ICF International, Inc.

Form 10-Q

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| UNITED STATES  |
| SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION   |
| Washington, D.C. 20549   |
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| (Mark One)   |
| QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  |
| FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015  |
| OR   |
| TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934 |
| FOR THE TRANSITION PERIOD FROM TO  |
| Commission File Number: 001-33045  |
| ICF International, Inc.  |
| (Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)                                   |

Delaware 22-3661438 (State or Other Jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer

**Incorporation or Organization)** Identification No.)

9300 Lee Highway, Fairfax, VA 22031 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (703) 934-3000

Not Applicable

(Former name, former address and former fiscal year, if changed since last report)

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

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

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

Large accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

As of October 23, 2015, there were 19,223,827 shares outstanding of the registrant's common stock.

# ICF INTERNATIONAL, INC.

# QUARTERLY REPORT ON FORM 10-Q FOR THE

# PERIOD ENDED SEPTEMBER 30, 2015

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# PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

# Item 1. Financial Statements

ICF International, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(in thousands, except share and per share amounts)

| Current Assets:   | September 30, 2015 (Unaudited) | December 31, 2014 |
|---|--------------------------------|-------------------|
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$5,722                        | \$12,122          |
| Contract receivables, net   | 271,671                        | 260,254           |
| Prepaid expenses and other  | 11,076                         | 10,338            |
| Income tax receivable   |                                | 5,715             |
| Total current assets  | 288,469                        | 288,429           |
| Total property and equipment, net of accumulated depreciation of \$75,932 and \$58,357 as of September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively Other assets: | ·                              | 43,241            |
| Goodwill  | 690,576                        | 687,778           |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 63,409                         | 76,707            |
| Restricted cash   | 1,403                          | 1,478             |
| Other assets  | 13,121                         | 12,707            |
| Total Assets  | \$1,102,056                    | \$1,110,340       |
| Current Liabilities:  |                                |                   |
| Accounts payable  | \$58,115                       | \$65,755          |
| Accrued salaries and benefits   | 46,113                         | 56,314            |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities  | 44,867                         | 42,308            |
| Deferred revenue  | 34,543                         | 31,554            |
| Income tax payable  | 5,488                          |                   |
| Deferred income taxes   | 6,984                          | 7,312             |
| Total current liabilities   | 196,110                        | 203,243           |
| Long-term Liabilities:  |                                |                   |
| Long-term debt  | 332,155                        | 350,052           |
| Deferred rent   | 15,732                         | 19,997            |
| Deferred income taxes   | 23,757                         | 27,886            |
| Other   | 16,924                         | 8,473             |
| Total Liabilities   | 584,678                        | 609,651           |
|   |                                |                   |

# Commitments and Contingencies Stockholders' Equity:

| Preferred stock, par value \$.001 per share; 5,000,000 shares authorized; none issued  |             |             |
|--|-------------|-------------|
| Common stock, par value \$.001 per share; 70,000,000 shares authorized; 21,292,905 and |             |             |
| 21,035,654 issued; and 19,222,745 and 19,430,154 outstanding as of September 30, 2015  | 21          | 21          |
| and December 31, 2014, respectively  |             |             |
| Additional paid-in capital   | 277,300     | 267,206     |
| Retained earnings  | 314,556     | 285,937     |
| Treasury stock   | (67,529     | (49,994)    |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss   | (6,970      | (2,481)     |
| Total Stockholders' Equity   | 517,378     | 500,689     |
| Total Liabilities and Stockholders' Equity   | \$1,102,056 | \$1,110,340 |
|  |             |             |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# ICF International, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands, except per share amounts)

|  | Three Months<br>Ended |           | Nine Months Ended |           |  |
|--|-----------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------|--|
|  | September 30,         |           | September 30,     |           |  |
|  | 2015                  | 2014      | 2015              | 2014      |  |
| Gross Revenue  | \$288,951             | \$264,796 | \$851,427         | \$773,708 |  |
| Direct Costs   | 177,864               | 166,064   | 520,684           | 486,461   |  |
| Operating costs and expenses:                        |                       |           |                   |           |  |
| Indirect and selling expenses                        | 81,011                | 74,704    | 249,626           | 218,573   |  |
| Depreciation and amortization                        | 4,316                 | 3,227     | 12,058            | 9,493     |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets                    | 4,263                 | 2,273     | 12,866            | 6,429     |  |
| Total operating costs and expenses                   | 89,590                | 80,204    | 274,550           | 234,495   |  |
| Operating income                                     | 21,497                | 18,528    | 56,193            | 52,752    |  |
| Interest expense                                     | (2,674)               | (800)     | (7,727)           | (2,288)   |  |
| Other expense  | (52)                  | (335)     | (1,473)           | (991)     |  |
| Income before income taxes                           | 18,771                | 17,393    | 46,993            | 49,473    |  |
| Provision for income taxes                           | 7,226                 | 5,840     | 18,374            | 18,206    |  |
| Net income   | \$11,545              | \$11,553  | \$28,619          | \$31,267  |  |
| Earnings per Share:                                  |                       |           |                   |           |  |
| Basic  | \$0.60                | \$0.59    | \$1.47            | \$1.59    |  |
| Diluted  | \$0.59                | \$0.59    | \$1.45            | \$1.56    |  |
| Weighted-average Shares:                             |                       |           |                   |           |  |
| Basic  | 19,316                | 19,450    | 19,413            | 19,682    |  |
| Diluted  | 19,556                | 19,713    | 19,743            | 20,069    |  |
| Other comprehensive income (loss):                   |                       |           |                   |           |  |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments, net of tax | (3,900)               | (1,355)   | (4,489)           | (895)     |  |
| Comprehensive income, net of tax                     | \$7,645               | \$10,198  | \$24,130          | \$30,372  |  |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

# ICF International, Inc. and Subsidiaries

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (UNAUDITED)

(in thousands)

|   | Nine Months Ended |                   |  |  |
|---|-------------------|-------------------|--|--|
|   | September 2015    | 30,<br>2014       |  |  |
| Cash Flows from Operating Activities  |                   |                   |  |  |
| Net income  | \$28,619          | \$31,267          |  |  |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: |                   |                   |  |  |
| Non-cash equity compensation  | 8,466             | 8,858             |  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization   | 24,924            | 15,922            |  |  |
| Other adjustments, net  | (1,255)           | (1,712)           |  |  |
| Changes in operating assets and liabilities, net of the effect of acquisitions:   | , ,               | ,                 |  |  |
| Contract receivables, net   | (13,713)          | (25,293)          |  |  |
| Prepaid expenses and other assets   | (2,030)           |                   |  |  |
| Accounts payable  | (6,904)           |                   |  |  |
| Accrued salaries and benefits   | (10,258)          | (96 )<br>(2,954 ) |  |  |
| Accrued expenses  | (1,722)           |                   |  |  |
| Deferred revenue  | 3,440             | (3,629)           |  |  |
| Income tax receivable and payable   | 11,233            | 228               |  |  |
| Other liabilities   | 2,101             | (847)             |  |  |
| Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities   | 42,901            | 19,536            |  |  |
| Cash Flows from Investing Activities  |                   |                   |  |  |
| Capital expenditures for property and equipment and capitalized software          | (12,194)          | (10,582)          |  |  |
| Payments for business acquisitions, net of cash received                          | (1,818 )          |                   |  |  |
| Net Cash Used in Investing Activities   | (14,012)          |                   |  |  |
| Cash Flows from Financing Activities  |                   |                   |  |  |
| Advances from working capital facilities  | 300,150           | 369,936           |  |  |
| Payments on working capital facilities  | (318,047)         | -                 |  |  |
| Debt issue costs  |                   | (854)             |  |  |
| Proceeds from exercise of options   | 572               | 1,569             |  |  |
| Tax benefits of stock option exercises and award vesting                          | 1,261             | 2,617             |  |  |
| Net payments for stockholder issuances and buybacks                               | (17,739)          |                   |  |  |
| Net Cash (Used in) Provided by Financing Activities                               | (33,803)          |                   |  |  |
| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash   | (1,486 )          |                   |  |  |
| Decrease in Cash  | (6,400 )          | (1,444 )          |  |  |
|   |                   |                   |  |  |

| Cash, beginning of period Cash, end of period                                     | 12,122<br>\$5,722   | 8,953<br>\$7,509 |
|---|---------------------|------------------|
| Supplemental Disclosure of Cash Flow Information Cash paid during the period for: |                     |                  |
| Interest Income toyon   | \$7,729<br>\$12,015 | \$2,109          |
| Income taxes  | \$13,015            | \$17,271         |

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these consolidated financial statements.

