company's registration of the shares of common stock does not necessarily mean that any one of the selling stockholders will sell all or any of the shares.

This prospectus also covers any additional shares of common stock that become issuable in connection with the shares being registered by reason of any stock dividend, stock split, recapitalization or other similar transaction effected without the receipt of consideration which results in an increase in the number of our outstanding shares of common stock.

### PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

The selling stockholders listed in the table above under Selling Security Holders (the Selling Stockholders ) and any of their pledgees, assignees and successors-in-interest may, from time to time, sell any or all of their shares of common stock on any stock exchange, market or trading facility on which the shares are traded or in private transactions.

These sales may be at fixed or negotiated prices. The Selling Stockholders may use any one or more of the following methods when selling shares:

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ordinary brokerage transactions and transactions in which the broker dealer solicits purchasers;

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block trades in which the broker dealer will attempt to sell the shares as agent but may position and resell a portion of the block as principal to facilitate the transaction;

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purchases by a broker dealer as principal and resale by the broker dealer for its account;

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an exchange distribution in accordance with the rules of the applicable exchange;

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privately negotiated transactions;

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settlement of short sales entered into after the date of this prospectus;

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agreements with broker dealers to sell a specified number of such shares at a stipulated price per share;

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a combination of any such methods of sale;

the writing or settlement of options or other hedging transactions, whether through an options exchange or otherwise;  
or

any other method permitted pursuant to applicable law.

The Selling Stockholders may also sell shares under Rule 144 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act ), if available, rather than under this prospectus.

Broker-dealers engaged by the Selling Stockholders may arrange for other brokers-dealers to participate in sales.

Broker-dealers may receive commissions or discounts from the Selling Stockholders (or, if any broker dealer acts as agent for the purchaser of shares, from the purchaser) in amounts to be negotiated, but, except as set forth in a supplement to this Prospectus, in the case of an agency transaction not in excess of a customary brokerage commission in compliance with NASDR Rule 2440; and in the case of a principal transaction a markup or markdown in compliance with NASDR IM-2440.

In connection with the sale of the Common Stock or interests therein, the Selling Stockholders may enter into hedging transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions, which may in turn engage in short sales of the Common Stock in the course of hedging the positions they assume. The Selling Stockholders may also sell shares of the Common Stock short and deliver these securities to close out their short positions, or loan or pledge the Common Stock to broker-dealers that in turn may sell these securities. The Selling Stockholders may also enter into option or other transactions with broker-dealers or other financial institutions or the creation of one or more derivative securities which require the delivery to such broker-dealer or other financial institution of shares offered by this prospectus, which shares such broker-dealer or other financial institution may resell pursuant to this prospectus (as supplemented or amended to reflect such transaction).

The Selling Stockholders and any broker-dealers or agents that are involved in selling the shares may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act in connection with such sales. In such event, any commissions received by such broker-dealers or agents and any profit on the resale of the shares purchased by them may be deemed to be underwriting commissions or discounts under the Securities Act. Each Selling Stockholder has informed the Company that it does not have any written or oral agreement or understanding, directly or indirectly, with any person to distribute the Common Stock. In no event shall any broker-dealer receive fees, commissions and markups which, in the aggregate, would exceed eight percent (8%).

The Company is required to pay certain fees and expenses incurred by the Company incident to the registration of the shares. The Company has agreed to indemnify the Selling Stockholders against certain losses, claims, damages and liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act.



Because Selling Stockholders may be deemed to be underwriters within the meaning of the Securities Act, they will be subject to the prospectus delivery requirements of the Securities Act. In addition, any securities covered by this prospectus which qualify for sale pursuant to Rule 144 under the Securities Act may be sold under Rule 144 rather than under this prospectus. Each Selling Stockholder has advised us that they have not entered into any written or oral agreements, understandings or arrangements with any underwriter or broker-dealer regarding the sale of the resale shares. There is no underwriter or coordinating broker acting in connection with the proposed sale of the resale shares by the Selling Stockholders.

We agreed to keep this prospectus effective until the earlier of (i) the date on which the shares may be resold by the Selling Stockholders without registration and without regard to any volume limitations by reason of Rule 144(e) under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect or (ii) the date on which all of the shares have been sold pursuant to the prospectus or Rule 144 under the Securities Act or any other rule of similar effect. The resale shares will be sold only through registered or licensed brokers or dealers if required under applicable state securities laws. In addition, in certain states, the resale shares may not be sold unless they have been registered or qualified for sale in the applicable state or an exemption from the registration or qualification requirement is available and is complied with.

Under applicable rules and regulations under the Exchange Act, any person engaged in the distribution of the resale shares may not simultaneously engage in market making activities with respect to the Common Stock for a period of two business days prior to the commencement of the distribution. In addition, the Selling Stockholders will be subject to applicable provisions of the Exchange Act and the rules and regulations thereunder, including Regulation M, which may limit the timing of purchases and sales of shares of the Common Stock by the Selling Stockholders or any other person. We will make copies of this prospectus available to the Selling Stockholders and have informed them of the need to deliver a copy of this prospectus to each purchaser at or prior to the time of the sale.

