

PAYCHEX INC
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549
FORM 10-Q
QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the quarterly period ended November 30, 2006
Commission file number 0-11330**

PAYCHEX, INC.

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A Delaware Corporation

IRS Employer Identification Number: 16-1124166

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant (1) has filed all reports required to be filed by Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes No
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of "accelerated filer and large accelerated filer" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer Accelerated Filer Non-Accelerated Filer

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Common Stock, \$0.01 Par Value

381,105,962 Shares

CLASS

OUTSTANDING AS OF NOVEMBER 30, 2006

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PAYCHEX, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (UNAUDITED)

In thousands, except per share amounts

| | For the three months ended | | For the six months ended | |
|--|---------------------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------|
| | November 30, | | November 30, | |
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Revenue: | | | | |
| Service revenue | \$ 425,246 | \$ 379,028 | \$ 854,789 | \$ 763,443 |
| Interest on funds held for clients | 29,709 | 20,787 | 59,540 | 40,087 |
| Total revenue | 454,955 | 399,815 | 914,329 | 803,530 |
| Expenses: | | | | |
| Operating expenses | 150,870 | 135,350 | 298,954 | 268,771 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 121,757 | 105,860 | 246,693 | 213,334 |
| Total expenses | 272,627 | 241,210 | 545,647 | 482,105 |
| Operating income | 182,328 | 158,605 | 368,682 | 321,425 |
| Investment income, net | 9,941 | 5,552 | 19,357 | 10,411 |
| Income before income taxes | 192,269 | 164,157 | 388,039 | 331,836 |
| Income taxes | 59,603 | 51,545 | 120,292 | 104,196 |
| Net income | \$ 132,666 | \$ 112,612 | \$ 267,747 | \$ 227,640 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.60 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.60 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding | 380,747 | 379,268 | 380,571 | 379,046 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding, assuming dilution | 382,433 | 381,256 | 382,172 | 380,725 |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$ 0.21 | \$ 0.16 | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.29 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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PAYCHEX, INC.
CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (UNAUDITED)
 In thousands, except per share amounts

| | November 30, 2006 | May 31, 2006 |
|---|----------------------|---------------------|
| ASSETS | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 129,269 | \$ 137,423 |
| Corporate investments | 389,831 | 440,007 |
| Interest receivable | 41,919 | 38,139 |
| Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts | 215,563 | 189,835 |
| Deferred income taxes | 4,049 | 18,314 |
| Prepaid income taxes | 11,168 | 7,574 |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 23,989 | 21,398 |
| Current assets before funds held for clients | 815,788 | 852,690 |
| Funds held for clients | 3,770,229 | 3,591,611 |
| Total current assets | 4,586,017 | 4,444,301 |
| Long-term corporate investments | 543,827 | 384,481 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | 246,638 | 234,664 |
| Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization | 69,241 | 60,704 |
| Goodwill | 405,842 | 405,842 |
| Deferred income taxes | 12,257 | 12,783 |
| Other long-term assets | 7,417 | 6,527 |
| Total assets | \$ 5,871,239 | \$ 5,549,302 |
| LIABILITIES | | |
| Accounts payable | \$ 39,908 | \$ 46,668 |
| Accrued compensation and related items | 107,655 | 130,069 |
| Deferred revenue | 5,288 | 5,809 |
| Legal reserve | 19,766 | 15,625 |
| Other current liabilities | 39,908 | 34,008 |
| Current liabilities before client fund deposits | 212,525 | 232,179 |
| Client fund deposits | 3,772,928 | 3,606,193 |
| Total current liabilities | 3,985,453 | 3,838,372 |
| Deferred income taxes | 13,240 | 15,481 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 44,939 | 40,606 |
| Total liabilities | 4,043,632 | 3,894,459 |

COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES NOTE I**STOCKHOLDERS EQUITY**

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| | | |
|--|---------------------|---------------------|
| Common stock, \$0.01 par value; Authorized: 600,000 shares; Issued and outstanding: 381,106 shares as of November 30, 2006 and 380,303 shares as of May 31, 2006, respectively | 3,811 | 3,803 |
| Additional paid-in capital | 317,849 | 284,395 |
| Retained earnings | 1,507,826 | 1,380,971 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (1,879) | (14,326) |
| Total stockholders equity | 1,827,607 | 1,654,843 |
| Total liabilities and stockholders equity | \$ 5,871,239 | \$ 5,549,302 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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PAYCHEX, INC.
CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)
 In thousands

| | For the six months ended | |
|---|----------------------------------|------------------------------|
| | November 30, 2006 | November 30, 2005 |
| OPERATING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Net income | \$ 267,747 | \$ 227,640 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization on property and equipment and intangible assets | 34,802 | 32,276 |
| Amortization of premiums and discounts on available-for-sale securities | 12,570 | 13,467 |
| Stock-based compensation costs | 12,288 | |
| Provision for deferred income taxes | 5,802 | 2,876 |
| Tax benefit related to exercise of stock options | | 6,419 |
| Provision for allowance for doubtful accounts | 1,259 | 921 |
| Net realized gains on sales of available-for-sale securities | (947) | (126) |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities: | | |
| Interest receivable | (3,780) | 1,780 |
| Accounts receivable | (27,133) | (49,473) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (6,169) | (2,600) |
| Accounts payable and other current liabilities | (19,654) | (4,647) |
| Net change in other assets and liabilities | 2,038 | 5,352 |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 278,823 | 233,885 |
| INVESTING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Purchases of available-for-sale securities | (49,963,309) | (42,215,561) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities | 49,871,190 | 42,477,305 |
| Net change in funds held for clients money market securities and other cash equivalents | (186,409) | (973) |
| Net change in client fund deposits | 166,735 | (394,187) |
| Purchases of property and equipment | (39,884) | (38,552) |
| Proceeds from sales of property and equipment | 116 | 25 |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired | | (406) |
| Purchases of other assets | (15,698) | (2,397) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | (167,259) | (174,746) |
| FINANCING ACTIVITIES | | |
| Dividends paid | (140,892) | (109,960) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 17,805 | 17,857 |
| Excess tax benefit related to exercise of stock options | 3,369 | |
| Net cash used in financing activities | (119,718) | (92,103) |

| | | |
|---|-------------------|------------------|
| Decrease in cash and cash equivalents | (8,154) | (32,964) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 137,423 | 77,669 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 129,269 | \$ 44,705 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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PAYCHEX, INC.
NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)
November 30, 2006

Note A: Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies

Description of business: Paychex, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (collectively, the Company or Paychex) is a leading provider of comprehensive payroll and integrated human resource and employee benefits outsourcing solutions for small- to medium-sized businesses in the United States (U.S.). The Company also has a subsidiary in Germany.

Paychex, a Delaware corporation formed in 1979, reports one segment based upon the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 131, Disclosures about Segments of an Enterprise and Related Information. Substantially all of the Company s revenue is generated within the U.S. Revenue is also generated in Germany, which was less than one percent of total revenue for the six months ended November 30, 2006. Long-lived assets in Germany are insignificant to total long-lived assets of the Company as of November 30, 2006.

Basis of presentation: The accompanying Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles (GAAP) for interim financial information and with the instructions to the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, they do not include all of the information and footnotes required by GAAP for complete financial statement presentation. The Consolidated Financial Statements include the consolidated accounts of the Company with all significant intercompany transactions eliminated. In the opinion of management, the information furnished herein reflects all adjustments (consisting of items of a normal recurring nature), which are necessary for a fair presentation of the results for the interim period. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the Company s Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements presented in the Company s Annual Report on Form 10-K as of and for the year ended May 31, 2006 (fiscal 2006). Operating results and cash flows for the six months ended November 30, 2006 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for other interim periods or the full fiscal year ending May 31, 2007 (fiscal 2007).

PEO revenue recognition: Professional Employer Organization (PEO) revenue is included in service revenue and is reported net of direct costs billed and incurred for PEO worksite employees, which include wages, taxes, benefit premiums, and workers compensation costs and claims of PEO worksite employees. Direct costs billed and incurred for PEO worksite employees were \$640.9 million and \$588.6 million for the three months ended November 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively, and \$1,270.5 million and \$1,171.4 million for the six months ended November 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

PEO workers compensation insurance: Workers compensation insurance for PEO worksite employees is provided under a deductible workers compensation policy with a national insurance company. Claims are paid as incurred and the Company s maximum individual claims liability is \$750,000 under both the fiscal 2007 and fiscal 2006 policies.

Table of Contents**Note A: Description of Business and Significant Accounting Policies** *continued*

The Company has recorded the following amounts on its Consolidated Balance Sheets for workers' compensation claims:

| In thousands | November 30, 2006 | May 31, 2006 |
|---------------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Prepaid expense | \$ 3,485 | \$ 3,150 |
| Current liability | \$ 7,048 | \$ 7,061 |
| Long-term liability | \$ 18,162 | \$ 18,374 |

The amount included in prepaid expense on the Consolidated Balance Sheets primarily relates to the policy for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2004, which was a pre-funded policy.

Estimated losses under the workers' compensation policies, based on historical loss experience and independent actuarial loss projections, are subject to change based on changes in claims experience trends and other factors that management monitors on a regular basis. Any adjustment to previously established reserves is reflected in the operating results of the period in which the adjustment is identified. Such adjustments could possibly be significant, reflecting any variety of new and adverse or favorable trends.

Stock-based compensation costs: Effective June 1, 2006, the Company adopted SFAS No. 123 (revised 2004) (SFAS No. 123(R)), Share-Based Payment, which replaces SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation and supersedes Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25 (APB 25), Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees. This statement requires that all stock-based awards to employees, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized as compensation costs in the Consolidated Financial Statements based on their fair values measured as of the date of grant. These costs are recognized as an expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income over the requisite service period and increase additional paid-in capital. The Company adopted this standard using the modified-prospective transition method, and accordingly, results for prior periods have not been restated. See Note B of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for further discussion of the Company's stock-based compensation plans.

