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March 30, 2015

To the Stockholders of Computer Programs and Systems, Inc.:

You are invited to attend the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Computer Programs and Systems, Inc. (the "Company"), which will be held at the Mobile Convention Center, One South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602, on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Central Time. Formal notice of the annual meeting, a proxy statement and a proxy card accompany this letter.

Also enclosed is the Company's 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders.

Information about the annual meeting and the various matters on which the stockholders will act is included in the enclosed notice of annual meeting of stockholders and proxy statement. Please carefully consider the enclosed proxy statement and execute and return your proxy card so that the Company may be assured of the presence of a quorum at the annual meeting. A self-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope is enclosed for your convenience in replying. The prompt return of your proxy card will be of great assistance in reducing the expense of subsequent mailings. If you attend the annual meeting, and so elect, you may withdraw your proxy and vote in person.

Sincerely,

David A. Dye Chairman of the Board

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COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS, INC. 6600 Wall Street Mobile, Alabama 36695

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

To Our Stockholders:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Computer Programs and Systems, Inc. (the "Company") will be held at 9:00 a.m., Central Time, on Thursday, May 14, 2015, at the Mobile Convention Center, One South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602. Directions to attend the annual meeting where you may vote in person can be found on our website at http://investors.cpsi.com. The annual meeting is being held for the following purposes:

- 1. To elect three Class I directors to serve on the Board of Directors of the Company for a three-year term expiring at the 2018 annual meeting;
- 2. To ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2015;
- 3. To approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers; and
- 4. To transact such other business as may properly come before the annual meeting or any adjournment thereof. The Board of Directors has set March 16, 2015 as the record date for the annual meeting. Only holders of record of the Company's common stock at the close of business on the record date will be entitled to notice of, and to vote at, the annual meeting.

This proxy statement provides you with detailed information about the proposals to be voted on at the meeting. With this proxy statement we are also including a copy of our 2014 Annual Report to Stockholders in order to provide you with additional information about us. We encourage you to read this proxy statement and the 2014 Annual Report carefully.

The annual meeting may be adjourned from time to time without notice other than announcement at the meeting or at adjournments thereof, and any business for which notice is hereby given may be transacted at any such adjournment.

By order of the Board of Directors,

David A. Dye Chief Financial Officer and Secretary

March 30, 2015

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE SHAREHOLDER MEETING TO BE HELD ON MAY 14, 2015: THIS PROXY STATEMENT AND THE ACCOMPANYING 2014 ANNUAL REPORT TO STOCKHOLDERS ARE AVAILABLE AT http://investors.cpsi.com.

Whether or not you plan to attend the annual meeting, please take the time to vote by completing, signing, dating and returning the enclosed proxy card in the self-addressed, postage-prepaid envelope provided. Returning your proxy card does not deprive you of your right to attend the annual meeting and to vote your shares in person.

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COMPUTER PROGRAMS AND SYSTEMS, INC. 6600 Wall Street Mobile, Alabama 36695

PROXY STATEMENT FOR ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015

INFORMATION ABOUT THE ANNUAL MEETING

Our 2015 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held at the Mobile Convention Center, One South Water Street, Mobile, Alabama 36602 on Thursday, May 14, 2015 at 9:00 a.m., Central Time.

Solicitation of Proxies

Our Board of Directors has sent you this proxy statement to solicit your vote at the annual meeting (including any adjournment or postponement of the annual meeting). In this proxy statement we summarize information that we are required to provide you under the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission. This proxy statement is designed to assist you in voting your shares. On or about March 30, 2015, we began mailing this proxy statement and the 2014 Annual Report to all stockholders of record at the close of business on March 16, 2015.

We will bear the cost of the solicitation of proxies. We will request brokers or nominees to forward this proxy statement to their customers and principals and will reimburse them for expenses so incurred. If deemed necessary, we may also use our officers and regular employees, without additional compensation, to solicit proxies personally or by telephone.