## **LEGAL PROCEEDINGS**

The Company has pending various minor legal actions arising in the normal course of business. Management does not believe that such legal actions, individually or in the aggregate, will have a material impact on the Company's business, financial condition or operating results.

## **DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT**

The following table sets forth the name, age, positions, and offices or employments as of April 27, 2006, of our executive officers and directors. Members of the board are elected and serve for one year terms or until their successors are elected and qualify. All of the officers serve at the pleasure of the Board of Directors of the Company.

Name	Age	Position
Robert M. Budd	50	President and Chief Executive Officer
Charles L. Thompson	54	Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer
Ronald Metz	47	Chairman and Director
Salvatore Geraci	59	Director
Dan F. Cooke	57	Director
G. Michael Cross	57	Director
William B. Hensley III	56	Director

**Robert M. Budd, President and Chief Executive Officer.** Mr. Budd joined the Company in November 2005. From 1998 to 2004, Mr. Budd spent the last six years as founding partner of TBA Management Services, a consulting firm specializing in management advisory services. While with TBA, he worked with both public and private companies, fulfilling the roles of both CEO and COO in completing ground up assessments of a variety of companies to identify strengths and weaknesses in addition to spearheading the subsequent sales of entire companies or selected divisions.

**Charles L. Thompson, Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer.** Since February 2002, Mr. Thompson has served as an Executive Vice President and as the Company's Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer. During 2001 and 2002, Mr. Thompson served as Vice President - Finance and Business Development of Ameris Health Systems, an operator of six hospitals. From 1997 to 2000, Mr. Thompson served as Vice President/Chief Financial Officer of Great Smokies Diagnostics Laboratory.

**Ronald J. Metz.** Mr. Metz has been a Director of the Company since February 2002. Since 1987, Mr. Metz has been a named senior partner with the accounting firm of Bucheri McCarty & Metz LLP. Mr. Metz has served as Chairman of the Board of the Company since November 24, 2003.

**Salvatore Geraci.** Mr. Geraci has been a Director of the Company since February 2002. Since 1997, Mr. Geraci has been a principal of Evergreen Management, Inc., a provider of tax, estate, retirement and investment planning. Mr. Geraci also serves as an adjunct professor of accounting and finance at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga.

**Dan F. Cooke.** Mr. Cooke was the former Chairman of the Board of Next, Inc. from February 2002 to November 2003. Between 1989 and 1997 respectively and 2001, Mr. Cooke was a principal owner and executive officer of Blue Sky Graphics, Inc. and Next Marketing, Inc. Since January 2004 Mr. Cooke as served as a consultant to the Company for acquisitions and financings.

**G. Michael Cross.** Mr. Cross has been a Director of the Company since February 2002. Since August 2002, Mr. Cross has served as an investor consultant at Van Hedge Fund Advisors International, Inc. From 2000 to 2004, Mr. Cross was the director of business development for Wealth Port, Inc., an Internet financial services company. From 1997 to 1999, Mr. Cross was a business consultant for CAO, LLC, a regional consulting firm.

**William B. Hensley III, Director.** Mr. Hensley has served as a Director of the Company since February 2002. He also served as its Chief Operating Officer from February to September 2002 and as President of the Company from September 2002 to his retirement in November 2005. He also served as Chief Executive Officer from November 2003 to November 2005. Between 1989 and 1997, respectively, and 2001, Mr. Hensley was a principal owner and executive officer of Blue Sky and Next Marketing.

**Audit Committee Financial Expert.** The Audit Committee of the Company's Board of Directors is currently composed of two non-employee directors, G. Michael Cross and Salvatore Geraci. Each member of the Audit Committee (i) is "independent" as defined by Rule 4200(a)(15) of the National Association of Securities Dealer Inc.'s listing standards, (ii) meets the criteria for independence set forth in Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, (iii) has not participated in the preparation of the financial statements of the Company or any current subsidiary of the Company at any time during the past three years, and (iv) is able to read and understand fundamental financial statements, including a company's balance sheet, income statement and cash flow statement. Additionally, the Company has, and will continue to have, at least one member of the Audit Committee who has past employment experience in finance or accounting, requisite professional certification in accounting, or any other comparable experience or background which results in the individual's financial sophistication, including being or having been a chief executive officer, chief financial officer or other senior officer with financial oversight responsibilities. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Geraci is an "audit committee financial expert" as defined in applicable Securities and Exchange Commission rules.

**Principal Executive and Financial Officer Code of Ethics.** The Company has adopted a code of business conduct and ethics that applies to its directors, officers and employees, including its principal executive officers, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer, controller or persons performing similar functions.