#### **Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements**

(Dollar amounts in tables in thousands, except per share amounts)

#### **Note 1. Basis of Presentation and Nature of Operations**

#### **Interim Results**

The unaudited consolidated financial statements included in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q have been prepared pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These rules and regulations permit some of the information and footnote disclosures normally included in financial statements prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") to be condensed or omitted. In management's opinion, the unaudited consolidated financial statements contain all adjustments that are of a normal recurring nature, necessary for a fair presentation of the results of operations and financial position of ICF International, Inc. and its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") for the interim periods presented. The Company reports operating results and financial data in one operating and reportable segment. Operating results for the nine-month period ended September 30, 2015 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending December 31, 2015. These unaudited consolidated financial statements should be read in conjunction with the audited consolidated financial statements for the year ended December 31, 2014, and the notes thereto included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015.

# **Nature of Operations**

The Company provides management, technology, and policy consulting and implementation services in the areas of energy, environment, and infrastructure; health, education and social programs; safety and security; and consumer and financial. The Company's major clients are federal government departments and agencies, most significantly the Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), Department of State ("DOS") and Department of Defense ("DoD"). The Company also serves U.S. state and local government departments and agencies; non-governmental organizations, international governments, and multilateral institutions; and commercial clients worldwide, such as airlines, airports, electric and gas utilities, oil companies, hospitals and health-related companies, banks and other financial services companies, travel and hospitality providers, non-profits/associations, law firms, and manufacturing, retail, and distribution businesses. The Company offers a full range of services to these clients, from strategy, concept analysis and design through implementation/execution, evaluation, and, when applicable, ongoing support and improvement/innovation.

The Company, incorporated in Delaware, is headquartered in Fairfax, Virginia. It maintains offices throughout the world, including over 55 offices in the U.S. and over 15 offices outside the United States, including offices in the United Kingdom, Belgium, China, India and Canada.

# **Note 2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

#### Goodwill

The Company performs its annual goodwill impairment review as of September 30 of each year. For the purposes of performing this review, the Company has concluded that it is one reporting unit. For the annual impairment review as of September 30, 2015, the Company opted to perform a qualitative assessment of whether it is more likely than not that our reporting unit's fair value is less than its carrying amount. If, after completing its qualitative assessment, the Company determines that it is not more likely than not that the carrying value exceeds the estimated fair value, it may conclude that no impairment exists. If the Company concludes otherwise, a two-step goodwill impairment test must be performed, which includes a comparison of the fair value of the reporting unit to the carrying value.

The Company's qualitative analysis as of September 30, 2015 included macroeconomic and industry and market specific considerations, financial performance indicators and measurements, and other factors. Based on the Company's qualitative assessment, it determined that it is not more likely than not that the fair value of its one reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, and thus the two-step impairment test is not required to be performed for 2015. Therefore, based upon management's review, no goodwill impairment charge was required as of September 30, 2015. Historically, the Company has recorded no goodwill impairment charges.

#### **Fair Value of Financial Instruments**

The Company's financial instruments, including cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and accrued expenses, and other current liabilities, are carried at cost, which the Company believes approximates their fair values at September 30, 2015, due to their short maturities. The Company believes the carrying value of its lines of credit payable approximate the estimated fair value for debt with similar terms, interest rates, and remaining maturities currently available to companies with similar credit ratings at September 30, 2015. The Company applies the provisions of ASC 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures* to its assets and liabilities that are required to be measured at fair value pursuant to other accounting standards, including assets and liabilities resulting from the Company's nonqualified deferred compensation plan and foreign currency forward contract agreements not eligible for hedge accounting. The impact of the amounts recorded for the nonqualified deferred compensation plan and the forward contract agreements was immaterial to the consolidated financial statements.

### **Other Comprehensive Income**

Other comprehensive income represents foreign currency translation adjustments arising from the use of differing exchange rates from period to period. The financial positions and results of operations of the Company's foreign subsidiaries are based on the local currency as the functional currency and are translated to U.S. dollars for financial reporting purposes. Assets and liabilities of the subsidiaries are translated at the exchange rate in effect at each period-end. Income statement accounts are translated at the average rate of exchange prevailing during the period. Translation adjustments are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) in stockholders' equity in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The activity included in other comprehensive income (loss) in the Company's consolidated statements of comprehensive income related to foreign currency translation adjustments for each period reported is summarized below:

|   |               |           | Nine Months<br>Ended |           |
|---|---------------|-----------|----------------------|-----------|
|   | September 30, |           | September 30,        |           |
|   | 2015          | 2014      | 2015                 | 2014      |
| Foreign currency translation adjustments <sup>(1)</sup>               | \$(3,900)     | \$(1,355) | \$(5,155)            | \$(1,421) |
| Realized losses reclassified into earnings, net of tax <sup>(2)</sup> |               |           | 666                  | 526       |
| Other comprehensive loss, net of tax                                  | \$(3,900)     | \$(1,355) | \$(4,489)            | \$(895)   |

In the third quarter of 2015, the Company recorded foreign currency translation adjustments totaling approximately (1)\$4.0 million primarily related to goodwill, intangible assets and fixed assets for certain acquired international

subsidiaries. Represents the reclassification of foreign currency translation adjustments from accumulated other comprehensive

(2) loss into earnings as a result of closing international offices. Amounts are included in the other expense line item in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

# **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

Recent Accounting Pronouncements not yet Adopted

In May 2014, the FASB issued ASU 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606). ASU 2014-09 provides a single comprehensive revenue recognition framework and supersedes almost all existing revenue recognition guidance. Included in the new principles-based revenue recognition model are changes to the basis for deciding on the timing for revenue recognition. In addition, the standard expands and improves revenue disclosures. In August 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-14, Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of Effective Date, to amend ASU 2014-09 to defer the effective date of the new revenue recognition standard. As a result, ASU 2014-09 is effective for the Company for its fiscal year 2018 and can be adopted either retrospectively to each prior reporting period presented or as a cumulative effect adjustment as of the date of adoption. The Company is

currently evaluating the impact of adopting ASU 2014-09.

In September 2015, the FASB issued ASU 2015-16, *Simplifying the Accounting for Measurement-Period Adjustments (Topic 805)*. ASU 2015-16 eliminates the requirement for an acquirer to retrospectively account for adjustments made to provisional amounts recognized in a business combination to reflect new information that existed as of the acquisition date. Instead, an acquirer will recognize these measurement-period adjustments during the period in which it determines the amount of the adjustment. ASU 2015-16 is effective for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2015, including interim periods within those fiscal years, with early adoption permitted. The adoption of ASU 2015-16 is not expected to have a material impact on the Company's consolidated financial statements.

#### **Note 3. Business Combinations**

### **OCO Holdings, Inc.**

On November 5, 2014, the Company completed the acquisition of OCO Holdings, Inc. (which includes other entities such as Olson + Co., Inc., and collectively, "Olson"), a leading provider of marketing technology and digital services based in Minneapolis, Minnesota. As a result of the acquisition, Olson became a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company. The aggregate purchase price of approximately \$298.2 million in cash was funded by the Company's Credit Facility (as defined in "Note 6 – Long-Term Debt" below). The acquisition expanded the Company's existing digital technology and strategic communications work and strengthened its ability to bring more integrated solutions to an expanded client base, including multi-channel marketing initiatives across web, mobile, email, social, print, broadcast and off-premise platforms. For further discussion of the Olson acquisition, refer to "Note F – Business Combinations" of the Company's "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015.

The acquisition was accounted for under the acquisition method. The allocation of the total purchase price to the tangible and intangible assets and liabilities of Olson is based on management's estimate of fair value as of the acquisition date and was completed in the third quarter of 2015. The Company engaged an independent valuation firm to assist management in the allocation of the purchase price to goodwill and to other acquired intangible assets. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company recorded an increase to goodwill of \$5.8 million related to measurement-period adjustments to the preliminary purchase price allocation. The measurement-period adjustments include reductions of \$7.3 million and \$5.9 million to the valuation of fixed assets and accrued expenses and other liabilities, respectively, and increases of \$0.2 million and \$2.4 million to accrued salaries and benefits and deferred taxes and income tax payable, respectively. Additionally, there was a \$1.8 million holdback adjustment that increased the purchase price to \$298.2 million. Goodwill adjustments were not significant to our previously reported operating results or financial position.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company has allocated approximately \$230.9 million to goodwill resulting from the preliminary purchase price allocation summarized as follows (in thousands):

| Cash              | \$8,816   |
|-------------------|-----------|
| Contract          | 36,879    |
| receivables       | 30,879    |
| Other current and |           |
| non-current       | 1,512     |
| assets            |           |
| Property and      | 8,571     |
| equipment         | 0,5/1     |
| Customer-related  | 60,338    |
| intangibles       | 00,338    |
| Marketing-related | 3,947     |
| intangibles       | 3,947     |
| Developed         |           |
| technology        | 578       |
| intangibles       |           |
| Goodwill          | 230,936   |
| Total Assets      | 351,577   |
| Accounts payable  | 9,792     |
| Accrued           |           |
| expenses and      | 7,126     |
| other liabilities |           |
| Accrued salaries  | 5,378     |
| and benefits      | 3,376     |
| Deferred revenue  | 9,742     |
| Deferred taxes    |           |
| and income tax    | 21,331    |
| payable           |           |
| Total Liabilities | 53,369    |
| Net Assets        | \$298,208 |
|                   |           |