Income taxes: The Company accounts for deferred taxes by recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. With the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), the Company records a deferred tax asset related to the stock-based compensation costs recognized for certain stock-based awards. At the time of exercise of non-qualified stock options or vesting of restricted stock awards, the Company accounts for the resulting tax deduction by reducing its accrued income tax liability with an offset to the deferred tax asset and any excess tax benefit increasing additional paid-in capital. The Company currently has a sufficient pool of excess tax benefits in additional paid-in capital to absorb any deficient tax benefits related to stock-based awards.

Newly issued accounting pronouncements: In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, to create a

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single model to address accounting for uncertainty in tax positions. FIN 48 clarified the accounting for income tax by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. The Company will adopt FIN 48 as of June 1, 2007, as required. The Company has not yet determined the effect, if any, the adoption of FIN 48 will have on its results of operations or financial position.

In April 2006, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FIN 46(R)-6, Determining the Variability to be Considered in Applying FASB Interpretation No. 46(R). This FSP provides additional guidance on the determination of and accounting for variable interests under FASB Interpretation No. 46(R). This FSP was effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2006, and the Company implemented its guidance beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2007. The adoption of this FSP did not have a material effect on the Company's results of operations or financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This statement clarifies the definition of fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value, and expands the disclosures on fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. The Company has not yet determined the effect, if any, the adoption of this statement will have on its results of operations or financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, Employers' Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Post-Retirement Plans. This statement requires an employer to recognize the over-funded or under-funded status of a defined benefit post-retirement plan and to recognize changes in the funded status in the year of change through comprehensive income. The statement is effective as of the end of the fiscal year ending after December 15, 2006. The Company currently does not have any benefit plans subject to this new statement and, therefore, expects no impact to its results of operation or financial position.

In October 2006, the FASB issued FSPs related to SFAS No. 123(R) as follows:

FAS 123(R)-5, Amendment of FASB Staff Position 123(R)-1; and

FAS 123(R)-6, Technical Corrections of FASB Statement No. 123(R).

Both FSPs are effective in the first reporting period beginning after the date the FSP is posted to the FASB website, which for the Company is the third quarter of fiscal 2007. The Company is evaluating these FSPs, but does not expect a material effect on its results of operations or financial position.

Reclassifications: Certain prior period amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current period presentation and had no effect on reported consolidated earnings.

Variable rate demand notes (VRDNs) were reclassified from cash equivalents to available-for-sale securities. VRDNs are variable rate securities where the interest rate is periodically reset, as established at the time of the notes' issuance, and is often tied to short-term interest rates. However, the contractual maturity on these notes is typically 20 to 30 years. The Company invests in these securities to provide near-term liquidity, as it can tender the notes at par to a

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remarketing agent either daily or within five business days. Although VRDNs are issued as long-term securities, they are priced and traded as short-term instruments because of the liquidity provided through the tender feature. The Company had historically classified these securities as cash equivalents.

Purchases of available-for-sale securities, Proceeds from sales and maturities of available-for-sale securities, Net change in funds held for clients money market securities and other cash equivalents, and Amortization of premiums and discounts on available-for-sale securities included in the accompanying Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows have been revised to reflect the purchase and sale of VRDNs during the periods presented.

Note B: Stock-Based Compensation Plans

As noted in Note A of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, effective June 1, 2006 (the adoption date), Paychex adopted SFAS No. 123(R). This statement requires that all stock-based awards to employees, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized as compensation costs in the Consolidated Financial Statements based on their fair values measured as of the date of grant. These costs are recognized as an expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income over the requisite service period and increase additional paid-in capital.

The Company adopted this standard using the modified-prospective transition method, and accordingly, results for prior periods have not been restated. Under this transition method, the Company recognized for the six months ended November 30, 2006 compensation costs for (1) stock-based awards granted after the adoption date based on grant date fair value in accordance with the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R); and (2) the unvested portion of any grants issued prior to the adoption date based on the grant date fair value estimated in accordance with the original provisions of SFAS No. 123.

Prior to the adoption date, the Company accounted for stock-based compensation arrangements under the intrinsic value method described in APB 25 and related interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123. Accordingly, no compensation costs were recognized for stock option grants because the exercise price of the stock options granted was equal to the market price of the underlying stock on the date of the grant.

Prior to the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), the Company presented all tax benefits from the exercise of stock options as cash flows from operating activities in the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows. SFAS No. 123(R) requires tax benefits in excess of compensation costs recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements (excess tax benefits) to be presented as cash flows from financing activities. In accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), excess tax benefits recognized in periods after the adoption date have been properly classified as cash flows from financing activities. Total tax benefits recognized in periods prior to the adoption date remain classified as cash flows from operating activities.

As a result of adopting SFAS No. 123(R), the Company recognized \$5.8 million and \$12.3 million in stock-based compensation costs and \$1.6 million and \$3.6 million in income tax benefits in its Consolidated Statements of Income for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively. Capitalized stock-based compensation costs related to the development of internal use software for the six months ended November 30, 2006 were not significant.

Table of Contents**Note B: Stock-Based Compensation Plans** *continued*

The following table illustrates the impact of the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) on the Company's results of operations:

| | For the three months ended November 30, 2006 | For the six months ended November 30, 2006 |
|---|---|---|
| In thousands, except per share amounts | | |
| Operating expenses | \$ 2,160 | \$ 4,046 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 3,601 | 8,242 |
| Total expenses | 5,761 | 12,288 |
| Income before income taxes | (5,761) | (12,288) |
| Income taxes | (1,637) | (3,635) |
| Net income | \$ (4,124) | \$ (8,653) |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.02) |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.02) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | \$ 3,067 | \$ 3,369 |

The following table illustrates the previously disclosed pro-forma effect on net income and earnings per share as if the Company had applied the fair value recognition provision of SFAS No. 123 to stock-based compensation:

| | For the three months ended November 30, 2005 | For the six months ended November 30, 2005 |
|--|---|---|
| In thousands, except per share amounts | | |
| Net income, as reported | \$ 112,612 | \$ 227,640 |
| Deduct: Total stock-based compensation costs determined under fair value based method for all awards, net of related tax effects | 5,040 | 9,335 |
| Pro-forma net income | \$ 107,572 | \$ 218,305 |
| Earnings per share: | | |
| Basic as reported | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.60 |
| Basic pro forma | \$ 0.28 | \$ 0.58 |
| Diluted as reported | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.60 |

Diluted pro forma \$ 0.28 \$ 0.57

Stock-based compensation costs for any awards granted subsequent to the adoption date are recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period to better align the costs with the employee services provided. Compensation costs for stock-based awards granted prior to the adoption date will continue to be recognized according to an accelerated amortization schedule related to the graded vesting terms of the grant, as they were for the pro-forma disclosures above.

Table of Contents**Note B: Stock-Based Compensation Plans** *continued*

The Company's 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, effective October 12, 2005 (the 2002 Plan), authorizes the granting of stock-based awards for up to 29.1 million underlying shares of the Company's common stock. Outstanding stock-based awards under the 2002 Plan as of November 30, 2006 consisted primarily of grants of stock options. In July 2006, restricted stock awards were issued under the 2002 Plan to officers and outside directors of the Company.

As of November 30, 2006, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to all unvested stock-based awards was \$73.4 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.1 years.

Stock option grants: Stock option grants entitle the holder to purchase, at the end of the vesting term, a specified number of shares of Paychex common stock at an exercise price per share set equal to the closing market price of the common stock on the date of grant. Stock option grants have a ten-year contractual term and the vesting schedule is established by the Board of Directors (the Board). Stock options granted during the six months ended November 30, 2006 vest ratably over periods ranging from three to five years. The Company issues new shares of common stock to satisfy stock option exercises.

Stock option grants are normally approved in July by the Board with a current annual grant guideline of approximately 1% of total common stock outstanding. The grant guideline, reviewed annually, does not include broad-based incentive stock options granted to virtually all non-management employees with at least 90 days of service. On October 4, 2006, the Board approved a broad-based grant of 2.0 million stock options. The Board previously issued a broad-based grant in April 2004.

The following table summarizes stock option activity for the six months ended November 30, 2006:

| | Shares subject to options (thousands) | Weighted- average exercise price | Weighted- average remaining contractual term (years) | Aggregate intrinsic value ⁽¹⁾ (thousands) |
|---|--|---|---|---|
| Outstanding as of May 31, 2006 | 13,510 | \$ 31.61 | | |
| Granted | 5,486 | \$ 37.04 | | |
| Exercised | (803) | \$ 22.18 | | |
| Forfeited | (456) | \$ 36.41 | | |
| Expired | (68) | \$ 36.17 | | |
| Outstanding as of November 30, 2006 | 17,669 | \$ 33.58 | 7.4 | \$ 106,809 |
| Vested or expected to vest ⁽²⁾ as of November 30, 2006 | 16,223 | \$ 33.16 | 7.3 | \$ 104,083 |
| Exercisable as of November 30, 2006 | 6,811 | \$ 30.91 | 5.1 | \$ 61,388 |

(1) Market price of the underlying stock as of November 30, 2006 less the exercise price.

(2)

The number of options expected to vest takes into account an estimate of expected forfeitures.

Table of Contents**Note B: Stock-Based Compensation Plans** *continued*

Other information pertaining to stock option grants is as follows:

| In thousands | For the six months ended November 30, | |
|---|--|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 |
| Weighted-average grant-date fair value of stock options granted (per share) | \$ 11.75 | \$ 11.02 |
| Total intrinsic value of stock options exercised | \$ 12,897 | \$ 10,978 |
| Total fair value of stock options vested | \$ 21,041 | \$ 12,106 |

The fair value of stock option grants was estimated at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model for grants prior to and subsequent to the adoption date. The weighted-average assumptions used for valuation under the Black-Scholes model for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 (under SFAS No. 123(R)) and for the three and six months ended November 30, 2005 (pro-forma impact under SFAS No. 123) are as follows:

| | For the three months ended November 30, | | For the six months ended November 30, | |
|------------------------------------|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Risk-free interest rate | 4.4% | 4.3% | 4.8% | 4.0% |
| Dividend yield | 2.3% | 1.7% | 1.9% | 1.6% |
| Volatility factor | .28 | .30 | .31 | .31 |
| Expected option term life in years | 5.5 | 5.5 | 6.1 | 6.4 |

Risk-free interest rates are yields for zero coupon U.S. Treasury notes maturing approximately at the end of the expected option life. The estimated volatility factor is based on a combination of historical volatility using weekly stock prices and implied market volatility, both over a period equal to the expected option life. Prior to the adoption date, the Company had used historical volatility based on monthly stock prices. The expected option life is determined from historical exercise behavior.