Stockholders Entitled to Vote

The Board of Directors has set March 16, 2015 as the record date for the annual meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on the record date will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the annual meeting. At the close of business on March 16, 2015, there were 11,315,573 shares of the common stock of the Company, par value \$.001 per share, outstanding. Each stockholder is entitled to one vote in person or by proxy for each share of common stock held on all matters properly to come before the annual meeting.

Proposals to be Considered at the Annual Meeting

At the annual meeting, we will ask you to:

Proposal Elect three Class I directors to serve on the Board of Directors of the Company for a three-year term 1: expiring at the 2018 annual meeting;

Proposal Ratify the appointment of Grant Thornton LLP as independent registered public accountants for the year ending December 31, 2015; and

Proposal 3: Approve on an advisory basis the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, executive compensation tables and accompanying narrative in this proxy statement.

Information About a Quorum

At the annual meeting, the presence of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the meeting, represented in person or by proxy, shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. If a quorum is not present or if we decide that more time is necessary for the solicitation of proxies, we may adjourn the annual meeting. We may do this with or without a stockholder vote. Alternatively, if the stockholders vote to adjourn the meeting in accordance with the Company's Bylaws, the named proxies will vote all shares of common stock for which they have voting authority in favor of adjournment.

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Votes Necessary for Each Proposal to be Approved

Proposal 1 - Election of Class I Directors: Under the Company's Bylaws, a Class I director nominee will be elected to the Board of Directors of the Company at the annual meeting if the votes cast "for" the nominee's election exceed the votes cast "against" the nominee's election at the meeting, with abstentions not counting as votes "for" or "against." If you do not instruct your broker how to vote with respect to this item, your broker may not vote your shares with respect to the election of directors. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be taken into account in determining the outcome of the election of directors.

An uncontested incumbent director is required to submit a contingent letter of resignation to the Board of Directors at the time of his or her nomination for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board. If such a director does not receive a majority of votes cast "for" his or her election, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee is required to consider on an expedited basis such director's tendered resignation and make a recommendation to the Board concerning the acceptance or rejection of the tendered resignation. The Board is required to take formal action on the committee's recommendation expeditiously following the date of certification of the election results. The Company will publicly disclose the Board's decision and its reasoning with regard to its decision on the tendered resignation.

Proposal 2 - Ratification of the Appointment of Independent Registered Public Accountants: Under the Company's Bylaws, in order to be approved, this proposal requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively. This means that the votes that stockholders cast "for" this proposal must exceed the votes that stockholders cast "against" this proposal at the meeting, with abstentions not counting as votes "for" or "against." Abstentions will not be taken into account in determining the outcome of the ratification of the appointment of independent registered public accountants.

Proposal 3 - Advisory Vote on Executive Compensation: Our Board of Directors is seeking a non-binding advisory vote regarding the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the Compensation, Discussion and Analysis, executive compensation tables and accompanying narrative disclosures contained in this proxy statement. Under the Company's Bylaws, in order to be approved, this proposal requires an affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast affirmatively or negatively. This means that the votes that stockholders cast "for" this proposal must exceed the votes that stockholders cast "against" this proposal at the meeting, with abstentions not counting as votes "for" or "against." If you do not instruct your broker how to vote with respect to this item, your broker may not vote with respect to the advisory vote on executive compensation. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be taken into account in determining the outcome of the advisory vote on executive compensation. This vote is advisory and non-binding in nature, but our Compensation Committee will take into account the outcome of the vote when considering future executive compensation arrangements.

Following the annual meeting, we will file a Form 8-K with the Securities and Exchange Commission disclosing the results of voting on each proposal as required by applicable rules.

Abstentions

A stockholder may abstain or withhold his or her vote (collectively, "abstentions") with respect to each item submitted for stockholder approval. Abstentions will be counted as present for purposes of determining the existence of a quorum at the annual meeting. Abstentions will not affect the outcome of the election of directors (Proposal 1), the ratification of the appointment of independent registered public accountants (Proposal 2) or the non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 3).

Voting Shares Held in Street Name; Effect of Broker Non-Votes

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name," and these proxy materials are being forwarded to you by your broker, bank or other nominee who is considered the shareholder of record with respect to those shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote and are also invited to attend the annual meeting. Your broker, bank or other nominee has enclosed a voting instruction card for you to use in directing the broker, bank or nominee how to vote your shares.