The results of operations of the Olson acquisition are included in the Company's consolidated statements of comprehensive income for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015. The following unaudited condensed pro forma information presents combined financial information as if the acquisition of Olson had been effective at the beginning of fiscal year 2013. The pro forma information includes adjustments reflecting changes in the amortization of intangibles, stock-based compensation expense, and interest expense, and records income tax effects as if Olson had been included in the Company's results of operations. The pro forma information for the nine months ended September 30, 2014 also includes an adjustment to eliminate \$1.9 million of operating income related to the reduction of an Olson contingent liability that was settled as a result of the acquisition. The unaudited pro forma financial information is not necessarily indicative of the results that actually would have occurred had the acquisition been completed at the beginning of 2013 (in thousands except per share amounts):

|                            | Three<br>Months<br>Ended | Nine<br>Months<br>Ended |
|----------------------------|--------------------------|-------------------------|
|                            | September 30, 2014       | September 30, 2014      |
| Revenue                    | \$ 300,145               | \$879,856               |
| Operating income           | 22,726                   | 60,949                  |
| Net income                 | 13,071                   | 33,106                  |
| Earnings per share:        |                          |                         |
| Basic earnings per share   | \$ 0.67                  | \$ 1.68                 |
| Diluted earnings per share | \$ 0.66                  | \$ 1.65                 |

### Mostra SA

In February 2014, the Company completed its acquisition of Mostra SA ("Mostra"), a strategic communications consulting company based in Brussels, Belgium. Mostra offers end-to-end, multichannel communications solutions to assist government and commercial clients, in particular the European Commission. The acquisition extended the Company's strategic communications capabilities globally to complement its policy work and enhance its strategy of providing a full suite of services that leverages its research and advisory services. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company finalized its valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as a result of the acquisition. The purchase was immaterial to the Company's financial statements taken as a whole.

### CityTech, Inc.

In March 2014, the Company acquired CityTech, Inc. ("CityTech"), a Chicago-based digital interactive consultancy specializing in enterprise applications development, web experience management, mobile application development, cloud enablement, managed services, and customer experience management solutions. The acquisition added expertise to the Company's content management capabilities and complemented its digital and interactive business. During the first quarter of 2015, the Company finalized its valuation of the assets acquired and liabilities assumed as a result of the acquisition. The purchase was immaterial to the Company's financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Ecommerce Accelerator LLC**

In July 2013, the Company hired the staff of, and purchased certain assets and liabilities from, Ecommerce Accelerator LLC ("ECA"), an e-commerce technology services firm based in New York, New York. In connection with the acquisition, the Company recorded a contingent consideration payable at the estimated fair value of \$2.8 million at December 31, 2013. The fair value of the contingent liability was reduced to zero in the first quarter of 2014 and the change in the fair value measurement of \$2.8 million was recorded as a reduction to indirect and selling expenses. The Company is no longer required to pay contingent consideration to ECA, as the parties mutually agreed to the release of this potential obligation in the third quarter of 2014. The purchase was immaterial to the Company's financial statements taken as a whole.

#### **Note 4. Contract Receivables**

Contract receivables consisted of the following:

|                                 | September  | December   |
|---------------------------------|------------|------------|
|                                 | 30, 2015   | 31, 2014   |
| Billed                          | \$ 154,251 | \$ 165,934 |
| Unbilled                        | 119,770    | 96,207     |
| Allowance for doubtful accounts | (2,350)    | (1,887)    |
| Contract receivables, net       | \$ 271,671 | \$260,254  |

Contract receivables, net of the established allowance for doubtful accounts, are stated at amounts expected to be realized in future periods. Unbilled receivables result from revenue that has been earned in advance of billing. Unbilled receivables can be invoiced at contractually defined intervals or milestones, as well as upon completion of the contract or government audits. The Company anticipates that the majority of unbilled receivables will be substantially billed and collected within one year, and therefore, classifies them as current assets in accordance with industry practice.

The Company considers a number of factors in its estimate of allowance for doubtful accounts, including the customer's financial condition, historical collection experience, and other factors that may bear on collectability of the receivables. The Company writes off contract receivables when such amounts are determined to be uncollectible. Losses have historically been within management's expectations.

#### Note 5. Commitments and Contingencies

### **Litigation and Claims**

The Company is involved in various legal matters and proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. While these matters and proceedings cause it to incur costs, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, the Company currently believes that any ultimate liability arising out of these matters and proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

#### **Road Home Contract**

Although no legal proceeding has been commenced, the Company has received correspondence from the Office of Community Development of the State of Louisiana, claiming that the Company is responsible for the overpayment of Road Home program grant funds to some grant applicants. The State has also indicated that, as it continues to review homeowner grant calculations, it expects to assert additional demands in the future, increasing the aggregate claim amount. The total claim received by the Company to date is approximately \$149.5 million. The Company believes this claim has no merit, intends to vigorously defend its position, and has therefore not recorded a liability as of September 30, 2015.

### Note 6. Long-Term Debt

The Company entered into a Fourth Amended and Restated Business Loan and Security Agreement with a syndication of 11 commercial banks on May 16, 2014, which was further modified on November 5, 2014 (the "Credit Facility"). The Credit Facility matures on May 16, 2019 (five years from the closing date). The Credit Facility allows for borrowings of up to \$500.0 million without a borrowing base requirement, taking into account financial, performance-based limitations and provides for an "accordion," which permits additional revolving credit commitments of up to \$100.0 million, subject to lenders' approval. The Credit Facility provides for stand-by letters of credit aggregating up to \$30.0 million that reduce the funds available under the revolving line of credit when issued. The Credit Facility is collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Company and requires that the Company remain in compliance with certain financial and non-financial covenants. The financial covenants, as defined in the Credit Facility, require, among other things, that the Company maintain, on a consolidated basis for each quarter, a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.25 to 1.00 and a leverage ratio of not more than 3.75 to 1.00. As of September 30, 2015, the Company was in compliance with its covenants under the Credit Facility.

The Company has the ability to borrow funds under its Credit Facility at interest rates based on both LIBOR and prime rates, at its discretion, plus their applicable margins. Interest rates on debt outstanding ranged from 2.17% to 4.25% for the first nine months of 2015.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had \$332.2 million in long-term debt outstanding, \$3.7 million in outstanding letters of credit, and unused borrowing capacity of \$164.1 million under the Credit Facility (excluding the accordion). Taking into account the financial, performance-based limitations, available borrowing capacity (excluding the accordion) was \$110.1 million as of September 30, 2015.

# **Note 7. Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation**

On June 5, 2015, the Company's stockholders approved an amendment (the "Amendment") to the ICF International, Inc. 2010 Omnibus Incentive Plan (as amended, the "Omnibus Plan"). The Amendment, among other items, increased the new shares available for issuance under the Omnibus Plan by 1,540,000 shares from 3,550,000 to 5,090,000 (for an aggregate 5,966,186 shares, which includes shares that remained available under the 2006 Long-Term Equity Incentive Plan when the Omnibus Plan was initially adopted). The Omnibus Plan provides for the granting of options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, restricted stock units ("RSUs"), performance shares, performance units, cash-based awards, and other stock-based awards to all officers, key employees, and non-employee directors of the Company. Under the terms of the Omnibus Plan, shares awarded that are not stock options or stock appreciation rights, are counted as 1.93 shares deducted for every one share delivered under those awards.

The Company recognized stock-based compensation expense of \$3.1 million and \$2.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015, and September 30, 2014, respectively, and \$10.7 million and \$9.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, respectively. Unrecognized compensation expense of \$16.9 million as of September 30, 2015, related to unvested stock options and unsettled RSUs, is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.3 years. The unrecognized compensation expense related to cash-settled RSUs ("CSRSUs") totaled approximately \$11.1 million at September 30, 2015 and is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.8 years. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company granted approximately 0.2 million shares in the form of stock-settled RSUs, and granted approximately 0.1 million shares in the form of CSRSUs to its employees.

In the first quarter of 2015, the Company's Board of Directors approved a performance-based share program (the "Program") that provides for the issuance of performance shares to its senior management. Under the Program, the number of performance shares that the participant will receive depends on the Company's achievement of two performance goals during two performance periods. The performance goals under the Program are based on (i) the Company's compounded annual growth rate in earnings per share ("EPS") during a performance period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2016, and (ii) the Company's cumulative total shareholder return ("rTSR") relative to its peer group during a performance period from January 1, 2015 through December 31, 2017. The performance shares will only be eligible to vest following the expiration of the three-year performance period ending on December 31, 2017. Actual shares vested will be subject to both continued employment by the Company (barring certain exceptions allowing for partial performance periods) and actual financial measures achieved. The actual number of shares of common stock that will be issued to each participant at the end of the applicable performance period will be determined by multiplying the award by the product of two percentages, one based on the Company's EPS performance and a second one based on the Company's rTSR performance, subject to a minimum and maximum performance level. The Company recognizes expense for these awards on a straight-line basis over the three-year performance period based on the estimated fair value of the awards and the estimated number of shares expected to vest. The initial estimate for shares expected to vest is based on target performance and adjusted as appropriate throughout the performance period. The fair value of the awards is estimated on the grant date using a Monte Carlo simulation model due to the rTSR component.