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

**Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management.** The following table sets forth certain information concerning the beneficial ownership of the Company's outstanding classes of stock as of April 27, 2006, by each person known by the Company to own beneficially more than 5% of each class, by each of the Company's Directors and Executive Officers (see Part III, Item 10, above) and by all Directors and Executive Officers of the Company as a group. For purposes of calculating the percentage of common stock outstanding, any securities not outstanding which are subject to options, warrants or conversion privileges are deemed outstanding for the purposes of computing the percentage of outstanding securities owned by the selling stockholder. Unless otherwise indicated below, to the Company's knowledge, all persons listed below have sole voting and investment power with respect to their shares of common stock except to the extent that authority is shared by spouses under applicable law.

<b>Name and Address of Beneficial Owner</b>	<b>Common Shares Beneficially Owned</b>	<b>Percentage Owned</b>
Dan F. Cooke (a)	3,445,500	17.0%
The William B. III and Cindy S. Hensley Family Limited Partnership (b)	2,420,000	11.9%
Bonanza Master Fund, Ltd.	2,997,600	14.8%
Charles L. Thompson (c)	1,337,500	6.6%
Robert M. Budd	120,000	.6%
Salvatore Geraci (d)	90,000	.4%
Ronald J. Metz (d)	165,000	.8%
G. Michael Cross (d)	90,000	.4%
All officers and directors as a group (7 persons)	7,668,000	37.7%

(a)

Based on an amended Schedule 13D filed pursuant to the Exchange Act which indicates that Mr. Cooke has sole voting and dispositive power of all of those shares. Mr. Cooke is the former Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of the Company and a former member of the Company's board of directors. Mr. Cooke's address is 6430 Cobble Lane, Harrison, Tennessee 37341.

(b)

Based on a holdings report on Form 13D/A filed pursuant to the Exchange Act which indicates that The William B. Hensley III and Cindy S. Hensley Family Limited Partnership (the Hensley Partnership) has sole voting and dispositive power of all of those shares. The Hensley Partnership is controlled by William B. Hensley III, the Company's former Chief Executive Officer, President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Hensley currently serves as a director on the Company's board of directors. The address of the Hensley Partnership is P. O. Box 684, Wabash, Indiana, 46992.

(c)

Based on a holdings report on Schedule 13G/A filed pursuant to the Exchange Act which indicates that Charles L. Thompson has sole voting and dispositive power of all of those shares. Mr. Thompson is the Company's Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Chief Accounting Officer. The address of Mr. Thompson is c/o Next, Inc. 7625 Hamilton Park Drive, Suite 12, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37421.

(d)

Based on the number of options vested for these respective individuals.

All shares are held directly. No options, warrants or other stock rights have been issued by the Company to the officers other than as disclosed above. See Part III, Item 10, Executive Compensation for options issued to directors.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information.** The following table represents all stock options that have been issued by the Company through April 27, 2006:

<u>Plan category</u>	<u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options</u>	<u>Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options</u>	<u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance</u>
Equity compensation plan approved by security holders:	<u>1,535,250</u> (1)	<u>\$ 0.88</u>	<u>99,750</u>
Total:	<u>1,535,250</u>	<u>\$ 0.88</u>	<u>99,750</u>

(1)

Represents 133,000 options issued prior to the Exchange pursuant to the 2001 Stock Option Plan (the Plan ) of Next, Inc. Upon consummation of the Exchange, the Company assumed the Plan and all preexisting options granted thereunder. Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, any previously granted options to acquire shares of common stock were replaced with options to acquire shares of the Company's common stock.

#### DESCRIPTION OF SECURITIES

The Company has 100,000,000 shares of authorized common stock of which 18,296,740 were issued and outstanding as of April 27, 2006. All shares of common stock have equal voting, liquidation, and dividend rights.

All shares of common stock now outstanding are fully paid for and non-assessable.

The common stock is quoted on the OTCBB under the symbol NXTI.OB but it is not listed on a national securities exchange.

The holders of outstanding shares of the Company's common stock are entitled to receive dividends out of legally available funds at such times and in such amounts as the board of directors may from time to time determine. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote for each share of our common stock held on all matters submitted to a vote of stockholders. The common stock is not entitled to preemptive rights and is not subject to conversion or redemption. Upon a liquidation, dissolution or winding-up, the assets legally available for distribution to stockholders are distributable ratably among the holders of the common stock and any participating preferred stock outstanding at that

time after payment of liquidation preferences, if any, on any outstanding preferred stock and payment of other claims of creditors.

### **INTEREST OF NAMED EXPERTS AND COUNSEL**

No expert or counsel will receive a direct or indirect interest in the small business issuer or was a promoter, underwriter, voting trustee, director, officer, or employee of Next, Inc., nor does any such expert or counsel have any contingent based agreement with us or any other interest in or connection to us.