If you hold your shares in "street name" and do not direct your broker or other nominee as to how you want your shares to be voted in the election of directors (Proposal 1) or the non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation

(Proposal 3), your broker or other nominee is not permitted to vote those shares on your behalf (resulting in a "broker non-vote" for each proposal for which your broker or other nominee does not vote your shares). Accordingly, if you hold your shares in "street name," it is critical that you return the voting instruction card if you want your votes counted in the election of directors (Proposal 1) and the non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 3).

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Broker non-votes are counted for general quorum purposes but are not entitled to vote with respect to any matter for which a broker does not have discretionary authority to vote. Broker non-votes will have no effect on the election of directors (Proposal 1) or the non-binding advisory vote on executive compensation (Proposal 3). Because your broker or other nominee has discretion to vote any uninstructed shares on the ratification of the appointment of independent registered public accountants (Proposal 2), there should not be any broker non-votes with respect to this item. Submission of Proxies

Please complete, sign, date and return the proxy card in the enclosed self-addressed, pre-paid envelope so that the common stock you own will be voted in accordance with your wishes. If you desire to revoke your proxy, you may do so either by attending the annual meeting in person or by delivering written notice of revocation so that it is received by the Company or its transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, on or before May 13, 2015. The address for American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC is as follows:

American Stock Transfer & Trust Co., LLC Operations Center 6201 15th Avenue Brooklyn, New York 11219

Unless instructed to the contrary, the shares represented by the proxies will be voted "FOR" Proposals 1, 2, and 3.

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PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF CLASS I DIRECTORS

Board Structure

Our Certificate of Incorporation provides that the number of directors of the Company shall be fixed by resolution of the Board of Directors and divided into three classes. We currently have seven directors. Directors in each class are elected for three-year terms. The current term of the Class I directors expires at the 2015 annual meeting. The current Class II directors will serve until the 2016 annual meeting and until their successors have been elected and qualified. The current Class III directors will serve until the 2017 annual meeting and until their successors have been elected and qualified.

The Board of Directors has nominated William R. Seifert, II, W. Austin Mulherin, III and John C. Johnson for election as Class I directors to serve a three-year term until the 2018 annual meeting of stockholders and until their successors have been elected and qualified. Upon their re-nomination as directors, each of Mr. Seifert, Mr. Mulherin and Mr. Johnson tendered an irrevocable contingent resignation letter pursuant to the Company's Director Resignation Policy.

Voting of Proxies

Unless a shareholder instructs otherwise on the enclosed proxy card, it is intended that the shares represented by properly signed proxies in the accompanying form will be voted for the persons nominated by the Board of Directors. The Board of Directors anticipates that the nominees listed below will be able to serve, but if any of the nominees should be unable or unwilling to serve, the proxies will be voted for a substitute selected by the Board of Directors, or the Board of Directors may decide not to select an additional person as a director or to reduce the size of the Board. Unless otherwise specified in the enclosed proxy card, it is intended that votes will be cast for the election of William R. Seifert, II, W. Austin Mulherin, III and John C. Johnson as Class I directors. Proxies cannot be voted for a greater number of persons than the number of actual nominees so named. Vacancies that occur on the Board of Directors may be filled by remaining directors until the next election of directors for the class in which the vacancy occurred. The Board of Directors recommends that the stockholders vote "FOR" each of the three Class I director nominees named above.

Information About the Nominees and Other Directors

The biographies of each of the nominees and our other directors below contain information regarding such person's service as a director, business experience, director positions held currently or at any time during the last five years, certain familial relationships to any executive officers, if applicable, information regarding involvement in certain legal or administrative proceedings, if applicable, and, with respect to the nominees and the continuing directors, the experiences, qualifications, attributes or skills that caused the Board of Directors to determine that the person should serve as a director. Each of the nominees currently serves as a director of the Company. The stock ownership with respect to each director and nominee for director is set forth in the table entitled "Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management."