During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company granted approximately 0.1 million performance awards with a grant-date fair value of \$44.21 per share. No grants were made during the three months ended September 30, 2015. Compensation expense recognized related to performance awards for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$0.2 million and \$0.5 million, respectively. Unrecognized compensation expense related to performance awards of \$2.1 million as of September 30, 2015 is expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of approximately 2.3 years.

As of September 30, 2015, the Company had approximately 2.6 million shares available for grant under the Omnibus Plan. CSRSUs have no impact on the shares available for grant under the Omnibus Plan, and have no impact on the calculated shares used in EPS calculations.

#### **Note 8. Income Taxes**

The Company's effective tax rate for the three-month and nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015, was 38.5% and 39.1%, respectively.

The Company is subject to federal income taxes in the U.S. and various state and foreign jurisdictions. Tax statutes and regulations within each jurisdiction are subject to interpretation and require the application of significant judgment. The Company's 2008 through 2014 tax years remain subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service for U.S. federal tax purposes. In addition, certain significant state and foreign tax jurisdiction tax returns are either currently under examination or remain open under the statute of limitations and subject to examination for the tax years from 2008 to 2014.

The Company's total liability for unrecognized tax benefits as of September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014 was \$0.5 million and \$0.7 million, respectively. Included in the balance as of September 30, 2015 was \$0.4 million of tax positions that, if recognized, would have a favorable impact on the Company's effective tax rate. The Company believes it is reasonably possible that, during the next 12 months, the Company's liability for uncertain tax benefits may decrease by approximately \$0.2 million.

The Company's policy is not to recognize accrued interest and penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits as a component of tax expense. The Company has made no provision for deferred U.S. income taxes or additional foreign taxes on future unremitted earnings of its controlled foreign subsidiaries because the Company considers these earnings to be permanently invested.

#### Note 9. Share Repurchase Program

The Company's Board of Directors approved a share repurchase plan effective in November 2013 and expiring in November 2015, authorizing the Company to repurchase its outstanding common stock. In March 2015, the plan was amended to increase the amount authorized for repurchases from \$35.0 million to \$75.0 million. In the third quarter of 2015, the Company's Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase plan effective in November 2015 that extends the share repurchase plan through November 2017 and continues to authorize share repurchases in the aggregate up to \$75.0 million, not to exceed the amount allowed under the Credit Facility.

The share repurchases are funded from existing cash balances and/or borrowings, and the repurchased shares are held in treasury and used for general corporate purposes. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, the Company repurchased 406,234 shares totaling \$14.7 million under this program. Of the \$75.0 million approved for share repurchases, approximately \$30.6 million remained available as of September 30, 2015.

### Note 10. Earnings Per Share

EPS is computed by dividing reported net income by the weighted-average number of shares outstanding. Diluted EPS considers the potential dilution that could occur if common stock equivalents were exercised or converted into stock. The difference between the basic and diluted weighted-average equivalent shares with respect to the Company's EPS calculation is due entirely to the assumed exercise of stock options and the vesting and settlement of RSUs. Performance awards are included in the computation of diluted shares only to the extent that the underlying performance conditions (i) are satisfied as of the end of the reporting period or (ii) would be considered satisfied if the end of the reporting period were the end of the related performance period and the result would be dilutive under the treasury stock method. The Company's performance awards outstanding at September 30, 2015 did not meet the related performance conditions and therefore were excluded from the calculation of diluted EPS. For each of the three-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 0.2 million weighted-average shares were excluded from the calculation of EPS because they were anti-dilutive. For each of the nine-month periods ended September 30, 2015 and 2014, approximately 0.2 million weighted-average shares were excluded from the calculation of EPS because they were anti-dilutive.

The dilutive effect of stock options and RSUs for each period reported is summarized below:

|   | Three Months<br>Ended |          |               |          |
|---|-----------------------|----------|---------------|----------|
|   | September 30,         |          | September 30, |          |
|   | 2015                  | 2014     | 2015          | 2014     |
| Net Income  | \$11,545              | \$11,553 | \$28,619      | \$31,267 |
| Weighted-average number of basic shares outstanding during the period   | 19,316                | 19,450   | 19,413        | 19,682   |
| Dilutive effect of stock options and RSUs                               | 240                   | 263      | 330           | 387      |
| Weighted-average number of diluted shares outstanding during the period | 19,556                | 19,713   | 19,743        | 20,069   |
| Basic earnings per share  | \$0.60                | \$0.59   | \$1.47        | \$1.59   |
| Diluted earnings per share  | \$0.59                | \$0.59   | \$1.45        | \$1.56   |

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

#### FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Some of the statements in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q constitute forward-looking statements as defined in the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, as amended. These statements involve known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our actual results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. In some cases, you can identify these statements by forward-looking words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "estimate," "expect," "intend," "may," "plan," "potential," "should," "will," "would," or sin should read statements that contain these words carefully. The risk factors described in our filings with the SEC, as well as any cautionary language in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, provide examples of risks, uncertainties, and events that may cause our actual results to differ materially from the expectations we describe in our forward-looking statements, including, but not limited to:

our dependence on contracts with federal, state and local, and international governments, agencies and departments for the majority of our revenue;

failure by Congress or other governmental bodies to approve budgets in a timely fashion and reductions in •government spending including, but not limited to, budgetary cuts resulting from automatic sequestration under the Budget Control Act of 2011;

- results of routine and non-routine government audits and investigations;
- dependence of our commercial work on certain sectors of the global economy that are highly cyclical;
- failure to receive the full amount of our backlog;
- difficulties in integrating acquisitions generally;
- •risks resulting from expanding our service offerings and client base;
  - the claim arising from our completed Road Home contract with the State of Louisiana; and

• additional risks as a result of having international operations.

Our forward-looking statements are based on the beliefs and assumptions of our management and the information available to our management at the time these disclosures were prepared. Although we believe the expectations reflected in these statements are reasonable, we cannot guarantee future results, levels of activity, performance, or achievements. You should not place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which apply only as of the date of this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q. We undertake no obligation to update these forward-looking statements, even if our situation changes in the future.

The terms "we," "our," "us," and the "Company," as used throughout this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q refer to ICF International, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries, unless otherwise indicated. The term "federal government" refers to the United States (U.S.) federal government, unless otherwise indicated.

# OVERVIEW AND OUTLOOK

We provide management, technology, and policy consulting and implementation services to government and commercial clients. We help our clients conceive, develop, implement, and improve solutions that address complex natural resource, social, and public safety issues. Our services primarily address four key markets: energy, environment, and infrastructure; health, education and social programs; safety and security; and consumer and financial. In the first quarter of 2015, we began to break out our revenues into four markets instead of three by adding a new market related to our consumer and financial client revenue, which was previously included in the health, social programs, and consumer/financial market. As a result, we changed the name of that market to health, education and social programs and have presented prior year amounts based on the new market categories. We also changed the name of our public safety and defense market and renamed it safety and security to more accurately reflect the nature of our client base. The criteria for determining the clients, and related revenue, presented in each of the classifications remained the same; however, due to the acquisition of Olson, we have broadened our services in the consumer and financial market and the addition of this key market reflects our current business. The services we provide across these four markets deliver value throughout the entire life cycle of a policy, program, project, or initiative, from strategy, concept analysis and design through implementation/execution, evaluation, and, when applicable, ongoing support and improvement/innovation.

We categorize our clients into two client classifications: government and commercial. Within the government classification, we present three client sub-classifications: U.S. federal government, U.S. state and local government, and international government. Our major clients are federal government departments and agencies. Our federal government clients have included every cabinet-level department, most significantly HHS, DOS, and DoD. We also serve a variety of commercial clients worldwide, such as airlines, airports, electric and gas utilities, financial institutions, health payer and provider organizations, law firms, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, oil companies, and retail firms. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, revenue generated by federal government clients and commercial clients was 48% and 36%, respectively. The remaining 16% of revenue was generated by U.S. state and local government clients, as well as international government clients.

We report operating results and financial data as a single segment based on the information used by our chief operating decision-maker in evaluating the performance of our business and allocating resources. Our single segment represents our core business—professional services for government and commercial clients. Although we describe our multiple service offerings to four markets to provide a better understanding of our business, we do not manage our business or allocate our resources based on those service offerings or markets.