### **DISCLOSURE OF COMMISSION'S POSITION ON INDEMNIFICATION FOR SECURITIES ACT LIABILITIES**

Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law permits a corporation to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suite or proceeding, whether civil, criminal, administrative or investigative (other than an action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise, against expenses (including attorney's fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if the person acted in good faith and in a manner the person reasonably believes to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation, and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe the person's conduct was unlawful.

A corporation also shall have the power to indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action or suit by or in the right of the corporation to procure a judgment in its favor by reason of the fact that the person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another corporation, partnership, joint venture, trust or other enterprise against expenses (including attorney's fees) actually and reasonably incurred by the person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if the person acted in good faith in a manner the person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interest of the corporation and except that no such indemnification shall be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person shall have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Delaware Court of Chancery or the court in which such action or suit was brought shall determine upon application that, despite the adjudication of liability but in view of all the circumstances, such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses which the Court of Chancery or such other court shall deem proper.

Article Six of the Company's Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation states that the Company shall, to the fullest extent permitted by Section 145 of the Delaware General Corporation Law, as amended, shall indemnify any and all persons whom it shall have the power to indemnify under said section from and against any and all of the

expenses, liabilities and other matters referred to in or covered by such section and further that the indemnification provided in such Certificate of Incorporation shall not be deemed exclusive of any other rights to which those indemnified may be entitled under any bylaw, agreement, vote of stockholders or disinterested directors or otherwise.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to our directors, officers, and controlling persons, we have been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and therefore unenforceable.

## DESCRIPTION OF BUSINESS

**BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT.** Next, Inc., a Delaware corporation, was formed January 2, 1987. It has six wholly owned operating subsidiaries: (i) Next Marketing Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Next Marketing ), (ii) Blue Sky Graphics, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Blue Sky ), (iii) CMJ Ventures, Inc., a Florida corporation ( CMJ ), (iv) Lil Fan, Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Lil Fan ), (v) Choice International Inc., a Delaware corporation ( Choice ), and (vi) S-2-S Acquisition Corporation, a Delaware corporation, ( S2S ). All references herein to the Company, we, us, our or refer to Next, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

**The Company.** The Company, as it currently operates, commenced its operations on February 1, 2002, after the completion of a stock exchange between Sporting Magic, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Next, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Exchange ). Following the Exchange and until December 27, 2002, the Company operated under the name Sporting Magic, Inc., at which time Next, Inc. was merged with and into Sporting Magic, Inc. and the name Sporting Magic, Inc. was changed to Next, Inc.

**The Subsidiaries.** Blue Sky and Next Marketing became indirect subsidiaries of the Company at the time of the Exchange and on December 27, 2002, following the merger between Sporting Magic, Inc. and Next, Inc., became wholly owned subsidiaries of the Company. Blue Sky and Next Marketing (and their respective predecessors) have been in existence since 1989 and 1997, respectively, and were prior to the Exchange owned and controlled by two of the Company's principal stockholders. CMJ became a subsidiary of the Company on June 1, 2002 pursuant to the terms of an Agreement and Plan of Merger dated as of March 1, 2002, as amended on May 16, 2002 and May 15, 2003. On July 31, 2003, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Lil Fan, Inc., the right to sell all items previously sold by Stan Howard & Associates, and Stan Howard & Associates, Inc. through a subsidiary that is now Lil Fan. On October 31, 2004, the Company acquired substantially all of the assets of Choice, the right to purchase goods through an international source, and the right to sell all items through a customer base previously sold by the principals through a subsidiary that is now Choice. On August 12, 2005, the Company acquired certain assets of Sports-2-Schools, LLC, the right to sell all items previously sold by Buck Swindle Associates, Inc. and the vendor number for a major customer through a subsidiary named S-2-S Acquisition Corporation.

**THE BUSINESS.** The Company is a creative and innovative sales and marketing organization that designs, develops, markets and distributes licensed and branded promotional products and imprinted sportswear primarily through key

licensing agreements and the Company's own proprietary designs.

The Company's management ( Management ) believes that there are substantial growth opportunities in the promotional products and imprinted sportswear industries and that the Company is well positioned to take advantage of these growth opportunities. Management believes that the Company has an excellent reputation in the marketplace as a result of its ability to provide quality products and services and on-time delivery at competitive prices.

The Company's licensed and proprietary products include the following:

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Approximately 200 licenses and agreements to distribute its **Cadre Athletic™** and **Campus Traditions USA™** line for most major colleges and universities in the U.S.;

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Licensing agreements with **Chevy®**, **Pontiac®**, **Hummer®**, **Cadillac®**, **Dodge®**, **GMC®**, **Chrysler®**, **Plymouth®**, **Jeep®** and **Ford®** for their respective "branded" logos for the **RPM Sports USA** motor sports line, targeting the automotive dealership network, and automotive venue markets;

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Proprietary designs including **American Biker™**, **American Wildlife™**, **Ragtops Sportswear™**, **Campus Traditions USA™** and **Cadre Athletic™**, among others;

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Licensing and distribution agreements with **Sturgis Bike Rally**, **Indianapolis Motor Speedway**, **Professional Bull Riders**, **James Dean 50<sup>th</sup> commemorative anniversary**, **the 3 Stooges**, **Fellowship of Christian Athletics**, **Legendary Notre Dame Quarterbacks**, and **GRITS**.