Class I Nominees for Election - Terms To Expire in 2018

William R. Seifert, II, 66, was first elected as a director in February 2002. From 1994 through November 2006, Mr. Seifert served as Executive Vice President of AmSouth Bank. From the closing of the merger of AmSouth Bank and Regions Bank in November 2006 until June 2009, Mr. Seifert served as Executive Vice President of Regions Bank, which is a subsidiary of Regions Financial Corporation. He has held the position of Chairman of the South Alabama Advisory Board of Regions Bank since November 2006 and served as a consultant to Regions Bank from July 1, 2009 until he retired on December 31, 2013.

During Mr. Seifert's forty-year career in banking and financial services, he has served in numerous leadership roles, including with Regions Bank and its predecessor banks. Mr. Seifert's extensive leadership and banking expertise adds valuable insight to the Board.

W. Austin Mulherin, III, 49, was first elected as a director in February 2002. Since 1991, Mr. Mulherin has practiced law, handling a variety of litigation and business matters for public and private companies. He has been a partner in the law firm of Frazer, Greene, Upchurch & Baker, LLC since 1998.

Mr. Mulherin's 24 years of experience as a practicing attorney, during which period he has advised a number of public companies on a variety of issues, provides a unique and valuable perspective to the Board. Additionally, Mr. Mulherin served

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on the board of directors of the predecessor company to CPSI (predating CPSI's initial public offering in 2002) and has extensive knowledge of CPSI and its operations.

John C. Johnson, 64, has been a director since 2004. Mr. Johnson worked as a real estate appraiser for Courtney & Morris Appraisals, Inc. in Mobile, Alabama from September 2001 until his retirement in August 2012. From December 1994 to January 1998, Mr. Johnson served as the President and Chief Operating Officer of Coopersmith, Inc., a regional wholesale bakery located in Mobile, Alabama. After chairing the transition team for the sale of Coopersmith, Inc. to Earthgrains Company from January 1998 to May 1999, Mr. Johnson retired from the bakery industry and worked for a brief time as the Business Manager of Saint Ignatius Church. Mr. Johnson is currently a member of the South Alabama Advisory Board of Regions Bank, which is a subsidiary of Regions Financial Corporation.

The Board believes that Mr. Johnson's skills and professional experiences in a variety of operational and leadership roles give him a wide range of knowledge on topics important to business and contribute greatly to the Board's composition.

Class II Continuing Directors - Terms Expire in 2016

J. Boyd Douglas, 48, has served as CPSI's President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2006. He was first elected as a director in March 2002. Mr. Douglas began his career with us in August 1988 as a Financial Software Support Representative. From May 1990 until December 1994, Mr. Douglas served as Manager of Electronic Billing, and from December 1994 until July 1999, he held the position of Director of Programming Services. From July 1999 until May 2006, Mr. Douglas served as CPSI's Executive Vice President and Chief Operating Officer. Mr. Douglas's wife's sister's husband, Patrick A. Immel, is an executive officer of CPSI. Mr. Immel is not an "immediate family member" of Mr. Douglas for purposes of Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

Mr. Douglas has been employed by CPSI for more than 26 years in a number of positions and areas and has served in senior executive positions for over 15 years, providing him with intimate knowledge of CPSI's operations and the healthcare industry.

Charles P. Huffman, 61, was first elected as a director at the 2004 annual meeting. From August 2007 until his retirement in November 2008, Mr. Huffman served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of EnergySouth, Inc., a public company specializing in natural gas distribution and storage. From December 2000 to July 2007, Mr. Huffman served as the Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of EnergySouth, Inc. Mr. Huffman brings more than 28 years of experience as an officer of a public company, EnergySouth, Inc., including serving as the principal financial and accounting officer, which gives him a wide range of accounting, financial, capital markets and executive management experience that contributes greatly to the composition of the Board Class III Continuing Directors - Terms Expire in 2017