In the first nine months of 2015, we saw growth in commercial client revenue, while federal government revenue and U.S. state and local government revenue was relatively flat and international revenue declined, due to the impact of foreign currency exchange rate fluctuations. Gross revenue increased to \$851.4 million, representing an increase of 10.0% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the prior-year period. Operating income increased 6.5% to \$56.2 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the prior-year period; however, net income decreased 8.5% to \$28.6 million primarily driven by higher interest expense due to borrowings to fund the Olson acquisition.

During 2014, we acquired three companies, Olson, Mostra and CityTech. See "Note 3 – Business Combinations" in the "Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements" for a more detailed discussion of these acquisitions. These acquisitions have contributed to the continued diversification of our revenue sources, consistent with our growth strategy. The acquisition of Olson, a leading provider of marketing technology and digital services, was significant and was completed on November 5, 2014. The aggregate purchase price of approximately \$298.2 million in cash was funded by our Credit Facility. Due to the increased level of debt outstanding under our Credit Facility, applicable interest rates, as determined by the pricing matrices governing the Credit Facility, increased approximately one percentage point following the acquisition. As a result of the acquisitions of Olson and CityTech, we expect our concentration of business to commercial clients and within the consumer and financial market will continue to increase as a percentage of our total revenue.

We believe that demand for our services will continue to grow as government, industry, and other stakeholders seek to address critical long-term societal and natural resource issues in our key markets due to heightened concerns about clean energy and energy efficiency; health promotion, treatment, and cost control; and ever-present homeland security threats. We also see significant opportunity to leverage further our digital and client engagement capabilities across

our commercial and government client base. Our future results will depend on the success of our strategy to enhance our client relationships and seek larger engagements across the program life cycle in our four key markets, and to complete and successfully integrate additional acquisitions. In our four markets, we will continue to focus on building scale in vertical and horizontal domain expertise; developing business with both our government and commercial clients; and replicating our business model geographically throughout the world. In doing so, we will continue to evaluate acquisition opportunities that enhance our subject matter knowledge, broaden our service offerings, and/or provide scale in specific geographies.

Federal government revenue was 48% of our total revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2015. While we continue to see favorable long-term market opportunities, there are certain near-term challenges facing all government service providers, including top-line legislative constraints on federal government discretionary spending that limit expenditure growth through 2021. Actions by Congress could result in a delay or reduction to our revenue, profit, and cash flow and could have a negative impact on our business and results of operations; however, we believe we are well positioned in markets that have been, and will continue to be, priorities to the federal government.

We believe that the combination of internally-generated funds, available bank borrowings, and cash and cash equivalents on hand will provide the required liquidity and capital resources necessary to fund on-going operations, potential acquisitions, customary capital expenditures, and other current working capital requirements.

| <b>Key Services:</b> |  |  |  |
|----------------------|--|--|--|
|                      |  |  |  |

**Research and Analytic Services.** We research critical policy, industry, and stakeholder issues, trends, and behavior. We collect and analyze wide varieties of data to understand critical issues and options for our clients.

Assessment and Advisory Services. We measure/assess results and their impact and, based on those assessments, we •provide advice to our clients on how to navigate societal, market, business, communication, and technology challenges.

**Design and Management Services.** We design, develop, and manage plans, frameworks, programs and tools that are •key to our clients' mission or business performance. These programs often relate to the analytics and advice we provide.

**Solution Identification and Implementation Services.** We identify, define, and implement technology systems and •business tools that make our clients' organizations more effective and efficient. These solutions are implemented through a wide range of standard and customized methodologies designed to match our clients' business context.

*Engagement Services.* We inform and engage our clients' constituents, customers, and employees through •marketing, multichannel and strategic communications, and enterprise training programs. Our engagement services frequently rely on our digital design and implementation skills.

Our clients utilize our services because we offer a combination of deep subject-matter expertise, technical solutions, and institutional experience in our market areas. We believe that our domain expertise and the program knowledge developed from our research and analytic, and assessment and advisory engagements (which we refer to hereafter as "research and advisory services") further position us to provide our full suite of services.

### **Key Markets:**

Our key services include:

Our services primarily address four key markets:

*Energy, Environment, and Infrastructure*. We provide research and advisory services on energy and environmental issues for both government and commercial clients relating to power markets, energy demand, environmental policy, •and the transportation industry. We develop implementation solutions for industry-related challenges, such as increasing energy efficiency needs, connecting utilities with their customers, and managing the environmental challenges of large infrastructure projects.

*Health, Education and Social Programs.* We provide research and advisory services, as well as solution identification and implementation services, such as program development and information technology applications, for public health issues and for a variety of social programs, such as those focused on education, housing, and veterans.

Safety and Security. We provide research and advisory and implementation services concerning public safety, including crime and justice, and for homeland security in all phases of program development and critical infrastructure protection. Our services related to safety and security include logistical program support, modeling and simulation, and cybersecurity.

Consumer and Financial. Our consumer/financial business services include end-to-end technology implementations, customer engagement and brand strategy, and marketing and digital services across all channels such as web, social, mobile, intranets and emerging platforms to commercial companies providing consumer products or financial services.

#### **Key Clients:**

**Government**. We provide our key services to government clients including federal government clients, U.S. state and local government clients, and international government clients, together with multilateral institutions.

*Commercial.* We also provide our key services to commercial clients worldwide, such as airlines, airports, electric and gas utilities, financial institutions, health payer and provider organizations, law firms, multinational corporations, non-governmental organizations, non-profit organizations, oil companies, and retail firms. These clients include both U.S. and international based clients.

# **Employees and Offices:**

We have more than 5,000 employees around the globe, including many recognized as thought leaders in their respective fields. We serve clients globally from our headquarters in the Washington, D.C. metropolitan area, our more than 55 regional offices throughout the United States, and over 15 offices outside the United States, including offices in the United Kingdom, Belgium, China, India and Canada.

#### CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

### **Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

New accounting standards are discussed in "Note 2 – Summary of Significant Accounting Policies—Recent Accounting Pronouncements" in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

#### RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

Three Months ended September 30, 2015, compared to Three Months ended September 30, 2014

**Dollars** 

The following table sets forth certain items from our unaudited consolidated statements of comprehensive income and the period-over-period rate of change in each of them and expresses these items as a percentage of revenue for the periods indicated.

|         |            | Change     |         |                            |  |
|---------|------------|------------|---------|----------------------------|--|
| Three N | Months End | led Septem | ber 30, | Three Months<br>Ended      |  |
| 2015    | 2014       | 2015       | 2014    | September 30, 2014 to 2015 |  |

**Percentages** 

Year-to-Year

**Dollars Percent** 

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|   | (In Thousands) |           |            | (In    |          |       |    |  |
|---|----------------|-----------|------------|--------|----------|-------|----|--|
|   |                |           | Thousands) |        |          |       |    |  |
| <b>Gross Revenue</b>                      | \$288,951      | \$264,796 | 100.0%     | 100.0% | \$24,155 | 9.1   | %  |  |
| <b>Direct Costs</b>                       | 177,864        | 166,064   | 61.6 %     | 62.7 % | 11,800   | 7.1   | %  |  |
| <b>Operating Costs and Expenses</b>       |                |           |            |        |          |       |    |  |
| Indirect and selling expenses             | 81,011         | 74,704    | 28.0 %     | 28.2 % | 6,307    | 8.4   | %  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization             | 4,316          | 3,227     | 1.5 %      | 1.2 %  | 1,089    | 33.7  | %  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets         | 4,263          | 2,273     | 1.5 %      | 0.9 %  | 1,990    | 87.5  | %  |  |
| <b>Total Operating Costs and Expenses</b> | 89,590         | 80,204    | 31.0 %     | 30.3 % | 9,386    | 11.7  | %  |  |
| Operating Income                          | 21,497         | 18,528    | 7.4 %      | 7.0 %  | 2,969    | 16.0  | %  |  |
| Other Expense                             |                |           |            |        |          |       |    |  |
| Interest expense                          | (2,674)        | (800)     | (0.9)%     | (0.3)% | (1,874)  | 234.3 | %  |  |
| Other expense                             | (52)           | (335)     | %          | (0.1)% | 283      | (84.5 | )% |  |
| <b>Income before Income Taxes</b>         | 18,771         | 17,393    | 6.5 %      | 6.6 %  | 1,378    | 7.9   | %  |  |
| <b>Provision for Income Taxes</b>         | 7,226          | 5,840     | 2.5 %      | 2.2 %  | 1,386    | 23.7  | %  |  |
| Net Income                                | \$11,545       | \$11,553  | 4.0 %      | 4.4 %  | \$(8)    | (0.1) | )% |  |

*Gross Revenue.* Revenue for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was \$289.0 million, compared to \$264.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, representing an increase of \$24.2 million or 9.1%. The increase in revenue is primarily attributable to the 35.5% increase in revenue from commercial clients, which was the result of higher digital interactive program revenue driven by the acquisition of Olson. The increase in commercial revenue was partially offset by a 1.3% decline in total government revenue primarily driven by lower state and local government revenue.