The Company has determined that the Black-Scholes option pricing model, as well as the underlying assumptions used in its application, is appropriate in estimating the fair value of its stock option grants. The Company periodically assesses its assumptions as well as its choice of valuation model, and will reconsider use of this model if additional information becomes available in the future indicating that another model would provide a more accurate estimate of fair value, or if characteristics of future grants would warrant such a change.

Restricted stock awards: In July 2006, the Board approved a grant of restricted stock awards to the Company's officers and outside directors in accordance with the 2002 Plan. All shares underlying awards of restricted stock are restricted in that they are not transferable until they vest. The recipients of the restricted stock have voting rights and earn dividends, which are paid to the recipient at the time of vesting of the awards. If the recipient leaves Paychex prior to the vesting date for any reason, the shares of restricted stock and the dividends accrued on those shares will be forfeited and returned to Paychex.

For restricted stock awards granted to officers, the shares vest upon the fifth anniversary of the grant date provided the recipient is still an employee of the Company on that date. These awards have a provision for the acceleration of vesting based on achievement of performance

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targets established by the Board. If the established targets are met for a fiscal year, one-third of the award will vest. For directors, the shares vest on the third anniversary of the grant date. The fair value of restricted stock awards is equal to the closing market price of the underlying common stock as of the date of grant and is expensed over the requisite service period on a straight-line basis.

The following table summarizes the Company's restricted stock activity for the six months ended November 30, 2006:

| In thousands, except per share amounts | Restricted shares | Weighted- average grant- date fair value |
|---|------------------------------|---|
| Nonvested as of May 31, 2006 | | \$ |
| Granted | 106 | \$ 36.87 |
| Vested | | \$ |
| Forfeited | (1) | \$ 36.87 |
| Nonvested as of November 30, 2006 | 105 | \$ 36.87 |

Employee Stock Purchase Plan: The Company offers an Employee Stock Purchase Plan to all employees under which the Company's common stock can be purchased through a payroll deduction with no discount to the market price. The plan has been deemed non-compensatory subject to the provisions of SFAS No. 123(R) and, therefore, no stock-based compensation costs have been recognized for the six months ended November 30, 2006.

Table of Contents**Note C: Basic and Diluted Earnings Per Share**

Basic and diluted earnings per share were calculated as follows:

| In thousands, except per share amounts | For the three months ended November 30, | | For the six months ended November 30, | |
|--|--|-------------|--|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Basic earnings per share: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 132,666 | \$ 112,612 | \$ 267,747 | \$ 227,640 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding | 380,747 | 379,268 | 380,571 | 379,046 |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.60 |
| Diluted earnings per share: | | | | |
| Net income | \$ 132,666 | \$ 112,612 | \$ 267,747 | \$ 227,640 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding | 380,747 | 379,268 | 380,571 | 379,046 |
| Effect of dilutive stock options at average market price | 1,686 | 1,988 | 1,601 | 1,679 |
| Weighted-average common shares outstanding, assuming dilution | 382,433 | 381,256 | 382,172 | 380,725 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.30 | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.60 |
| Weighted-average anti-dilutive stock options | 7,359 | 2,686 | 7,665 | 4,187 |

Weighted-average common share equivalents that have an anti-dilutive impact are excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share.

For the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, stock options were exercised for 0.7 million and 0.8 million shares of the Company's common stock, respectively, compared with 0.6 million and 1.0 million shares for the respective prior year periods.

Table of Contents**Note D: Funds Held for Clients and Corporate Investments**

Funds held for clients and corporate investments consisted of the following:

| In thousands | Cost | November 30, 2006 | | Market value |
|--|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | Gross unrealized gains | Gross unrealized losses | |
| Type of issue: | | | | |
| Money market securities and other cash equivalents | \$ 743,484 | \$ | \$ | \$ 743,484 |
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | |
| General obligation municipal bonds | 818,059 | 2,780 | (6,156) | 814,683 |
| Pre-refunded municipal bonds | 234,092 | 821 | (1,561) | 233,352 |
| Revenue municipal bonds | 449,888 | 1,101 | (3,144) | 447,845 |
| Auction rate securities and variable rate demand notes | 1,903,555 | 103 | | 1,903,658 |
| U.S. government securities | 549,337 | 3,371 | (222) | 552,486 |
| Other equity securities | 20 | 59 | | 79 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 3,954,951 | 8,235 | (11,083) | 3,952,103 |
| Other | 7,373 | 936 | (9) | 8,300 |
| Total funds held for clients and corporate investments | \$ 4,705,808 | \$ 9,171 | \$ (11,092) | \$ 4,703,887 |

| In thousands | Cost | May 31, 2006 | | Market value |
|--|--------------|------------------------|-------------------------|--------------|
| | | Gross unrealized gains | Gross unrealized losses | |
| Type of issue: | | | | |
| Money market securities and other cash equivalents | \$ 557,074 | \$ | \$ | \$ 557,074 |
| Available-for-sale securities: | | | | |
| General obligation municipal bonds | 796,543 | 229 | (12,201) | 784,571 |
| Pre-refunded municipal bonds | 215,491 | 153 | (3,015) | 212,629 |
| Revenue municipal bonds | 423,922 | 12 | (6,099) | 417,835 |
| Auction rate securities and variable rate demand notes | 2,136,906 | 94 | | 2,137,000 |
| U.S. government securities | 301,573 | | (1,272) | 300,301 |
| Other equity securities | 20 | 57 | | 77 |
| Total available-for-sale securities | 3,874,455 | 545 | (22,587) | 3,852,413 |
| Other | 6,148 | 515 | (51) | 6,612 |
| Total funds held for clients and corporate investments | \$ 4,437,677 | \$ 1,060 | \$ (22,638) | \$ 4,416,099 |

Table of Contents**Note D: Funds Held for Clients and Corporate Investments** *continued*

Classification of investments on the Consolidated Balance Sheets is as follows:

| In thousands | November 30, 2006 | May 31, 2006 |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Funds held for clients | \$ 3,770,229 | \$ 3,591,611 |
| Corporate investments | 389,831 | 440,007 |
| Long-term corporate investments | 543,827 | 384,481 |
| Total funds held for clients and corporate investments | \$ 4,703,887 | \$ 4,416,099 |

The Company is exposed to credit risk in connection with these investments through the possible inability of borrowers to meet the terms of their bonds. In addition, the Company is exposed to interest rate risk, as rate volatility will cause fluctuations in the market value of held investments and in the earnings potential of future investments. The Company attempts to limit these risks by investing primarily in available-for-sale securities with AAA and AA ratings and short-term securities with an A-1 rating, limiting amounts that can be invested in any single issuer, and by investing in short- to intermediate-term instruments whose market value is less sensitive to interest rate changes. The Company does not utilize derivative financial instruments to manage its interest rate risk.

The Company's available-for-sale securities reflected a net unrealized loss position of \$2.8 million as of November 30, 2006 compared with \$22.0 million as of May 31, 2006. The gross unrealized losses as of November 30, 2006 were comprised of 308 available-for-sale securities, which had a total market value of \$1.1 billion. The gross unrealized losses as of May 31, 2006 were comprised of 441 available-for-sale securities with a total market value of \$1.6 billion. The Company periodically reviews its investment portfolios to determine if any investment is other-than-temporarily impaired due to changes in credit risk or other potential valuation concerns. The Company believes that the investments it held as of November 30, 2006 were not other-than-temporarily impaired. While certain available-for-sale securities had market values that were below cost, the Company believes that it is probable that the principal and interest will be collected in accordance with contractual terms, and that the decline in the market value was due to changes in interest rates and was not due to increased credit risk. As of November 30, 2006 and May 31, 2006, substantially all of the securities in an unrealized loss position held an AA rating or better. The Company currently believes that it has the ability and intent to hold these investments until the earlier of market price recovery or maturity. The Company's assessment that an investment is not other-than-temporarily impaired could change in the future due to new developments or changes in the Company's strategies or assumptions related to any particular investment.

The cost and market value of available-for-sale securities that had stated maturities as of November 30, 2006 are shown below by contractual maturity. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to prepay obligations without prepayment penalties.

Table of Contents**Note D: Funds Held for Clients and Corporate Investments** *continued*

| In thousands | November 30, 2006 | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Cost | Market value |
| Maturity date: | | |
| Due in one year or less | \$ 617,292 | \$ 614,958 |
| Due after one year through three years | 594,758 | 590,334 |
| Due after three years through five years | 534,241 | 534,905 |
| Due after five years | 2,205,489 | 2,208,676 |
| Total available-for-sale securities with stated maturities | \$ 3,951,780 | \$ 3,948,873 |

VRDNs and auction rate securities are primarily categorized as due after five years in the table above as the contractual maturities on these securities are typically 20 to 30 years. Although these securities are issued as long-term securities, both are priced and traded as short-term instruments because of the liquidity provided through the auction or tender feature.

Note E: Property and Equipment, Net of Accumulated Depreciation

The components of property and equipment, at cost, consisted of the following:

| In thousands | November | May 31, |
|---|---------------------|----------------|
| | 30, 2006 | 2006 |
| Land and improvements | \$ 3,555 | \$ 3,552 |
| Buildings and improvements | 81,244 | 79,875 |
| Data processing equipment | 148,649 | 134,636 |
| Software | 75,142 | 66,945 |
| Furniture, fixtures, and equipment | 119,445 | 112,733 |
| Leasehold improvements | 52,925 | 47,627 |
| Construction in progress | 35,548 | 36,350 |
| Total property and equipment, gross | 516,508 | 481,718 |
| Less: Accumulated depreciation and amortization | 269,870 | 247,054 |
| Property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation | \$ 246,638 | \$ 234,664 |

Depreciation expense was \$14.2 million and \$27.6 million for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively, as compared with \$12.6 million and \$24.9 million for the three and six months ended November 30, 2005, respectively.