David A. Dye, 45, has been a director since March 2002, was appointed as Chairman of the Board of Directors in May 2006, and has served as our Chief Financial Officer, Secretary and Treasurer since June 30, 2010. Mr. Dye began his career with CPSI in May 1990 as a Financial Software Support Representative. From that time until June 1999, he worked for CPSI in various capacities, including as Manager of Financial Software Support, Director of Information Technology and then as CPSI's Vice President supervising the areas of sales, marketing and information technology. Mr. Dye served as CPSI's President and Chief Executive Officer from July 1999 until May 2006, at which time he was appointed Chairman of the Board. Since July 2006, Mr. Dye has served as a director of Bulow Biotech Prosthetics, a company headquartered in Nashville, Tennessee that operates prosthetic clinics in the Southeastern United States. Mr. Dye was appointed to the position of Chief Financial Officer of CPSI on an interim basis on June 30, 2010 and has occupied the position on a permanent basis since February 25, 2011.

Mr. Dye has been employed by CPSI for more than 20 years in a number of positions and areas and has served in senior executive positions for over 13 years, including as Chief Executive Officer for seven years, providing him with extensive knowledge of CPSI's operations.

A. Robert Outlaw, Jr., 60, was first elected as a director in February 2014. Mr. Outlaw began his career with Morrison, Inc., a cafeteria management company, where he worked in the Budget & Forecasting Department and the Treasurer's Office until 1985. In 1985, Mr. Outlaw started Marshall Biscuit Company, which he owned and operated as Chief Executive Officer for 22 years until it was purchased by Lancaster Colony Inc. in 2007. Mr. Outlaw served

on the board of directors of Morrison Management Specialists, Inc., formerly known as Morrison Health Care, Inc., from 1996 until it was acquired by the Compass Group in 2001 and ceased to be a public company. Since 2005, Mr. Outlaw has served as the Chief Executive Officer and part-owner of China Doll Rice and Beans, Inc.

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Mr. Outlaw's extensive experience as the Chief Executive Officer of various companies gives him a wide range of financial and executive management experience and skills, which adds valuable expertise and insight to the Board.

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CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD MATTERS

Governance Guidelines and Codes of Ethics

We are committed to having sound corporate governance principles. Having such principles is essential to running our business efficiently and to maintaining our integrity in the marketplace. The Board of Directors has adopted Corporate Governance Guidelines that set forth the fundamental corporate governance principles of the Company in order to demonstrate the Board's accountability and its desire to achieve superior business results. We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics that is applicable to all of our directors, officers (including our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers) and employees. We have also adopted a separate Code of Ethics with additional guidelines and responsibilities applicable to our Chief Executive Officer and senior financial officers, known as the Code of Ethics for CEO and Senior Financial Officers. Copies of the Corporate Governance Guidelines, the Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, and the Code of Ethics for CEO and Senior Financial Officers are available on our website at http://investors.cpsi.com under "Governance."

Director Independence

Nasdaq listing standards require that the Company have a majority of independent directors. Accordingly, because our Board of Directors currently has seven members, Nasdaq requires that four or more of the directors be independent. Nasdaq's listing standards provide that no director will qualify as "independent" for these purposes unless the Board of Directors affirmatively determines that the director has no relationship with the Company that would interfere with the exercise of the director's independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director. Additionally, the listing standards set forth a list of relationships that would preclude a finding of independence.

The Board affirmatively determines the independence of each director and nominee for election as a director. The Board makes this determination annually. In accordance with Nasdaq's listing standards, we do not consider a director to be independent unless the Board determines (i) that no relationship exists that would preclude a finding of independence under Nasdaq listing rules and (ii) that the director has no relationship with the Company (either directly or as a partner, shareholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company) that would interfere with the exercise of the director's independent judgment in carrying out his responsibilities as a director. Members of the audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees must also meet applicable independence tests of Nasdaq and the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC").

At a meeting held on January 26, 2015, the Board of Directors reviewed a summary of directors' responses to a questionnaire asking about their relationships with the Company, as well as material provided by management related to transactions, relationships or arrangements between the Company and the directors and parties related to the directors. After deliberation, the Board determined that all five of the non-employee directors listed below are independent, and that all of the members of the audit, compensation and nominating and corporate governance committees also satisfy the independence tests referenced above.