*Direct Costs*. Direct costs for the three months ended September 30, 2015 were \$177.9 million compared to \$166.1 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$11.8 million or 7.1%. The increase in direct costs is primarily attributable to direct costs resulting from the acquisition of Olson, partially offset by a reduction in expenses for subcontracted labor. Direct costs as a percent of revenue decreased to 61.6% for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to 62.7% for the three months ended September 30, 2014. We generally expect the ratio of direct costs as a percentage of revenue to decrease when our own labor increases relative to subcontracted labor.

*Indirect and selling expenses.* Indirect and selling expenses for the three months ended September 30, 2015 were \$81.0 million compared to \$74.7 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$6.3 million or 8.4%. The increase in indirect and selling expenses is primarily attributable to the Olson acquisition. Indirect and selling expenses as a percent of revenue decreased to 28.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to 28.2% for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

**Depreciation and amortization.** Depreciation and amortization was \$4.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2015 compared to \$3.2 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014. The increase in depreciation and amortization of \$1.1 million or 33.7% was largely due to the acquisition of Olson.

Amortization of intangible assets. Amortization of intangible assets for the three months ended September 30, 2015 was \$4.3 million compared to \$2.3 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014. The \$2.0 million increase was primarily due to the addition of \$64.9 million of intangible assets as a result of the Olson acquisition, partly offset by reduced amortization related to intangible assets from acquisitions in prior years.

*Operating Income*. For the three months ended September 30, 2015, operating income was \$21.5 million compared to \$18.5 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$3.0 million or 16.0%. Operating income as a percent of revenue was 7.4% for the three months ended September 30, 2015, compared to 7.0% for the three months ended September 30, 2014.

*Interest expense.* For the three months ended September 30, 2015, interest expense was \$2.7 million, compared to \$0.8 million for the three months ended September 30, 2014. The \$1.9 million increase was driven by borrowings to fund the acquisition of Olson, and an increase in the applicable interest rates under our Credit Facility due to the increased level of debt outstanding.

**Provision for Income Taxes.** The effective income tax rate for the three months ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, was 38.5% and 33.6%, respectively. Our effective tax rate, including state and foreign taxes net of federal benefit, for the quarter ended September 30, 2015, was lower than the statutory tax rate for the quarter primarily due to true-ups of prior year foreign tax provisions and the recognition of uncertain tax positions due to the expiration of the statute of limitations, partially offset by permanent differences related to compensation costs and other expenses not deductible for tax purposes.

Nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to Nine months ended September 30, 2014

The following table sets forth certain items from our unaudited consolidated statements of comprehensive income and the period-over-period rate of change in each of them and expresses these items as a percentage of revenue for the periods indicated.

|   |                       |                            |             |    |       |  | Year-to-Year<br>Change |       |    |  |
|---|-----------------------|----------------------------|-------------|----|-------|--|------------------------|-------|----|--|
|   | Nine Mon 2015 Dollars | September 30,<br>2015 2014 |             |    |       | Nine Months<br>Ended<br>September 30,<br>2014 to 2015<br>Dollars |                        |       |    |  |
|   |                       | Perce                      | Percentages |    |       | (In  | Percent                |       |    |  |
|   | (In Thousa            | alius)                     |             |    |       |  | Thousands)             |       |    |  |
| <b>Gross Revenue</b>                      | \$851,427             | \$773,708                  | 100.0       | )% | 100.0 | )%   | \$77,719               | 10.0  | %  |  |
| <b>Direct Costs</b>                       | 520,684               | 486,461                    | 61.2        | %  | 62.9  | %  | 34,223                 | 7.0   | %  |  |
| <b>Operating Costs and Expenses</b>       |                       |                            |             |    |       |  |                        |       |    |  |
| Indirect and selling expenses             | 249,626               | 218,573                    | 29.3        | %  | 28.3  | %  | 31,053                 | 14.2  | %  |  |
| Depreciation and amortization             | 12,058                | 9,493                      | 1.4         | %  | 1.2   | %  | 2,565                  | 27.0  | %  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets         | 12,866                | 6,429                      | 1.5         | %  | 0.8   | %  | 6,437                  | 100.1 | %  |  |
| <b>Total Operating Costs and Expenses</b> | 274,550               | 234,495                    | 32.2        | %  | 30.3  | %  | 40,055                 | 17.1  | %  |  |
| Operating Income                          | 56,193                | 52,752                     | 6.6         | %  | 6.8   | %  | 3,441                  | 6.5   | %  |  |
| Other Expense                             |                       |                            |             |    |       |  |                        |       |    |  |
| Interest expense                          | (7,727)               | (2,288)                    | (0.9)       | )% | (0.3) | )%   | (5,439)                | 237.7 | %  |  |
| Other expense                             | (1,473)               | (991)                      | (0.2)       | )% | (0.1) | )%   | (482)                  | 48.6  | %  |  |
| <b>Income before Income Taxes</b>         | 46,993                | 49,473                     | 5.5         | %  | 6.4   | %  | (2,480)                | (5.0  | )% |  |
| <b>Provision for Income Taxes</b>         | 18,374                | 18,206                     | 2.1         | %  | 2.4   | %  | 168                    | 0.9   | %  |  |
| Net Income                                | \$28,619              | \$31,267                   | 3.4         | %  | 4.0   | %  | \$(2,648)              | (8.5  | )% |  |

Gross Revenue. Revenue for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$851.4 million, compared to \$773.7 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, representing an increase of \$77.7 million or 10.0%. The increase in revenue is primarily attributable to the 40.1% increase in revenue from commercial clients, which was the result of higher digital interactive program revenue driven by the Olson acquisition. The increase in commercial revenue was partially offset by a 1.8% decline in total government revenue due to lower international government revenue compared to the prior-year period. The decrease in international government revenue was driven by the weakening of certain foreign currencies relative to the U.S. dollar, primarily the Euro, British Pound and Canadian dollar.

*Direct Costs*. Direct costs for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$520.7 million compared to \$486.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$34.2 million or 7.0%. The increase in direct costs is primarily attributable to direct costs resulting from the acquisition of Olson, partially offset by a reduction in expenses for subcontracted labor. Direct costs as a percent of revenue decreased to 61.2% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to 62.9% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. We generally expect the ratio of direct costs as a percentage of revenue to decrease when our own labor increases relative to subcontracted labor.

Indirect and selling expenses. Indirect and selling expenses for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 were \$249.6 million compared to \$218.6 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$31.0 million or 14.2%. The increase in indirect and selling expenses is primarily attributable to the Olson acquisition. In addition, the nine months ended September 30, 2014 included a \$2.8 million reduction to indirect and selling expenses related to a fair value adjustment for contingent consideration recorded as a result of the ECA acquisition. Indirect and selling expenses as a percent of revenue increased to 29.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to 28.3% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014.

**Depreciation and amortization.** Depreciation and amortization was \$12.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to \$9.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The increase in depreciation and amortization of \$2.6 million, or 27.0%, was largely due to the acquisition of Olson.

*Amortization of intangible assets.* Amortization of intangible assets for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 was \$12.9 million compared to \$6.4 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The \$6.4 million increase was primarily due to the addition of \$64.9 million of intangible assets as a result of the Olson acquisition, partly offset by reduced amortization related to intangible assets from acquisitions in prior years.

*Operating Income*. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, operating income was \$56.2 million compared to \$52.8 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014, an increase of \$3.4 million or 6.5%. Operating income as a percent of revenue decreased to 6.6% for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, from 6.8% for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The decrease in operating income as a percentage of revenue is largely due to

higher amortization resulting from the acquisition of Olson, partly offset by higher expenses during the nine months ended September 30, 2014 related to severance and acquisition costs.

*Interest expense*. For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, interest expense was \$7.7 million, compared to \$2.3 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The \$5.4 million increase was driven by borrowings to fund the acquisition of Olson, and an increase in the applicable interest rates under our Credit Facility due to the increased level of debt outstanding.

Other expense. Other expense was \$1.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to other expense of \$1.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Other expense for both periods primarily represents the reclassification of foreign currency translation losses from accumulated other comprehensive loss into earnings as a result of closing certain international offices as part of actions taken to improve our cost structure and operations.

**Provision for Income Taxes.** The effective income tax rate for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014, was 39.1% and 36.8%, respectively. The rate increase is primarily related to unfavorable adjustments for compensation costs and other expenses permanently not deductible for tax purposes.