Within construction in progress, there were costs for software being developed for internal use of \$34.0 million and \$29.4 million as of November 30, 2006 and May 31, 2006, respectively. Capitalization of costs ceases when the software is ready for its intended use, at which time the Company begins amortization of the costs.

Table of Contents**Note F: Intangible Assets, Net of Accumulated Amortization**

The Company accounts for certain intangible assets with finite lives in accordance with SFAS No. 142, Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets. The components of intangible assets, at cost, consisted of the following:

| In thousands | November 30, 2006 | May 31, 2006 |
|--|----------------------------------|-------------------------|
| Client lists and associate office license agreements | \$ 138,607 | \$ 122,909 |
| Other intangible assets | 4,165 | 4,165 |
| Total intangible assets, gross | 142,772 | 127,074 |
| Less: Accumulated amortization | 73,531 | 66,370 |
| Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization | \$ 69,241 | \$ 60,704 |

Amortization expense relating to intangible assets was \$3.8 million and \$7.2 million for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively, as compared with \$3.7 million and \$7.4 million for the three and six months ended November 30, 2005, respectively.

The estimated amortization expense relating to intangible asset balances for the full fiscal year 2007 and the following four fiscal years, as of November 30, 2006, is as follows:

| In thousands | Estimated amortization expense |
|-----------------------------------|---|
| Fiscal year ending May 31, | |
| 2007 | \$ 16,261 |
| 2008 | \$ 15,109 |
| 2009 | \$ 12,543 |
| 2010 | \$ 10,351 |
| 2011 | \$ 8,121 |

Note G: Business Acquisition Reserves

As a result of business acquisitions made during the fiscal year ended May 31, 2003, the Company recorded reserves for severance and redundant lease costs in the allocation of purchase price under Emerging Issues Task Force 95-3,

Recognition of Liabilities in Connection With a Purchase Combination in the amounts of \$10.0 million for severance and \$5.9 million for redundant lease costs. Activity for the six months ended November 30, 2006 for these reserves is summarized as follows:

| In thousands | Balance as of May 31, 2006 | Utilization of reserve | Balance as of November 30, 2006 |
|-----------------------|---|-----------------------------------|--|
| Severance costs | \$ 191 | \$ (42) | \$ 149 |
| Redundant lease costs | \$ 1,539 | \$ (156) | \$ 1,383 |

The remaining severance payments will be completed during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2008. Redundant lease payments are expected to be complete during the fiscal year ending May 31, 2016. Payments of \$1.1 million extend beyond one year and are included in other long-term liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets as of November 30, 2006.

Table of Contents**Note H: Comprehensive Income**

Comprehensive income is comprised of two components: net income and other comprehensive income. Comprehensive income includes all changes in equity during a period except those resulting from transactions with owners of the Company. The unrealized gains and losses, net of applicable taxes, related to available-for-sale securities is the only component reported in accumulated other comprehensive loss in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Comprehensive income, net of related tax effects, is as follows:

| In thousands | For the three months ended | | For the six months ended | |
|--|----------------------------|-------------------|--------------------------|-------------------|
| | November 30, 2006 | November 30, 2005 | November 30, 2006 | November 30, 2005 |
| Net income | \$ 132,666 | \$ 112,612 | \$ 267,747 | \$ 227,640 |
| Change in unrealized gains/losses of available-for-sale securities, net of taxes | 5,676 | (5,190) | 12,447 | (6,513) |
| Total comprehensive income | \$ 138,342 | \$ 107,422 | \$ 280,194 | \$ 221,127 |

As of November 30, 2006, the accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$1.9 million, which was net of taxes of \$1.0 million. As of May 31, 2006, the accumulated other comprehensive loss was \$14.3 million, which was net of taxes of \$7.8 million.

Note I: Commitments and Contingencies

Commitments: The Company has unused borrowing capacity available under four uncommitted, secured, short-term lines of credit at market rates of interest with financial institutions as follows:

| Financial institution | Amount available | Expiration date |
|--|------------------|-----------------|
| JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. | \$350 million | February 2007 |
| Bank of America, N.A. | \$250 million | February 2007 |
| PNC Bank, National Association | \$150 million | February 2007 |
| Wells Fargo Bank, National Association | \$150 million | February 2007 |

The primary uses of the lines of credit would be to meet short-term funding requirements related to deposit account overdrafts and client fund deposit obligations arising from electronic payment transactions on behalf of clients in the ordinary course of business, if necessary. No amounts were outstanding against these lines of credit as of or during the six months ended November 30, 2006.

As of November 30, 2006, the Company also had standby letters of credit outstanding totaling \$60.2 million, required to secure commitments for certain insurance policies. These letters of credit expire at various dates between May 2007 and December 2007. The letters of credit are secured by investments held in the Company's corporate portfolio, including a \$50.9 million letter of credit for which funds have been segregated into a separate account. No amounts were outstanding on these letters of credit as of or during the six months ended November 30, 2006.

Table of Contents**Note I: Commitments and Contingencies** *continued*

The Company enters into various purchase commitments with vendors in the ordinary course of business. As of November 30, 2006, the Company had outstanding commitments to purchase approximately \$9.3 million of capital assets.

The Company guarantees performance of service on annual maintenance contracts for clients who financed their service contracts through a third party. In the normal course of business, the Company makes representations and warranties that guarantee the performance of its services under service arrangements with clients. In addition, the Company has entered into indemnification agreements with its officers and directors, which require it to defend and, if necessary, indemnify these individuals for matters related to their services provided to the Company. Historically, there have been no material losses related to such guarantees and indemnifications.

The Company currently self-insures the deductible portion of various insured exposures under certain employee benefit plans. The Company's estimated loss exposure under these insurance arrangements is recorded in other current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. Historically, the amounts accrued have not been material. The Company also has insurance coverage in addition to its purchased primary insurance policies for gap coverage for employment practices liability, errors and omissions, warranty liability, and acts of terrorism; and capacity for deductibles and self-insured retentions through its captive insurance company.

Contingencies: The Company is subject to various claims and legal matters that arise in the normal course of its business. These include disputes or potential disputes related to breach of contract, employment-related claims, tax claims, and other matters.

The Company and its wholly owned subsidiary, Rapid Payroll, Inc. (Rapid Payroll), are currently defendants in three lawsuits pending in the California Superior Court, Los Angeles County (the Superior Court), thirteen lawsuits pending in the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, and one lawsuit pending in the California Court of Appeal, Second District (the Court of Appeal), all brought in calendar years 2002 and 2003 by licensees of payroll processing software owned by Rapid Payroll.

In August 2001, Rapid Payroll informed seventy-six licensees that it intended to stop supporting the payroll processing software in August of 2002. Thereafter, lawsuits were commenced by licensees asserting various claims, including breach of contract and related tort and fraud causes of action. These lawsuits sought compensatory damages, punitive damages, and injunctive relief against Rapid Payroll, the Company, the Company's former Chief Executive Officer, and its Senior Vice President of Sales and Marketing. In accordance with the Company's indemnification agreements with its senior executives, the Company will defend and, if necessary, indemnify them in connection with these pending matters.

On July 5, 2002, the United States District Court, Central District of California (the Federal District Court) entered a preliminary injunction requiring that Rapid Payroll and the Company continue to support and maintain the subject software pursuant to the license agreements.

In June 2004, a Superior Court jury awarded \$6.4 million in compensatory damages for breach of contract in the *Payroll Partnership, L.P. v. Rapid Payroll et al.* matter. The Superior Court dismissed all other pending causes of action in that case, including fraud and tort causes of action, and reduced the jury's verdict from \$6.4 million to \$5.1 million. The case was subsequently settled for a reduced amount.

Table of Contents**Note I: Commitments and Contingencies** *continued*

In 2005, judgment was entered in *Accuchex, Inc. v. Rapid Payroll, Inc., et al.* following a bench trial before a judge of the Superior Court. The judgment provided that the limitation of liability clause in the parties' license agreement is valid and enforceable. The Superior Court awarded Accuchex damages of \$30.5 thousand plus a refund of approximately \$35.0 thousand in license fees. The Superior Court also ordered Rapid Payroll to support its software being used by Accuchex until such time as Rapid Payroll dissolves, which the Superior Court found Rapid Payroll was entitled to do without incurring any further liability to Accuchex. The Superior Court rejected all of the other causes of action asserted by the plaintiff, including fraud, tortious interference with contract, and tortious interference with prospective economic advantage. The case was appealed to the Court of Appeal, which issued a ruling on August 9, 2006 affirming in part and reversing in part with respect to the claims against the Company and the individual defendants. The Court of Appeal remanded the case for a trial on the claim of tortious interference with contract as against the Company and the individual defendants. The Court of Appeal did not rule on the appeal of pending claims against Rapid Payroll, which had been stayed pursuant to the automatic stay provisions of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code. No date has yet been set for trial of the tortious interference claim.

In 2005, the Federal District Court entered judgment in thirteen of the cases pending before it. Those judgments provided that Rapid Payroll's liability is limited to the license fees paid to it by the plaintiff licensees, pursuant to express contractual provisions of the license agreements (approximately \$2.5 million). The Federal District Court also ordered the release of the source code pursuant to the escrow terms of the license agreements. The Federal District Court rejected the statutory, fraud, tortious interference with contract, and other tort claims brought by those plaintiffs against all of the defendants. Plaintiffs have appealed the Federal District Court rulings and the Company has cross-appealed.