The Company is continually reviewing additional licensing programs and proprietary designs to further expand its licensing program and proprietary design portfolio.



**OPERATIONS.** The Company is one of the larger companies in the highly fragmented licensed promotional products and imprinted sportswear industries. The Company has implemented its strategy of The Total Solution Company to meet its customers key requirements including: art design and development, manufacturing (for imprinted sportswear), sourcing (for distributed products), warehousing and fulfillment. We believe that the following strengths, among others, have contributed to our past success and may provide us with a distinctive ongoing competitive advantage:

**High quality, imprinted sportswear.** Imprinted sportswear is produced both domestically and offshore. For large runs with long lead times, it is economically advantageous to produce the imprinted sportswear in countries where the cost of labor is lower than in the United States. Management believes that the Company does an excellent job of costing, and effectively sourcing its products from international suppliers. The Company's facility in Wabash, Indiana, was set-up specifically to handle situations where it is not practical to produce imprinted sportswear offshore such as: (a) for customized imprinted sportswear that, due to the uniqueness of the product, is not suited for the standardized long runs of offshore production, (b) for hot market reorders of just-in-time inventory such as for major sporting events, and (c) for demand that exceeds forecasts leading to the need for quick replenishment orders. The Wabash facility, with the capability to produce both imprinted and embroidered products, was organized by industry experts incorporating a sophisticated inventory management system with emphasis on automation of the manufacturing process effort, to minimize costs, cycle time and waste. The Wabash facility substantially reduces our reliance on outside sourcing, enabling us to reduce costs, shorten delivery time and enhance quality control of our products.

**Excellent design and merchandising staff.** We believe that licensed branded products are an established and significant growth category within our industry. The ability to deliver unique product offerings on a timely basis is key to the future success and expansion of our branded licensed revenue. The Company believes that it possesses one of the most creative and innovative design, merchandising and product development capabilities within the industry. The Company's design and merchandising staff determines, in partnership with our customers, the product strategy and is responsible for creating innovative products for our branded license and proprietary products lines. Management believes that this partnership provides stability in the design environment and consistency in our product variety and offers our customers flexibility in their product selection and timeliness of product delivery. The Company has been successful in significantly reducing the time requirements needed for the design, sourcing and delivery of products to substantially less than the industry norm. This enables us to provide a wide variety of products with greater acceptability in the marketplace within a reduced lead-time. Our partnerships with key suppliers further enhance our ability to develop and deliver our distinctive and innovative products quicker. In 2005, key suppliers included DZ Trading, Inc., Gildan, and American Unitec.

**Upscale brand identity.** The Company offers a style of products that is built on quality and strong imagery. Our marketing themes revolve around college and university brands, motor sports, outdoor lifestyle, motorcycle biking, fishing, water sports, and other leisure pursuits designed to appeal to many of our target customers. We reinforce our upscale brand image at the retail level with specialized planograms and displays that present our lines as distinctive collections. The Company's target is an upscale consumer in casual settings, college and sporting activities, or relaxed

weekend environments. We believe that our consumers are seeking a refined level of product quality and distinctiveness, and our designs, manufacturing standards and marketing are structured accordingly.

**INFORMATION SYSTEMS.** We employ a fully integrated, real-time management information system that is specifically designed for our industry. The system includes important features such as manufacturing resource requirements planning, production scheduling, detailed product tracking, standard cost system planning and control, and detailed perpetual inventory systems. As our production personnel track original purchases through various factory production phases, our merchandisers track sales in order to compare purchases against availability, thereby allowing us to react quickly to changes and trends. Our product development team utilizes sophisticated computer-aided design software to meet our customers' design, collaboration and specification requirements. We also have a remote-order entry system for our sales force, allowing them to monitor and establish sales plans and communicate order specifics. Customer service personnel receive this uploaded information daily and have real-time access to inventory availability.

This comprehensive information system serves users in each of our operating areas, and is also used to create costing models, specification sheets and production scheduling. The manufacturing module integrates with the general ledger accounting and financial module. Our information system also provides detailed product gross margin information that assists us in managing product profitability. During fiscal 2005, we continued to expand the relational database capabilities of our management information system to allow us to create specialized management reports and access critical decision support data.

**COMPETITION.** The promotional products and imprinted sportswear industry is highly competitive. Promotional Products Association International estimates that there are over 21,000 companies in the promotional products industry. Further, only 4% of these companies reported a size of \$2.5 million or more. Our primary distribution channels are highly fragmented with substantial competition from other distributors of promotional products. We believe that our ability to compete effectively is based primarily on product differentiation, product quality, production flexibility and distribution capabilities, all of which Management believes enhance the Company's brands.