### SELECTED KEY METRICS

The following table shows our revenue from each of our key four markets as a percentage of total revenue for the periods indicated. For each client, we have attributed all revenue from that client to the market we consider to be the client's primary market, even if a portion of that revenue relates to a different market. In the first quarter of 2015, we began to break out our revenues into four markets instead of three by adding a new market related to our consumer and financial client revenue, which was previously included in the health, social programs, and consumer/financial market. As a result, we changed the name of that market to health, education and social programs and have presented prior year amounts based on the new market categories. We also changed the name of our public safety and defense market and renamed it safety and security to more accurately reflect the nature of our client base. The criteria for determining the clients, and related revenue, presented in each of the classifications remained the same; however, due to the acquisition of Olson, we have broadened our services in the consumer and financial market and the addition of this key market reflects our current business. In addition, certain immaterial revenue amounts in the prior year have been reclassified due to minor adjustments.

|   | Three<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, |    |      | Nine<br>Months<br>Ended<br>September<br>30, |     |    |      |     |
|---|--|----|------|---|-----|----|------|-----|
|   | 201  | 5  | 2014 | 1   | 201 | 5  | 2014 | 4   |
| Energy, environment, and infrastructure | 33   | %  | 34   | %   | 33  | %  | 34   | %   |
| Health, education, and social programs  | 47   | %  | 47   | %   | 46  | %  | 48   | %   |
| Safety and security                     | 8  | %  | 10   | %   | 8   | %  | 10   | %   |
| Consumer and financial                  | 12   | %  | 9    | %   | 13  | %  | 8    | %   |
| Total                                   | 100  | )% | 100  | %   | 100 | )% | 100  | ) % |

The fluctuation in the percentages of revenue by market compared to the prior-year periods is primarily driven by the acquisition of Olson.

Our primary clients are the agencies and departments of the federal government and commercial clients. The following table shows our revenue by type of client as a percentage of total revenue for the periods indicated. Certain immaterial revenue amounts in the prior year have been reclassified due to minor adjustments.

|                                 | Thr |     |      |     | Nin | _   |      |     |
|---------------------------------|-----|-----|------|-----|-----|-----|------|-----|
|                                 | Mo  | nth | S    |     | Mo  | nth | S    |     |
|                                 | End | led |      |     | End | led |      |     |
|                                 | Sep | ten | ıber |     | Sep | ten | ıber |     |
|                                 | 30, |     |      |     | 30, |     |      |     |
|                                 | 201 | 5   | 2014 | 4   | 201 | 5   | 2014 | 4   |
| U.S. federal government         | 49  | %   | 53   | %   | 48  | %   | 52   | %   |
| U.S. state and local government | 9   | %   | 11   | %   | 9   | %   | 11   | %   |
| International government        | 7   | %   | 8    | %   | 7   | %   | 9    | %   |
| Government                      | 65  | %   | 72   | %   | 64  | %   | 72   | %   |
| Commercial                      | 35  | %   | 28   | %   | 36  | %   | 28   | %   |
| Total                           | 100 | )%  | 100  | ) % | 100 | )%  | 100  | ) % |

The fluctuation in the percentages of revenue by client type compared to the prior-year periods is primarily driven by the acquisition of Olson.

### **Contract mix**

Our contracts with clients include time-and-materials contracts, fixed-price contracts, and cost-based contracts (including cost-based fixed fee, cost-based award fee, and cost-based incentive fee, as well as grants and cooperative agreements). Our contract mix varies from year to year due to numerous factors, including our business strategies and the procurement activities of our clients. Unless the context requires otherwise, we use the term "contracts" to refer to contracts and any task orders or delivery orders issued under a contract.

The following table shows the approximate percentage of our revenue from each of these types of contracts for the periods indicated.

|                    | Three<br>Months<br>Ended |    |      | Nine<br>Months<br>Ended |     |    |      |   |
|--------------------|--------------------------|----|------|-------------------------|-----|----|------|---|
|                    | •                        |    |      | September 30,           |     |    |      |   |
|                    | 201                      | 5  | 2014 | 4                       | 201 | 5  | 2014 | 1 |
| Time-and-materials | 42                       | %  | 47   | %                       | 43  | %  | 48   | % |
| Fixed-price        | 37                       | %  | 33   | %                       | 38  | %  | 33   | % |
| Cost-based         | 21                       | %  | 20   | %                       | 19  | %  | 19   | % |
| Total              | 100                      | )% | 100  | ) %                     | 100 | )% | 100  | % |

The increase in fixed-price contracts revenue as a percent of total revenue and the decrease in time-and-materials contracts revenue as a percent of total revenue for the three and nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to the prior-year periods are primarily due to the increase in fixed-price contracts from the acquisition of Olson.

*Time-and-materials contracts.* Under time-and-materials contracts, we are paid for labor at fixed hourly rates and generally reimbursed separately for allowable materials, other direct costs, and out-of-pocket expenses. Our actual labor costs may vary from the expected costs that formed the basis for our negotiated hourly rates if we utilize different employees than anticipated, need to hire additional employees at higher wages, increase the compensation paid to existing employees, or are able to hire employees at lower-than-expected rates. Our non-labor costs, such as fringe benefits, overhead, and general and administrative costs, also may be higher or lower than we anticipated. To the extent that our actual labor and non-labor costs under a time-and-materials contract vary significantly from our expected costs or the negotiated hourly rates, we can generate more or less than the targeted amount of profit or, perhaps, incur a loss.

*Fixed-price contracts.* Under fixed-price contracts, we perform specific tasks for a pre-determined price. Compared to time-and-materials and cost-based contracts, fixed-price contracts involve greater financial risk because we bear the full impact of labor and non-labor costs that exceed our estimates, in terms of costs per hour, number of hours, and all other costs of performance in return for the full benefit of any cost savings. We therefore may generate more or less than the targeted amount of profit or, perhaps, incur a loss.

Cost-based contracts. Under cost-based contracts (which include cost-based fixed fee, cost-based award fee, and cost-based incentive fee contracts, as well as grants and cooperative agreements), we are paid based on the allowable costs we incur, and usually receive a fee. All of our cost-based contracts reimburse us for our direct labor and fringe-benefit costs that are allowable under the contract; however, certain contracts limit the amount of overhead and general and administrative costs we can recover, which may be less than our actual overhead and general and administrative costs. In addition, our fees are constrained by fee ceilings and, in certain cases, such as with grants and cooperative agreements, we may receive no fee. Because of these limitations, our cost-based contracts, on average, are our least profitable type of contract, and we may generate less than the expected profit, or perhaps, incur a loss. Cost-based fixed-fee contracts specify the fee to be paid. Cost-based incentive-fee and cost-based award-fee contracts provide for increases or decreases in the contract fee, within specified limits, based upon actual results as compared to contractual targets for factors such as cost, quality, schedule, and performance.

#### Contract backlog

We define *total backlog* as the future revenue we expect to receive from our contracts and other engagements. We generally include in our total backlog the estimated revenue represented by contract options that have been priced, but not exercised. We do not include any estimate of revenue relating to potential future delivery orders that might be awarded under our General Services Administration Multiple Award Schedule contracts, other Indefinite Delivery/Indefinite Quantity ("IDIQ") contracts, Master Service Agreements ("MSAs"), or other contract vehicles that are also held by a large number of firms and under which potential future delivery orders or task orders might be issued by any of a large number of different agencies, and are likely to be subject to a competitive bidding process. We do, however, include potential future work expected to be awarded under IDIQ contracts that are available to be utilized by a limited number of potential clients and are held either by us alone or by a limited number of firms.

We include expected revenue in *funded backlog* when we have been authorized by the client to proceed under a contract up to the dollar amount specified by our client, and this amount will be owed to us under the contract after we provide the services pursuant to the authorization. If we do not provide services authorized by a client prior to the expiration of the authorization, we remove amounts corresponding to the expired authorization from funded backlog. We do include expected revenue under an engagement in funded backlog when we do not have a signed contract, but only in situations when we have received client authorization to begin or continue working and we expect to sign a contract for the engagement. In this case, the amount of funded backlog is limited to the amount authorized. Our funded backlog does not represent the full revenue potential of our contracts because many government clients, and sometimes other clients, authorize work under a particular contract on a yearly or more frequent basis, even though the contract may extend over several years. Most of the services we provide to commercial clients are provided under contracts or task orders under MSAs with relatively short durations. As a consequence, our backlog attributable to these clients is typically reflected in funded backlog and not in unfunded backlog.

We define *unfunded backlog* as the difference between total backlog and funded backlog. Our estimate of unfunded backlog for a particular contract is based, to a large extent, on the amount of revenue we have recently recognized on that contract, our experience in utilizing contract capacity on similar types of contracts, and our professional judgment. Accordingly, our estimate of total backlog for a contract included in unfunded backlog is sometimes lower than the revenue that would result from our client utilizing all remaining contract capacity.

Although we expect our total backlog to result in revenue, the timing of revenue associated with both funded and unfunded backlog will vary based on a number of factors, and we may not recognize revenue associated with a particular component of backlog when anticipated, or at all. Our government clients generally have the right to cancel any contract, or ongoing or planned work under any contract, at any time. In addition, there can be no assurance that revenue from funded or unfunded backlog will have similar profitability to previous work or will be profitable at all. Generally speaking, we believe the risk that a particular component of backlog will not result in future revenue is higher for unfunded backlog than for funded backlog.