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The following table describes the categories or types of transactions, relationships or arrangements considered by the Board in reaching its determination that the following directors are independent:

Name	Independent	Transactions/Relationships/Arrangements Considered
Charles P. Huffman	Yes	None
John C. Johnson	Yes	For several years, CPSI has paid fees to a bank for cash management services, of which Mr. Johnson serves as a member of an advisory board. The annual fees paid by CPSI have been less than 1% of the annual revenues of the bank.
W. Austin Mulherin, III	Yes	Mr. Mulherin is a partner in a law firm that performs certain legal services for CPSI. With respect to each of the most recent three completed fiscal years, total payments by CPSI to the law firm have been significantly less than \$120,000, which is also significantly less than 5% of the law firm's annual revenues. Effective August 1, 2011, the law firm also serves as escrow agent for a copy of the software licensed by CPSI to third parties, for which the firm receives a nominal amount of consideration.
William R. Seifert, II	Yes	Mr. Mulherin's brother-in-law, Matt Cole, is employed by CPSI as a sales manager. Mr. Cole is not an officer of CPSI. For several years, CPSI has paid fees to a bank for cash management services, of which Mr. Seifert serves as a member of an advisory board. The annual fees paid by CPSI have been
		less than 1% of the annual revenues of the bank.
A. Robert Outlaw, Jr.	Yes	None
Company Leadership Structure		

Company Leadership Structure

The business of the Company is managed under the direction of the Board of Directors, which is elected by our stockholders. The basic responsibility of the Board is to lead CPSI by exercising its business judgment to act in what each director reasonably believes to be the best interests of CPSI and its stockholders. Leadership is important to facilitate the Board acting effectively as a working group so that CPSI and its performance may benefit. The role of the Chairman includes providing continuous feedback on the direction, performance and strategy of CPSI, presiding as Chair of Board meetings, setting the Board's agenda with management, leading the Board in anticipating and responding to opportunities and challenges faced by CPSI, and, to the extent the Chairman is independent under applicable Nasdaq listing rules, presiding as Chair of executive sessions of the independent members of the Board. The Board does not have a policy requiring the separation or combination of the CEO and Chairman roles, but these positions have been separated since CPSI's initial public offering in 2002. However, our Chairman of the Board is not independent and is our Chief Financial Officer, a position to which he was appointed on June 30, 2010 following the termination of employment of the prior Chief Financial Officer. We have determined that this current structure is the most appropriate and effective Board leadership structure for the Company at this time based upon a number of factors, including the experience of the applicable individuals, the current business environment, the specific needs of the business and what is in the best interests of the Company's stockholders. However, the Board may reconsider the Company's leadership structure from time to time in the future based on considerations at that time. The Company does not have a lead independent director. Given the size of the Board, the Board believes that the

presence of five independent directors out of the seven directors on the Board, which independent directors sit on the Board's committees, is sufficient independent oversight of the Chief Executive Officer and the Chairman of the Board. The independent directors work well together in the current board structure, and the Board does not believe that selecting a lead independent director would add significant benefits to the Board's oversight role.

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Risk Oversight

Our management continually monitors the material risks facing the Company, including financial risk, strategic risk, operational risk, and legal and compliance risk. The Board of Directors is responsible for exercising oversight of management's identification and management of, and planning for, those risks. The Board has delegated to certain committees oversight responsibility for those risks that are directly related to their areas of focus.

The Audit Committee reviews our policies and guidelines with respect to risk assessment and risk management, including our major financial risk exposures, and oversees the steps management has taken to monitor and control those exposures. The Compensation Committee considers risk issues when establishing and administering our compensation program for executive officers and other key personnel. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee oversees matters relating to the composition and organization of the Board and advises the Board how its effectiveness can be improved by changes in its composition and organization.

The Board and its committees exercise their risk oversight function by carefully evaluating the reports they receive from management and by making inquiries of management with respect to areas of particular interest to the Board or committee. We believe that our leadership structure also enhances the Board's risk oversight function since our Chai