On May 4, 2006, following expiration of the Federal District Court's injunction, Rapid Payroll filed a petition under Chapter 11 of the U.S. Bankruptcy Code in order to develop a plan that allows Rapid Payroll to discontinue support for the software in a manner that deals fairly with its few remaining licensees. Rapid Payroll is continuing to operate as a debtor-in-possession, paying all of its third-party post-petition debts as they become due. In October 2006, the United States Bankruptcy Court, Central District of California, Santa Ana Division (the Bankruptcy Court) lifted the automatic stay, allowing the federal and state court litigations to proceed. The Bankruptcy Court also determined that the limitation of liability clause in the parties' license agreements is valid and enforceable for interim claims allowance purposes.

The next case scheduled for trial is *Brunskill Associates, Inc., et al. v. Rapid Payroll, Inc., et al.*, for which a jury trial is currently set to begin in Superior Court on February 13, 2007. Although the only existing claims in the case are against Rapid Payroll for breach of contract, the plaintiffs have asked the court to reinstate the tortious interference with contract against Paychex, Inc. and the individual defendants. The plaintiffs are seeking injunctive relief, as well as compensatory and punitive damages.

Based on the application of SFAS No. 5, Accounting for Contingencies, the Company is required to record a reserve if it believes an unfavorable outcome is probable and the amount of the probable loss can be reasonably estimated. The Company's legal reserve for all litigation totaled \$19.8 million as of November 30, 2006, and is included in current liabilities on the Consolidated Balance Sheets. The legal reserve for all pending litigation has been adjusted in fiscal 2007 to account for settlements and incurred expenditures related to the pending litigation.

Table of Contents**Note I: Commitments and Contingencies** *continued*

In light of the legal reserve recorded, the Company's management currently believes that resolution of these matters will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations. However, these matters are subject to inherent uncertainties and there exists the possibility that the ultimate resolution of these matters could have a material adverse impact on the Company's financial position and the results of operations in the period in which any such effect is recorded.

Note J: Supplemental Cash Flow Information

Income taxes paid were \$114.6 million and \$93.5 million for the six months ended November 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively.

Note K: Related Party Transactions

During the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, the Company purchased approximately \$0.4 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, of data processing equipment and software from EMC Corporation, compared with approximately \$0.3 million and \$2.5 million purchased in the respective prior year periods. The Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of EMC Corporation is a member of the Company's Board.

Item 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations reviews Paychex, Inc. and its wholly owned subsidiaries (we, our, us) operating results for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 and November 30, 2005, and our financial condition as of November 30, 2006. The focus of this review is on the underlying business reasons for significant changes and trends affecting our revenue, expenses, net income, and financial condition. This review should be read in conjunction with the November 30, 2006 Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements contained in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q (Form 10-Q). This review should also be read in conjunction with our Annual Report on Form 10-K (Form 10-K) for the year ended May 31, 2006. Forward-looking statements in this review are qualified by the cautionary statement included in this review under the next sub-heading, Safe Harbor Statement under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Safe Harbor Statement Under the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995: Certain written and oral statements made by us may constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the Reform Act). Forward-looking statements are identified by such words and phrases as we expect, expected to, estimates, estimated, current outlook, we look forward to, would equate to, projects, projected to be, anticipates, anticipated, we believe, could be, and other similar phrases. All statements addressing operating performance, events, or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, including statements relating to revenue growth, earnings, earnings-per-share growth, or similar projections, are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Reform Act. Because they are forward-looking, they should be evaluated in light of important risk factors. These risk factors include, but are not limited to, those that are described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC), including the most recent Form 10-K filed on July 21, 2006. Any of these factors could cause our actual results to differ materially from our anticipated results.

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The information provided in this document is based upon the facts and circumstances known at this time. We undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements after the date of filing of this Form 10-Q with the SEC to reflect events or circumstances after such date, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.

Overview

We are a leading provider of comprehensive payroll and integrated human resource and employee benefits outsourcing solutions for small- to medium-sized businesses. Our Payroll and Human Resource Services offer a portfolio of services and products that allow our clients to meet their diverse payroll and human resource needs. Our Payroll services are provided through either our Core Payroll or Major Market Services, which is utilized by clients that have more sophisticated payroll and benefit needs. Our Payroll services include:

payroll processing;

payroll tax administration services;

employee payment services; and

other payroll-related services including regulatory compliance (new-hire reporting and garnishment processing).

Our Human Resource Services primarily include:

comprehensive human resource outsourcing services, which include Paychex PremierSM Human Resources and our Professional Employer Organization (PEO);

retirement services administration;

workers compensation insurance services;

employee benefits administration;

time and attendance solutions;

health benefits; and

other human resource services and products.

We mainly earn revenue through recurring fees for services performed. Service revenue is primarily driven by the number of clients, utilization of ancillary services, and checks or transactions per client per pay period. We also earn interest on funds held for clients between the time of collection from our clients and remittance to the applicable tax or regulatory agencies or client employees. Our strategy is focused on achieving strong long-term financial performance by providing high-quality, timely, accurate, and affordable services; growing our client base; increasing utilization of our ancillary services; leveraging our technological and operating infrastructure; and expanding our service offerings. Our financial results for the three months ended November 30, 2006 as compared to the three months ended November 30, 2005 include the following:

Net income increased 18% to \$132.7 million.

Diluted earnings per share increased 17% to \$0.35.

Total revenue increased 14% to \$454.9 million.

Payroll service revenue increased 9% to \$332.2 million.

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Human Resource Services revenue increased 24% to \$93.0 million.

Operating income increased 15% to \$182.3 million.

Cash flow from operations increased 19% to \$278.8 million.

Increase of 31% in our regular quarterly dividend to \$0.21 per share.

On June 1, 2006, we adopted the new accounting standard related to stock-based compensation costs and recognized \$5.8 million of expense for the three months ended November 30, 2006. In managing and evaluating our results of operations, we measure operating income excluding interest on funds held for clients and stock-based compensation costs. Fluctuations in interest rates significantly impact our results of operations and are not within our control. For the fiscal year ending May 31, 2007 (fiscal 2007), internal management performance targets also exclude stock-based compensation costs. Operating income excluding interest on funds held for clients and stock-based compensation costs increased 15% to \$158.4 million for the three months ended November 30, 2006.

Our financial performance during the three months ended November 30, 2006 was largely due to strong service revenue growth of 12% over the same period last year. This growth in service revenue was attributable to growth in client base, check volume, and utilization of ancillary services.

Our financial performance was positively impacted by the effects of increases in interest rates earned on our funds held for clients and corporate investment portfolios. The Federal Funds rate was 5.25% as of November 30, 2006 compared with 4.00% as of November 30, 2005. For the three months ended November 30, 2006, our combined interest on funds held for clients and corporate investment income increased 51% and earned an average rate of return of 3.9%, compared with an average rate of return of 3.0% for the same period last year. The impact of changing interest rates and related risks is discussed in more detail in the Market Risk Factors section of this review.

As of November 30, 2006, we maintained a strong financial position with total cash and corporate investments of \$519.1 million. We also had \$543.8 million in long-term corporate investments. Our primary source of cash is from our ongoing operations. Cash flow from operations was \$278.8 million for the six months ended November 30, 2006, as compared with \$233.9 million for the six months ended November 30, 2005. Historically, we have funded operations, capital expenditures, purchases of corporate investments, and dividend payments from our operating activities. It is anticipated that current cash and corporate investment balances, along with projected operating cash flows, will support our normal business operations, capital expenditures, and dividend payments for the foreseeable future.

For further analysis of our results of operations for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, and our financial position as of November 30, 2006, refer to the analysis and discussion in the Results of Operations, Liquidity and Capital Resources, and Critical Accounting Policies sections of this review.

Stock-based compensation costs

Effective June 1, 2006 (the adoption date), we adopted Statement of Financial Accounting Standard (SFAS) No. 123 (revised 2004) (SFAS No. 123(R)), Share-Based Payment. This statement requires that all stock-based awards to employees, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized as compensation costs in the Consolidated Financial Statements based on their fair values measured as of the date of grant. These costs are recognized as expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income over the requisite service period. We

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adopted this standard using the modified-prospective transition method, and accordingly, results for the prior periods have not been restated. Comparisons between the results of operations for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 and the same periods last year are impacted by this method of adoption. Refer to Note B of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information regarding stock-based compensation arrangements.

Prior to the adoption date, we accounted for stock-based compensation arrangements under the intrinsic value method described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, and related interpretations, as permitted by SFAS No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation. Accordingly, no compensation costs were recognized for stock option grants because the exercise price of the stock options granted was equal to the market price of the underlying stock on the date of the grant.

The impacts to the results of operations for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 from recognition of stock-based compensation costs under SFAS No. 123(R) are as follows:

| In millions, except per share amounts | For the three months ended November 30, 2006 | For the six months ended November 30, 2006 |
|--|---|---|
| Operating expenses | \$ 2.2 | \$ 4.1 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 3.6 | 8.2 |
| Total expenses | 5.8 | 12.3 |
| Income before income taxes | (5.8) | (12.3) |
| Income taxes | (1.6) | (3.6) |
| Net income | \$ (4.2) | \$ (8.7) |
| Basic earnings per share | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.02) |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ (0.01) | \$ (0.02) |
| Net cash provided by financing activities | \$ 3.1 | \$ 3.4 |

As of November 30, 2006, the total unrecognized compensation cost related to all unvested stock-based awards was \$73.4 million and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 3.1 years. The impact on future periods may change based on the issuance of additional stock-based awards as allowed under the Paychex, Inc. 2002 Stock Incentive Plan, as amended and restated, effective October 12, 2005.

For grants of stock options, we estimate the fair value at the date of grant using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. For grants of restricted stock, which were first granted in July 2006, the fair value is equal to the closing market price of the underlying common stock as of the date of grant. Stock-based compensation costs for any awards granted subsequent to the adoption date are recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite service period to better align the costs with the employee services provided. Compensation costs for stock-based awards granted prior to the adoption date will continue to be recognized on an accelerated amortization schedule related to the graded vesting terms of the grant.