**CUSTOMER BASE.** During the past four years, the Company has made a concerted effort to expand its customer base. As a result of this effort, the Company has developed a large, diverse, and distinguished customer base of traditional retailers, ranging from national as well as large regional chains to specialty retailers, corporate accounts, college book stores, motor sports, souvenir and gift shops, and golf shops. The Company believes that its customer diversification and expansion program will be evident in fiscal year 2006 and beyond. The following represent a cross section of the Company's customers segregated by distribution channel:

**National Retail Merchants:** Goody's, Kohl's, Sears, K-Mart, Dillard's, J.C. Penney, Belk, Bon-Ton, Federated Dept Stores, Wal-Mart

**Specialty Retailers:** Dollar General, Sam's Wholesale Club, Alcone Marketing Group, Boscov's, Brylane Home Wishes, Gordmans, Von Maur, Cracker Barrel

**Sporting Goods Chains:**

	Sports Fan, MC Sports, Delaware North Companies, Academy, Football Fanatics, Scheels Sports, The Sports Authority, Global Sports Intl.
<b>Corporate Accounts and College Book Stores:</b>	Nebraska Book Company, Jayhawk Spirit, Husker Hounds, Love's Country Stores, I U Athletic Outfitters
<b>Food &amp; Drug Chains:</b>	Kroger's
<b>Motor Sports:</b>	Dodge, Pontiac, Chevy, GMC, Ford, Chrysler, Plymouth, Jeep dealer networks, and Motorcycle Dealers, Gift Shops
<b>E-Commerce:</b>	General public via website distribution

**GROWTH STRATEGY.** The industries in which the Company competes are highly fragmented with no single company or group of companies holding a dominant market share. As a result, Management believes that there are significant growth opportunities available to the Company that include the following:

**Expansion of the Company's Licensed Imprinted Sportswear Business.** In recent years, licensed imprinted sportswear has become very popular. Licensing agreements are available for branded products and services, amateur and professional sports teams, and many other promotional areas. According to statistics from the International Licensing Industry Merchandisers' Association, licensing royalty revenues from collegiate and sports licensed products accounted for 17% or \$996 million of the \$5.8 billion dollar revenues reported in 2004, which at this time is the most current data available. These two types of licenses make up a large percentage of the Company's sales base. The Company is constantly working to expand its licensing program to gain an advantage in the competitive licensed imprint sportswear business.

**E-Commerce.** The Company has expanded its business to include e-commerce web sites through which some of the Company's most popular licensed products are marketed. The Company has been successful in establishing itself as a premier supplier under various e-commerce web sites, currently the most significant of which are [www.campustraditionsusa.com](http://www.campustraditionsusa.com),<sup>TM</sup> [www.rpmsportswearusa.com](http://www.rpmsportswearusa.com),<sup>TM</sup> and [www.americanbiker.com](http://www.americanbiker.com).<sup>TM</sup> A corporate website, [www.nextinc.net](http://www.nextinc.net), gives information to the general public about the Company.

**Increased Marketing of the Company's Proprietary Designs.** The Company has developed several proprietary designs that Management believes will increase its penetration into existing customer base and broaden its product offering to new accounts. The proprietary designs cover a broad spectrum of themes such as: **American Wildlife**<sup>®</sup> (outdoor activities), **American Biker**<sup>®</sup> (motorcycles), **Cadre Athletic**<sup>®</sup> and **Campus Traditions USA**<sup>TM</sup> (college and athletics), among others.

**Strategic Mergers and Acquisitions.** In addition to organic growth, the Company also plans to grow through selective strategic mergers and acquisitions. Management believes that there are a number of quality merger candidates that will enable the Company to expand and diversify its presence in the marketplace. The Company's key acquisition criteria include: proven historical success, diverse customer base, and companies that possess a reputation for quality in the marketplace.

**INDUSTRY.** The Company operates in two interrelated industries – the promotional products industry and the imprinted sportswear industry:

**Promotional Products Industry.** The promotional products industry is highly fragmented consisting mainly of smaller privately held companies with no dominant positions. It is also a niche industry that is comprised of thousands of companies that distribute products bearing designs, logos, names, or catchy phrases. Examples of the products distributed by the companies in the industry include: imprinted sportswear, key chains, coffee mugs, pens, golf balls, mouse pads, clocks, etc. It is estimated that 30% or just over \$5 billion of all promotional products sold are imprinted sportswear (wearables) products, making imprinted sportswear, by far the number one selling product of all promotional products sold.

**Imprinted Sportswear Industry.** The imprinted sportswear industry is a niche industry that entails value added embellishment (embroidering or screen-printing) of promotional products. The items that are imprinted include: headwear, polo shirts, long-sleeve shirts, fleece wear, shorts, jackets, beach towels, souvenir blankets and t-shirts. The imprinted sportswear is sold primarily through traditional and specialty retailers ranging from large national and regional chains to sporting goods stores, casinos, golf and tennis pro shops, souvenir shops and sports stadiums.