As part of the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we did an in-depth review of all of our assumptions used in calculating the fair value under a Black-Scholes option pricing model. For grants subsequent to the adoption date, we calculated the estimated volatility factor based on a combination of historical volatility using weekly stock prices and implied market volatility. We

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incorporated implied volatility as it is generally more reflective of both historical volatility and expectations of how future volatility will differ from historical volatility. Prior to the adoption date, we used historical volatility based on monthly stock prices. The expected option life of our stock option grants is determined from historical exercise behavior.

Upon adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we are required to estimate forfeitures and only record compensation costs for those awards that are expected to vest. Previously in our pro forma disclosures under SFAS No. 123, we accounted for forfeitures as they occurred. Our assumptions for forfeitures were determined based on type of award and historical experience.

The assumptions of volatility, expected option life, and forfeitures all require significant judgment and are subject to change in the future due to factors such as employee exercise behavior, stock price trends, and changes to types or provisions of stock-based awards. Any change in one or more of these assumptions can have a material impact on the estimated fair value of an award and on stock-based compensation costs recognized in our results of operations.

Outlook

Our current outlook for our results of operations for the full year fiscal 2007 is unchanged from the guidance provided in our Form 10-Q for the quarter ended August 31, 2006.

Payroll service revenue growth is projected to be in the range of 9% to 11%.

Human Resource Services revenue growth is expected to be in the range of 20% to 23%.

Total service revenue growth is projected to be in the range of 11% to 13%.

Interest on funds held for clients is expected to increase approximately 30% to 35%.

Total revenue growth is estimated to be in the range of 12% to 14%.

Corporate investment income is anticipated to increase approximately 55% to 60%.

Stock-based compensation costs will be primarily included in selling, general and administrative expenses, and are expected to be in the range of \$25 million to \$30 million.

The effective income tax rate is expected to be approximately 31.0%.

Net income growth is expected to be in the range of 13% to 15%.

Purchases of property and equipment for fiscal 2007 are expected to be in the range of \$80 million to \$85 million, in line with our growth rates. Fiscal 2007 depreciation expense is projected to be approximately \$55 million, and we project amortization of intangible assets to be approximately \$16 million.

Our projections are based on current economic and interest rate conditions continuing with no significant changes.

Table of Contents**RESULTS OF OPERATIONS***Summary of Results of Operations:*

| \$ in millions | For the three months ended November 30, | | | For the six months ended November 30, | | |
|---|---|-----------------|-------------|---|-----------------|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | % Change | 2006 | 2005 | % Change |
| Revenue: | | | | | | |
| Payroll service revenue | \$ 332.2 | \$ 303.9 | 9% | \$ 667.5 | \$ 612.5 | 9% |
| Human Resource Services revenue | 93.0 | 75.1 | 24% | 187.3 | 150.9 | 24% |
| Total service revenue | 425.2 | 379.0 | 12% | 854.8 | 763.4 | 12% |
| Interest on funds held for clients | 29.7 | 20.8 | 43% | 59.5 | 40.1 | 49% |
| Total revenue | 454.9 | 399.8 | 14% | 914.3 | 803.5 | 14% |
| Combined operating and SG&A expenses | 272.6 | 241.2 | 13% | 545.6 | 482.1 | 13% |
| Operating income | 182.3 | 158.6 | 15% | 368.7 | 321.4 | 15% |
| As a % of total revenue | 40% | 40% | | 40% | 40% | |
| Investment income, net | 10.0 | 5.5 | 79% | 19.3 | 10.4 | 86% |
| Income before income taxes | 192.3 | 164.1 | 17% | 388.0 | 331.8 | 17% |
| As a % of total revenue | 42% | 41% | | 42% | 41% | |
| Income taxes | 59.6 | 51.5 | 16% | 120.3 | 104.2 | 15% |
| Net income | \$ 132.7 | \$ 112.6 | 18% | \$ 267.7 | \$ 227.6 | 18% |
| As a % of total revenue | 29% | 28% | | 29% | 28% | |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.35 | \$ 0.30 | 17% | \$ 0.70 | \$ 0.60 | 17% |

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Details regarding our combined funds held for clients and corporate investment portfolios are as follows:

| \$ in millions | For the three months ended November 30, | | For the six months ended November 30, | |
|---|--|-------------------|--|-------------------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | 2006 | 2005 |
| Average investment balances: | | | | |
| Funds held for clients | \$ 2,894.2 | \$ 2,733.9 | \$ 2,931.7 | \$ 2,738.0 |
| Corporate investments | 1,070.8 | 798.0 | 1,035.9 | 764.3 |
| Total | \$ 3,965.0 | \$ 3,531.9 | \$ 3,967.6 | \$ 3,502.3 |
| Average interest rates earned: | | | | |
| Funds held for clients | 4.0% | 3.0% | 4.0% | 2.9% |
| Corporate investments | 3.7% | 2.7% | 3.7% | 2.7% |
| Combined funds held for clients and corporate investment portfolios | 3.9% | 3.0% | 3.9% | 2.9% |
| Net realized gains: | | | | |
| Funds held for clients | \$ 0.6 | \$ ¾ | \$ 0.8 | \$ 0.1 |
| Corporate investments | 0.1 | ¾ | 0.1 | ¾ |
| Total | \$ 0.7 | \$ ¾ | \$ 0.9 | \$ 0.1 |
| As of: | | | | |
| \$ in millions | | | November 30, 2006 | May 31, 2006 |
| Net unrealized loss on available-for-sale securities | | | \$ (2.8) | \$ (22.0) |
| Federal Funds rate | | | 5.25% | 5.00% |
| Three-year AAA municipal securities yield | | | 3.50% | 3.65% |
| Total market value of available-for-sale securities | | | \$ 3,952.1 | \$ 3,852.4 |
| Average duration of available-for-sale securities in years (A) | | | 2.3 | 2.0 |
| Weighted-average yield-to-maturity of available-for-sale securities (A) | | | 3.6% | 3.0% |

(A) These items exclude the impact of variable rate demand notes (VRDNs) and

auction rate
securities as
they are tied to
short-term
interest rates.

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Revenue: The increases in Payroll service revenue of 9% for both the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively, from the same periods last year were attributable to higher check volume growth, price increases, client base growth, and growth in the utilization of our ancillary services.

As of November 30, 2006, 92% of all clients utilized our payroll tax administration services, compared with 91% as of November 30, 2005. We believe that the client utilization percentage of our payroll tax administration services is near maturity. Our employee payment services were utilized by 70% of all clients as of November 30, 2006, compared with 67% as of November 30, 2005. Approximately 95% of new clients purchase our payroll tax administration services and more than 75% of new clients purchase employee payment services.

Human Resource Services revenue increased 24% for the both the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 to \$93.0 million and \$187.3 million, respectively. The growth was generated from the following: retirement services client base increased 14% to 41,000 clients; client employees for our comprehensive human resource outsourcing services increased 31% to 328,000 client employees; and workers compensation insurance client base increased 18% to 56,000 clients. Additionally, the asset value of the retirement services client employees funds increased 25% to \$7.2 billion.

For the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, interest on funds held for clients increased 43% and 49%, respectively. The increases in interest on funds held for clients were due to higher average interest rates earned and higher average investment balances. The current effect of higher average interest rates is expected to diminish as there have been no increases to the Federal Funds rate since June 29, 2006. Interest on funds held for clients is expected to increase 20% to 25% during the last six months of fiscal 2007. See the Market Risk Factors section of this review for further information related to the effects of changing interest rates.

Combined operating and SG&A expenses: The following table summarizes total combined operating and selling, general and administrative (SG&A) expenses:

| \$ in millions | For the three months ended November 30, | | | For the six months ended November 30, | | |
|---|---|---------|-------------|---|---------|-------------|
| | 2006 | 2005 | % Change | 2006 | 2005 | % Change |
| Compensation-related expenses, including stock-based compensation costs | \$177.6 | \$154.0 | 15% | \$354.1 | \$304.8 | 16% |
| Facilities expense | 13.1 | 11.9 | 10% | 25.8 | 23.4 | 10% |
| Depreciation of property and equipment | 14.2 | 12.6 | 13% | 27.6 | 24.9 | 11% |
| Amortization of intangible assets | 3.8 | 3.7 | 3% | 7.2 | 7.4 | -3% |
| Other expenses | 63.9 | 59.0 | 8% | 130.9 | 121.6 | 8% |
| Total operating and SG&A expenses | \$272.6 | \$241.2 | 13% | \$545.6 | \$482.1 | 13% |

Combined operating and SG&A expenses for both the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 increased 13% primarily as a result of increases in personnel and other costs related to retaining clients, promoting new services, and creating more efficient systems for selling and servicing through new and enhanced technology. As of November 30, 2006, we had

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approximately 11,500 employees compared with approximately 10,600 employees as of November 30, 2005. In addition, stock-based compensation costs from the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), included in compensation-related expenses, were \$5.8 million and \$12.3 million for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively. Excluding stock-based compensation costs, total expense growth would have been 11% for both the three and six months ended November 30, 2006.

Depreciation expense is primarily related to buildings, furniture and fixtures, data processing equipment, and software. Amortization of intangible assets is primarily related to client lists obtained from previous acquisitions, which are amortized using accelerated methods. Other expenses include such items as delivery, forms and supplies, communications, travel and entertainment, professional services, and other costs incurred to support our business.

Operating income: The increases in operating income for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, as compared with the same periods last year are attributable to the factors previously discussed. Operating income excluding interest on funds held for clients and stock-based compensation costs increased 15% to \$158.4 million and 14% to \$321.4 million for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively. Operating income excluding interest on funds held for clients and stock-based compensation costs as a percentage of service revenue was 37% and 38% for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, respectively. This increased from 36% and 37% for the three and six months ended November 30, 2005, respectively.

Investment income, net: Investment income, net primarily represents earnings from our cash and cash equivalents and investments in available-for-sale securities. Investment income does not include interest on funds held for clients, which is included in total revenue. The increases in investment income for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 as compared to the same periods last year are due to higher average interest rates earned and growth in average portfolio balances resulting from investment of cash generated from our ongoing operations.