**Trends.** A significant industry trend is the evolving requirement of customers to have suppliers provide enhanced value-added services to them. A primary attribute that customers are seeking is a company's ability to be a one-stop shop for all product requirements. In effect, customers are now looking to their suppliers to provide enhanced value-added services: design and graphic capabilities, fulfillment and warehousing, company store planning and execution and on-line purchasing. The corporate sales market is comprised primarily of corporations that purchase imprinted sportswear bearing the corporation's logo, name, or a theme.

**SUPPLIERS.** The Company sources a significant portion of its products with international suppliers. The majority of the products used by the Company are available from multiple sources. Alternative suppliers are currently available to the Company both domestically and internationally. In 2005, key suppliers included DZ Trading, Inc., Gildan, and American Unitec, Inc.

**EMPLOYEES.** As of February 23, 2006, the Company had one hundred eighteen employees. We consider our relations with our employees to be satisfactory.

**ACQUISITIONS AND REFINANCING.** On April 24, 2006, the Company entered into an amendment with National City Bank to change the maturity date of the Company's credit facility from April 30, 2006 to May 31, 2006.

On April 6, 2006, Next, Inc. (the Company) entered into a Subscription Agreement with the following investors: DKR Soundshore Oasis Holding Fund Ltd., Alpha Capital Aktiengesellschaft, Monarch Capital Fund, Ltd., Iroquois

Master Fund, Ltd., and Bluegrass Growth Fund, LP (the Investors), pursuant to which the Company issued to the Investors, as a group, \$984,960 in principal amount of convertible promissory notes (the Notes) and warrants (the Warrants) to purchase 849,103 shares of common stock of the Company (the Common Stock). The Notes require equal monthly payments of cash or stock over a 12-month period starting 115 days after closing and will be fully subordinated to the Company's senior lenders. The Notes are convertible into a total of 1,698,207 shares of Common Stock at a conversion rate of \$.58 in principal amount of the Notes per share. The warrants have a three-year term and an exercise price of \$.68 per share of Common Stock. The Company will file a registration statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission within 45 days of closing for the offer and sale by the Investors of the Common Stock underlying both the Notes and Warrants. In connection with these transactions, the Company will issue to JPC Capital Partners, Inc., as placement agent, warrants to purchase 152,838 shares of Common Stock on the same terms as the Warrants issued to the Investors.

On February 8, 2006, the Company entered into an amendment with National City Bank to change the maturity date of the Company's credit facility to April 30, 2006, and reduce the maximum availability under the revolving line of credit from \$9,000,000 to \$6,500,000. The amendment was dated to be effective as of February 1, 2006. The reduced line of credit is in line with the Company's lower sales cycle in the first part of its fiscal year and does not reduce cash availability below the calculated borrowing base. Pursuant to the amendment, National City Bank waives the Company's non-compliance with certain obligations and covenants of the credit facility. The Company is currently seeking a new bank to replace National City as its primary bank for working capital.

On September 30, 2005, the Company refinanced the credit facility for its main plant in Wabash, Indiana at First Federal Savings Bank in the amount of \$3,225,809, which paid off the original loan of \$2,672,922 due in January 2006, the warehouse loan of \$365,479, and an equipment loan of \$155,469. These balances include accrued interest. Also included in the new loan were loan origination fees of \$31,939. The interest rate is 7% and the note matures on October 15, 2020.

Pursuant to the terms of an Asset Purchase Agreement (the Agreement), dated August 12, 2005, by and among S-2-S Acquisition Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), Sports-2-Schools, LLC, and Buck Swindle Associates, Inc., the Company, through a subsidiary, acquired certain assets of Sports-2-Schools, LLC and the right to sell all items previously sold by the principals. Sports-2-Schools, LLC's customers, distribution networks, and vendor number diversify, complement, and bolster the Company's existing customer and distribution base. The Company expects that future sales and earnings will continue to grow. The Company, during fiscal 2005, fully integrated the operations of Sports-2-Schools, LLC into the operating facility located in Wabash, Indiana (see NOTE 15 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained elsewhere in this document). As consideration for the above described acquisition, the Company issued 50,000 shares of its common stock, with up to an additional \$575,000 worth of shares of its common stock to be issued on a deferred basis if certain financial targets are achieved, and up to \$600,000 in cash pursuant to an earn-out arrangement. As additional consideration, the Company paid \$50,000 to Buck Swindle Associates, Inc. and forgave \$205,500 of accounts receivable indebtedness to the Company. The Company also assumed \$172,000 of debt of Sports-2-Schools, LLC which was paid off in October 2005. The shares were issued to the shareholders of Sports-2-Schools, LLC, in a transaction exempt from registration pursuant to Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933. The transaction was negotiated with the shareholders, who were a small group of sophisticated investors knowledgeable about the Company.

On July 20, 2005, the Company entered into a subordinated loan agreement with Next Investors, LLC for \$500,000. The purpose of this loan was to provide working capital to be repaid out of future cash flows. The loan has a 7.5% interest rate and maturity date of November 30, 2006.

On May 26, 2005, the Company entered into an amendment with National City Bank to increase the revolving credit facility to \$9,000,000 and extended the maturity date to April 1, 2007, under substantially the same conditions as the original agreement.

On February 24, 2005, the Company entered into a new loan with First Federal Saving Bank of Wabash to purchase a 43,000 square foot warehouse for inventory utilization. The loan was for \$365,000 and subsequently consolidated with the refinancing of main plant in Wabash on September 30, 2005. The purchase of the warehouse allowed the company to consolidate its inventory from two leased warehouses costing \$11,500 per month.

On February 11, 2005, the Company entered into a new loan with First Federal Savings Bank of Wabash to purchase two screen print machines for \$250,500 at 6.75% interest rate over a five year period with monthly payments of \$4,895.

On January 24, 2005, the Company entered into a Securities Purchase Agreement (the Agreement) with Bonanza Master Fund, Ltd. (Bonanza), MidSouth Investor Fund, L.P. (MidSouth) and Itasca Capital Partners LLC (Itasca) (collectively, the Purchasers) and raised \$2,990,000 in a private placement to the Purchasers. None of the Purchasers has any other material relationship with the Company. Pursuant to the Agreement, the Company issued to Bonanza 2,000,000 shares of its common stock and a warrant to purchase 1,000,000 shares, to MidSouth, 250,000 shares and a warrant to purchase 125,000 shares, and to Itasca, 50,000 shares and a warrant to purchase 25,000 shares. The shares were issued at \$1.30 per share and the warrants are exercisable at \$1.75 per share for five years. In addition, the Company will issue a warrant to purchase 115,000 shares of common stock to a consultant for its services in connection with the private placement. The warrants are exercisable at \$1.75 per share for five years, but the average closing price must be equal to at least \$2.10 for ten consecutive trading days to exercise purchase. The total offering price was \$2,990,000 in cash.

On October 31, 2004, pursuant to the terms of an Asset Purchase Agreement (the Agreement), by and among Choice Acquisition Corporation (a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company), Choice International, Inc. (Choice), Mark Scyphers and William Steele, the Company, through a subsidiary, acquired all of the assets of Choice and the right to sell all items previously sold by the principals. Choice's customers, distribution networks, and purchasing channels, diversify, complement, and bolster the Company's existing customer and distribution base (see NOTE 14 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained elsewhere in this document).

On July 23, 2004, the Company entered into a new loan with First Federal Saving Bank for certain production equipment in the amount of \$276,500 bearing interest at 6.5%. Principal and interest payments are made monthly and the loan matures November 2, 2009.

On April 15, 2004, the Company entered into a credit agreement with National City Bank for an \$8,000,000 revolving credit facility which matures on April 1, 2006. Under the National City agreement the Company may draw up to the sum of 85% of eligible accounts receivable and 60% of eligible raw materials and finished goods inventory. In addition, the agreement provides for monthly payments of interest at a nationally published prime rate plus .25% (7.00% was the published rate at November 30, 2005, and 5% at November 30, 2004). The Company must comply with certain financial and other covenants. Accounts receivable, inventory, certain personal assets and personal guarantees of the Chief Financial Officer and a director of the Company collateralize the borrowings under the facility. The credit agreement with National City replaces the former lender, LaSalle Business Credit, LLC and increases the Company's borrowing base formula, reduces expenses, and extends the maturity date.

On April 8, 2004, the Company issued, pursuant to a Securities Purchase Agreement 1,750 shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock to GCA Strategic Investment Fund Limited. The Company received net proceeds of \$1,471,498, from the Preferred Stock which was utilized for working capital and debt reduction. The Company has registered these shares but will not receive proceeds related to the sale of the common stock securities. The Company also issued a Preferred Stock Warrant to GCA to purchase 358,000 shares of common stock at \$1.88, which expires April 8, 2009. The Company also received a commitment letter from Global Capital Advisors, LLC for an additional \$1,250,000 under the same terms and conditions discussed above at the Company's option for a one year period which expired on March 31, 2005.

On January 20, 2004, the Company entered into subordinated loan agreements with Next Investors, LLC for \$400,000 and First Federal Savings Bank for \$500,000. The purpose of these loans was to provide working capital to be repaid out of a future equity infusion. The loans had a 4% and 6% interest rate and maturity dates of January 20, 2006 and 2005 respectively. In April 2004 of 2004 the First Federal note of \$500,000 was paid off out of the proceeds of the equity infusion by GCA Strategic Investment Fund Limited. The Next Investors Note of \$400,000 was paid off as of May 31, 2005.

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