Income taxes: Our effective income tax rate was 31.0% for both the three and six months ended November 30, 2006 compared with 31.4% for both the respective prior year periods. The decrease in our effective tax rate is attributable to higher levels of tax-exempt income derived from municipal debt securities held in our funds held for clients and corporate investment portfolios, and a lower effective state income tax rate, partially offset by the nondeductible compensation related to incentive stock option grants.

Net income: The increases in net income for the three and six months ended November 30, 2006, as compared with the three and six months ended November 30, 2005 are attributable to the factors previously discussed.

LIQUIDITY AND CAPITAL RESOURCES

As of November 30, 2006, our principal source of liquidity was \$519.1 million in cash and corporate investments. We also had \$543.8 million in long-term corporate investments. Current cash and corporate investments and projected operating cash flows are expected to support our normal business operations, capital expenditures, and dividend payments for the foreseeable future.

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We have unused borrowing capacity available under four uncommitted, secured, short-term lines of credit at market rates of interest with financial institutions as follows:

| Financial institution | Amount available | Expiration date |
|--|-------------------------|------------------------|
| JP Morgan Chase Bank, N.A. | \$350 million | February 2007 |
| Bank of America, N.A. | \$250 million | February 2007 |
| PNC Bank, National Association | \$150 million | February 2007 |
| Wells Fargo Bank, National Association | \$150 million | February 2007 |

The primary uses of the lines of credit would be to meet short-term funding requirements related to deposit account overdrafts and client fund deposit obligations arising from electronic payment transactions on behalf of our clients in the ordinary course of business, if necessary. No amounts were outstanding against these lines of credit as of or during the six months ended November 30, 2006.

As of November 30, 2006, we had standby letters of credit outstanding totaling \$60.2 million, required to secure commitments for certain of our insurance policies. These letters of credit expire at various dates between May 2007 and December 2007. The letters of credit are secured by investments held in our corporate portfolio, including a \$50.9 million letter of credit for which funds have been segregated into a separate account. No amounts were outstanding on these letters of credit as of or during the six months ended November 30, 2006.

We enter into various purchase commitments with vendors in the ordinary course of business. As of November 30, 2006, we had outstanding commitments to purchase approximately \$9.3 million of capital assets.

We guarantee performance of service on annual maintenance contracts for clients who financed their service contracts through a third party. In the normal course of business, we make representations and warranties that guarantee the performance of our services under service arrangements with clients. In addition, we have entered into indemnification agreements with our officers and directors, which require us to defend and, if necessary, indemnify these individuals for matters related to their services provided to us. Historically, there have been no material losses related to such guarantees and indemnifications.

We currently self-insure the deductible portion of various insured exposures under certain employee benefit plans. Our estimated loss exposure under these insurance arrangements is recorded in other current liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Historically, the amounts accrued have not been material. We also have insurance coverage in addition to our purchased primary insurance policies for gap coverage for employment practices liability, errors and omissions, warranty liability, and acts of terrorism; and capacity for deductibles and self-insured retentions through our captive insurance company.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

As part of our ongoing business, we do not participate in transactions with unconsolidated entities such as special purpose entities or structured finance entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other limited purposes. We do maintain investments as a limited partner in low-income housing projects that are not considered part of our ongoing operations. These investments are accounted for under the equity method of accounting.

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| In millions | For the six months ended | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | November 30, 2006 | November 30, 2005 |
| Net income | \$ 267.7 | \$ 227.6 |
| Non-cash adjustments to net income | 65.8 | 55.9 |
| Cash used by changes in operating assets and liabilities | (54.7) | (49.6) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | \$ 278.8 | \$ 233.9 |

The increase in our operating cash flows for the six months ended November 30, 2006 reflects higher net income adjusted for non-cash items, and decreased cash from operating assets and liabilities. The increase in non-cash adjustments to net income is primarily attributable to stock-based compensation costs of \$12.3 million for the six months ended November 30, 2006. The fluctuation in operating assets and liabilities between periods was primarily the result of timing of accounts receivable billing and collections and timing of payments for compensation, PEO payroll, income tax, and other liabilities.

Investing Cash Flow Activities

| In millions | For the six months ended | |
|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | November 30, 2006 | November 30, 2005 |
| Net change in funds held for clients and corporate investment activities | \$ (111.8) | \$ (133.4) |
| Purchases of property and equipment, net of proceeds from the sale of property and equipment | (39.8) | (38.5) |
| Acquisition of businesses, net of cash acquired | | (0.4) |
| Purchases of other assets | (15.7) | (2.4) |
| Net cash used in investing activities | \$ (167.3) | \$ (174.7) |

Funds held for clients and corporate investments: Funds held for clients are primarily comprised of short-term funds and available-for-sale securities. Corporate investments are primarily comprised of available-for-sale securities. The portfolio of funds held for clients and corporate investments is detailed in Note D of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

The amount of funds held for clients will vary based upon the timing of collecting client funds, and the related remittance of funds to applicable tax or regulatory agencies for payroll tax administration services and to employees of clients utilizing employee payment services. Fluctuations in net funds held for clients and corporate investment activities mainly relate to timing of purchases, sales, or maturities of corporate investments. Additional discussion of interest rates and related risks is included in the *Market Risk Factors* section of this review.

Purchases of long-lived assets: To support our continued client and ancillary product growth, purchases of property and equipment were made for data processing equipment and software, and for the expansion and upgrade of various operating facilities. Construction in progress totaled \$35.5 million as of November 30, 2006 and \$36.3 million as of May 31, 2006. Of these costs, \$34.0 million and \$29.4 million represent software being developed for internal use as of November 30, 2006 and May 31, 2006, respectively. Capitalization of costs ceases when software is ready for its intended use, at which time we will begin amortization of the costs.

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We purchased approximately \$0.8 million and \$2.5 million of data processing equipment and software from EMC Corporation during the six months ended November 30, 2006 and 2005, respectively. The Chairman, President, and Chief Executive Officer of EMC Corporation is a member of our Board of Directors (the Board). Other assets increased for the six months ended November 30, 2006 mainly due to the termination of our client-servicing arrangement with New England Business Services, Inc. and the purchasing of the right to service the related clients.

Financing Cash Flow Activities

| In millions, except per share amounts | For the six months ended | |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|
| | November 30, 2006 | November 30, 2005 |
| Dividends paid | \$ (140.9) | \$ (110.0) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 17.8 | 17.9 |
| Excess tax benefit related to exercise of stock options | 3.4 | ³ / ₄ |
| Net cash used in financing activities | \$ (119.7) | \$ (92.1) |
| Cash dividends per common share | \$ 0.37 | \$ 0.29 |

Dividends paid: During the six months ended November 30, 2006, our Board declared an increase in the quarterly dividend to \$0.21 per share from \$0.16 per share, which was paid November 15, 2006 to stockholders of record as of November 1, 2006. The payment of future dividends are dependent on our future earnings and cash flow and are subject to the discretion of our Board.

Exercise of stock options: We recognized an excess tax benefit related to the exercise of stock options of \$3.4 million for the six months ended November 30, 2006 that is reflected in cash flows from financing activities in accordance with SFAS No. 123(R), as adopted on June 1, 2006. For the six months ended November 30, 2005, we recognized a total tax benefit related to the exercise of stock options of \$6.4 million which was reflected in cash flows from operating activities.

MARKET RISK FACTORS

Changes in interest rates and interest rate risk: Funds held for clients are primarily comprised of short-term funds and available-for-sale securities, and corporate investments are primarily comprised of available-for-sale securities. As a result of our operating and investing activities, we are exposed to changes in interest rates that may materially affect our results of operations and financial position. Changes in interest rates will impact the earnings potential of future investments and will cause fluctuations in the market value of our longer-term available-for-sale securities. In seeking to minimize the risks and/or costs associated with such activities, we generally direct investments towards high credit quality, fixed-rate municipal and government securities and manage the available-for-sale securities to a benchmark duration of two and one-half to three years. We do not utilize derivative financial instruments to manage our interest rate risk.

During the six months ended November 30, 2006, the average interest rate earned on our combined funds held for clients and corporate investment portfolios was 3.9% compared with 2.9% for the same period last year. While interest rates were rising, the full benefit of higher interest rates was not immediately reflected in net income due to the interaction of long- and short-term interest rate changes as discussed below.

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During a rising interest rate environment, the increases in interest rates increase earnings from our short-term investments and over time increase earnings from our longer-term available-for-sale securities. Earnings from the available-for-sale securities, which as of November 30, 2006 had an average duration of 2.3 years excluding the impact of VRDNs and auction rate securities tied to short-term interest rates, would not reflect increases in interest rates until the investments are sold or mature and the proceeds are reinvested at higher rates.

The cost and market value of available-for-sale securities that had stated maturities as of November 30, 2006, are shown below by contractual maturity. Expected maturities will differ from contractual maturities because borrowers may have the right to prepay obligations without prepayment penalties.

| In millions | November 30, 2006 | |
|--|--------------------------|---------------------|
| | Cost | Market value |
| Maturity date: | | |
| Due in one year or less | \$ 617.3 | \$ 615.0 |
| Due after one year through three years | 594.8 | 590.3 |
| Due after three years through five years | 534.2 | 534.9 |
| Due after five years | 2,205.5 | 2,208.7 |
| Total available-for-sale securities with stated maturities | \$ 3,951.8 | \$ 3,948.9 |

VRDNs and auction rate securities are primarily categorized as due after five years in the table above as the contractual maturities on these securities are typically 20 to 30 years. Although these securities are issued as long-term securities, both are priced and traded as short-term instruments because of the liquidity provided through the auction or tender feature.

The following table summarizes recent changes in the Federal Funds rate:

| | Fiscal year 2007 year-to-date | Fiscal year ended May 31, 2006 | Fiscal year ended May 31, 2005 |
|---|--|---|---|
| Federal Funds rate beginning of period | 5.00% | 3.00% | 1.00% |
| Rate increase: | | | |
| First quarter | 0.25% | 0.50% | 0.50% |
| Second quarter | $\frac{3}{4}$ | 0.50% | 0.50% |
| Third quarter | NA | 0.50% | 0.50% |
| Fourth quarter | NA | 0.50% | 0.50% |
| Federal Funds rate end of period | 5.25% | 5.00% | 3.00% |
| Three-year AAA municipal securities yield end of period | 3.50% | 3.65% | 2.85% |

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Calculating the future effects of changing interest rates involves many factors. These factors include, but are not limited to:

daily interest rate changes;

seasonal variations in investment balances;

actual duration of short-term and available-for-sale securities;

the proportional mix of taxable and tax-exempt investments; and

changes in tax-exempt municipal rates as compared to taxable investment rates, which are not synchronized or simultaneous.

Subject to these factors, a 25-basis-point change generally affects our tax-exempt interest rates by approximately 17 basis points.

Our total investment portfolio (funds held for clients and corporate investments) is expected to average approximately \$4.5 billion for the full year ending May 31, 2007. Our normal and anticipated allocation is approximately 60% invested in short-term and available-for-sale securities with an average duration of 35 days and 40% invested in available-for-sale securities with an average duration of two and one-half to three years. Based on these current assumptions, we estimate that the earnings effect of a 25-basis-point change in interest rates (17 basis points for tax-exempt investments) at this point in time would be approximately \$5.0 million to \$5.5 million for the next twelve-month period.

The combined funds held for clients and corporate available-for-sale securities reflected a net unrealized loss of \$2.8 million as of November 30, 2006, compared with \$22.0 million as of May 31, 2006, and \$19.9 million as of November 30, 2005. The change resulted from decreases in long-term market interest rates. During the six months ended November 30, 2006, the net unrealized loss position ranged from \$29.5 million to \$2.8 million. Our investment portfolios reflected a net unrealized loss position of approximately \$5.7 million as of December 15, 2006.

As of November 30, 2006 and May 31, 2006, we had \$4.0 billion and \$3.9 billion, respectively, invested in available-for-sale securities at market value. Excluding auction rate securities and VRDNs classified as available-for-sale securities which are tied to short-term interest rates, the weighted-average yield-to-maturity was 3.6% and 3.0% as of November 30, 2006 and May 31, 2006, respectively. Assuming a hypothetical increase in both short-term and longer-term interest rates of 25 basis points, the resulting potential decrease in market value for our available-for-sale securities as of November 30, 2006 would be approximately \$12.0 million. Conversely, a corresponding decrease in interest rates would result in a comparable increase in market value. This hypothetical decrease or increase in the market value of the portfolio would be recorded as an adjustment to the portfolio's recorded value, with an offsetting amount recorded in stockholders' equity. These fluctuations in market value would have no related or immediate impact on the results of operations, unless any declines in market value were considered to be other-than-temporary.

Credit Risk: We are exposed to credit risk in connection with these investments through the possible inability of the borrowers to meet the terms of the bonds. We attempt to limit credit risk by investing primarily in available-for-sale securities with AAA and AA ratings and short-term securities with an A-1 rating, and by limiting amounts that can be invested in any single issuer.

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CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Our critical accounting policies are described in Item 7 of our Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended May 31, 2006, filed with the SEC on July 21, 2006. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate the critical accounting policies used to prepare our Consolidated Financial Statements, including, but not limited to, those related to:

revenue recognition;

PEO workers compensation insurance;

valuation of investments;

goodwill and intangible assets;

accrual for client fund losses;

contingent liabilities;

stock-based compensation costs; and

income taxes.

There have been no material charges in these aforementioned critical accounting policies, other than as required by adoption of new accounting pronouncements.

Stock-based compensation costs: Effective June 1, 2006, we adopted SFAS No. 123(R), which requires that all stock-based awards to employees, including grants of employee stock options, be recognized as compensation costs in our Consolidated Financial Statements based on their fair values measured as of the date of grant. We estimate the fair value of stock option grants using a Black-Scholes option pricing model. This model requires various assumptions as inputs including expected volatility of the Paychex stock price and expected option life.

We estimate volatility based on a combination of historical volatility using weekly stock prices and implied market volatility, both over a period equal to the expected option life. We estimate expected option life based on historical exercise behavior.

Under SFAS No. 123(R), we are required to estimate forfeitures and only record compensation costs for those awards that are expected to vest. Our assumptions for forfeitures were determined based on type of award and historical experience. Forfeiture assumptions are adjusted at the point in time a significant change is identified with any catch-up adjustment recorded in the period of change with the final adjustment at the end of the requisite service period to equal actual forfeitures.

The assumptions of volatility, expected option life, and forfeitures all require significant judgment and are subject to change in the future due to factors such as employee exercise behavior, stock price trends, and changes to type or provisions of stock-based awards. Any change in one or more of these assumptions can have a material impact on the estimated fair value of an award and on stock-based compensation costs recognized in our results of operations.

We have determined that the Black-Scholes option pricing model, as well as the underlying assumptions used in its application, is appropriate in estimating the fair value of stock option grants. We periodically reassess our assumptions as well as our choice of valuation model, and will reconsider use of this model if additional information becomes available in the future indicating that another model would provide a more accurate estimate of fair value, or if characteristics of future grants would warrant such a change.

Income taxes: We account for deferred taxes by recognition of deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the Consolidated Financial Statements or tax returns. Under this method, deferred tax assets and

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liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. With the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R), we record a deferred tax asset related to the stock-based compensation costs recognized for certain stock-based awards. At the time of exercise of non-qualified stock options or vesting of restricted stock awards, we account for the resulting tax deduction by reducing our accrued income tax liability with an offset to the deferred tax asset and any excess tax benefit increasing additional paid-in capital. We currently have a sufficient pool of excess tax benefits in additional paid-in capital to absorb any deficient tax benefit related to stock-based awards.

NEW ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

In June 2006, the Financial Accounting Standards Board (FASB) issued Interpretation No. 48 (FIN 48), Accounting for Uncertainty in Income Taxes, an interpretation of FASB Statement No. 109, to create a single model to address accounting for uncertainty in tax positions. FIN 48 clarified the accounting for income tax by prescribing a minimum recognition threshold a tax position is required to meet before being recognized in the Consolidated Financial Statements. FIN 48 also provides guidance on derecognition, measurement, classification, interest and penalties, accounting in interim periods, disclosure, and transition. FIN 48 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2006. We will adopt FIN 48 as of June 1, 2007, as required. We have not yet determined the effect, if any, the adoption of FIN 48 will have on our results of operations or financial position.

In April 2006, the FASB issued FASB Staff Position (FSP) FIN 46(R)-6, Determining the Variability to be Considered in Applying FASB Interpretation No. 46(R). This FSP provides additional guidance on the determination of and accounting for variable interests under FASB Interpretation No. 46(R). This FSP was effective for reporting periods beginning after June 15, 2006 and we implemented its guidance beginning in the second quarter of fiscal 2007. The adoption of this FSP did not have a material effect on our results of operations or financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 157, Fair Value Measurements. This statement clarifies the definition of fair value, establishes a framework for measuring fair value and expands the disclosures on fair value measurements. SFAS No. 157 is effective for fiscal years beginning after November 15, 2007. We have not yet determined the effect, if any, the adoption of this statement will have on our results of operations or financial position.

In September 2006, the FASB issued SFAS No. 158, Employers Accounting for Defined Benefit Pension and Other Post-Retirement Plans. This statement requires an employer to recognize the over-funded or under-funded status of a defined benefit post-retirement plan and to recognize changes in the funded status in the year of change through comprehensive income. The statement is effective as of the end of the fiscal year ending after December 15, 2006. We currently do not have any benefit plans subject to this new statement and, therefore, expect no impact to our results of operation or financial position.

In October 2006, the FASB issued FSPs related to SFAS No. 123(R) as follows:

FAS 123(R)-5, Amendment of FASB Staff Position 123(R)-1; and

FAS 123(R)-6, Technical Corrections of FASB Statement No. 123(R).

Both FSPs are effective in the first reporting period beginning after the date the FSP is posted to the FASB website, which for us is the third quarter of fiscal 2007. We are evaluating these FSPs but do not expect a material effect on our results of operations or financial position.

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Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosure of Market Risk

The information called for by this item is provided under the caption "Market Risk Factors" under Item 2 "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures: As of the end of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer of the effectiveness of disclosure controls and procedures, as defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Based on such evaluation, the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer have concluded that as of the end of the period covered by this report, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in applicable SEC rules and forms.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting: We also carried out an evaluation of the internal control over financial reporting to determine whether any changes occurred during the period covered by this report. Based on such evaluation, there has been no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the most recently completed fiscal quarter ended November 30, 2006, that materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

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See Note I of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, which is incorporated herein by reference thereto, for information regarding legal proceedings.

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

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders was held on October 5, 2006. There were present at the meeting, either in person or by proxy, holders of 350,670,849 common shares. Stockholders elected the seven directors nominated in the August 31, 2006 Proxy Statement, constituting our entire Board of Directors, to hold office until the next Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Results of stockholder voting are as follows:

| Election of Directors | For | Against |
|------------------------------|-------------|----------------|
| B. Thomas Golisano | 335,074,838 | 12,941,242 |
| David J. S. Flaschen | 328,973,167 | 19,024,391 |
| Phillip Horsley | 336,934,221 | 10,974,742 |
| Grant M. Inman | 335,304,645 | 12,616,875 |
| Pamela A. Joseph | 346,728,160 | 1,286,276 |
| Jonathan J. Judge | 335,341,504 | 12,699,037 |
| Joseph M. Tucci | 337,014,059 | 10,652,372 |

Item 6. Exhibits

Exhibit 31.1: Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Exhibit 31.2: Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a) or 15d-14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended.

Exhibit 32.1: Certification of the Chief Executive Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

PAYCHEX, INC.

Date: December 20, 2006

/s/ Jonathan J. Judge
Jonathan J. Judge
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: December 20, 2006

/s/ John M. Morphy
John M. Morphy
Senior Vice President, Chief Financial
Officer, and Secretary

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