Our funded and estimates of unfunded and total backlog at the dates indicated were as follows:

September 30,20152014(in millions)Funded\$916.4\$832.2Unfunded1,052.31,046.3Total\$1,968.7\$1,878.5

#### **Service Revenue**

Service revenue represents gross revenue less subcontractor and other direct costs such as third-party materials and travel expenses. Service revenue is a measure that we use to evaluate our margins for services performed and, therefore, we believe it is useful to investors. We generally expect the ratio of direct costs as a percentage of revenue to increase when our own labor decreases relative to subcontractor labor or outside consultants.

A reconciliation of gross revenue to service revenue follows:

|                                      | Three Months<br>Ended |           | Nine Mont | hs Ended  |
|--------------------------------------|-----------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
|                                      | September             | r 30,     | September | 30,       |
| (in thousands)                       | 2015                  | 2014      | 2015      | 2014      |
| Gross revenue                        | \$288,951             | \$264,796 | \$851,427 | \$773,708 |
| Subcontractor and other direct costs | (72,532)              | (72,663)  | (209,312) | (202,080) |
| Service revenue                      | \$216,419             | \$192,133 | \$642,115 | \$571,628 |

# **EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA**

EBITDA, earnings before interest and other income and/or expense, tax, and depreciation and amortization, is a measure we use to evaluate performance. We believe EBITDA is useful to investors because similar measures are frequently used by securities analysts, investors, and other interested parties in evaluating companies in our industry.

Adjusted EBITDA is EBITDA further adjusted to eliminate the impact of certain items that we do not consider to be indicative of the performance of our ongoing operations. We evaluate these adjustments on an individual basis based on both the quantitative and qualitative aspects of the item, including its size and nature and whether or not we expect it to occur as part of our normal business on a regular basis. We believe that the adjustments applied in calculating adjusted EBITDA are reasonable and appropriate to provide additional information to investors.

EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are not recognized terms under U.S. GAAP and do not purport to be an alternative to net income as a measure of operating performance, or to cash flows from operating activities as a measure of liquidity. Because not all companies use identical calculations, this presentation of EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies. EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA are not intended to be a measure of free cash flow for management's discretionary use, as they do not consider certain cash requirements such as interest payments, tax payments, capital expenditures, and debt service. Our Credit Facility includes covenants based on EBITDA, subject to certain adjustments.

A reconciliation of net income to EBITDA and adjusted EBITDA follows:

|  | Three M<br>Ended | onths    | Nine Mo<br>Ended | nths     |
|--|------------------|----------|------------------|----------|
|  | Septemb          | er 30,   | Septemb          | er 30,   |
| (in thousands)   | 2015             | 2014     | 2015             | 2014     |
| Net income   | \$11,545         | \$11,553 | \$28,619         | \$31,267 |
| Other expense  | 52               | 335      | 1,473            | 991      |
| Interest expense   | 2,674            | 800      | 7,727            | 2,288    |
| Provision for income taxes                                     | 7,226            | 5,840    | 18,374           | 18,206   |
| Depreciation and amortization                                  | 8,579            | 5,500    | 24,924           | 15,922   |
| EBITDA   | 30,076           | 24,028   | 81,117           | 68,674   |
| Acquisition-related expenses (1)                               |                  | 815      | 189              | 1,444    |
| Special charges related to severance for staff realignment (2) | 512              | 252      | 512              | 1,931    |
| Special charges related to office closures                     | 513              |          | 669              | _        |
| Adjusted EBITDA  | \$31,101         | \$25,095 | \$82,487         | \$72,049 |

<sup>(1)</sup> Acquisition-related expenses include expenses related to closed and anticipated-to-close acquisitions.

### **Adjusted EPS and Non-GAAP EPS**

Adjusted EPS represents diluted EPS excluding the impact of certain items such as special charges and acquisition-related expenses that we do not consider to be indicative of the performance of our ongoing operations and are excluded from adjusted EBITDA as described further above. Non-GAAP EPS represents adjusted EPS further adjusted to eliminate the impact of amortization of intangible assets related to our acquisitions. Adjusted EPS and non-GAAP EPS are not recognized terms under U.S. GAAP and do not purport to be an alternative to basic or diluted EPS. Because not all companies use identical calculations, the presentation of adjusted EPS and non-GAAP EPS may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures used by other companies. We believe that the supplemental adjustments applied in calculating adjusted EPS and non-GAAP EPS are reasonable and appropriate to provide additional information to investors.

A reconciliation of diluted EPS to adjusted EPS and non-GAAP EPS follows:

| Three  | Nine Months |
|--------|-------------|
| Months | Ended       |

<sup>(2)</sup> Special charges related to severance were for the staff realignment in the second quarter of 2014 and the third quarter of 2015.

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|  |           |        | Septen 30, | aber   |  |
|--|-----------|--------|------------|--------|--|
|  | September |        |            |        |  |
|  | 30,       |        |            |        |  |
|  | 2015      | 2014   | 2015       | 2014   |  |
| Diluted EPS  | \$0.59    | \$0.59 | \$1.45     | \$1.56 |  |
| Acquisition-related expenses, net of tax                               |           | 0.02   |            | 0.04   |  |
| Special charges related to severance for staff realignment, net of tax | 0.01      | 0.01   | 0.01       | 0.06   |  |
| Special charges related to office closures, net of tax                 | 0.01      |        | 0.05       | 0.02   |  |
| Adjusted EPS   | 0.61      | 0.62   | 1.51       | 1.68   |  |
| Amortization of intangibles, net of tax                                | 0.14      | 0.08   | 0.40       | 0.20   |  |
| Non-GAAP EPS   | \$0.75    | \$0.70 | \$1.91     | \$1.88 |  |

# CAPITAL RESOURCES, FINANCIAL CONDITION, AND LIQUIDITY

We entered into our Credit Facility with a syndication of 11 commercial banks on May 16, 2014, which was further modified on November 5, 2014. The Credit Facility matures on May 16, 2019 (five years from the closing date). The Credit Facility allows for borrowings of up to \$500.0 million without a borrowing base requirement, taking into account financial, performance-based limitations and provides for an "accordion," which permits additional revolving credit commitments of up to \$100.0 million, subject to lenders' approval. The Credit Facility provides for stand-by letters of credit aggregating up to \$30.0 million that reduce the funds available under the revolving line of credit when issued. The Credit Facility is collateralized by substantially all of our assets and requires that we remain in compliance with certain financial and non-financial covenants. The financial covenants, as defined in the Credit Facility, require, among other things, that we maintain, on a consolidated basis for each quarter, a fixed charge coverage ratio of not less than 1.25 to 1.00 and a leverage ratio of not more than 3.75 to 1.00. As of September 30, 2015, we were in compliance with our covenants under the Credit Facility.

We have the ability to borrow funds under our Credit Facility at interest rates based on both LIBOR and prime rates, at our discretion, plus their applicable margins. Interest rates on debt outstanding ranged from 2.17% to 4.25% for the first nine months of 2015.

Liquidity and Borrowing Capacity. Short-term liquidity requirements are created by our use of funds for working capital, capital expenditures, and the need to provide any debt service. We expect to meet these requirements through a combination of cash flow from operations and borrowings under the Credit Facility. As of September 30, 2015, we had \$332.2 million borrowed under our revolving line of credit and outstanding letters of credit of \$3.7 million, resulting in unused borrowing capacity of \$164.1 million on our Credit Facility (excluding the accordion), which is available for our working capital needs and for other purposes. Taking into account certain financial, performance-based limitations, available borrowing capacity (excluding the accordion) was \$110.1 million as of September 30, 2015.

We anticipate that our long-term liquidity requirements, including any future acquisitions, will be funded through a combination of cash flow from operations, borrowings under the Credit Facility, additional secured or unsecured debt, or the issuance of common or preferred stock, each of which may be initially funded through borrowings under the Credit Facility.

We believe that the combination of internally generated funds, available bank borrowings, and cash and cash equivalents on hand will provide the required liquidity and capital resources necessary to fund on-going operations, customary capital expenditures, and other current working capital requirements. We are continuously analyzing our capital structure to ensure we have sufficient capital to fund future acquisitions and internal growth. We monitor the state of the financial markets on a regular basis to assess the availability and cost of additional capital resources both from debt and equity sources. We believe that we will be able to access these markets at commercially reasonable terms and conditions if we need additional borrowings or capital.

*Financial Condition*. There were several changes in our balance sheet during the nine months ended September 30, 2015. Cash decreased to \$5.7 million on September 30, 2015, from \$12.1 million on December 31, 2014, and long-term debt decreased to \$332.2 million on September 30, 2015, from \$350.1 million on December 31, 2014. Accounts receivable, net, increased \$11.4 million compared to December 31, 2014, while days-sales-outstanding remained the same at 74 days on September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014. The increase in accounts receivable was due primarily to temporary timing differences in client billings. Accrued salaries and benefits and accounts payable decreased \$10.2 million and \$7.6 million, respectively, and days-payables-outstanding decreased from 58 days as of December 31, 2014 to 52 days as of September 30, 2015.

With the continued expansion and implementation of our international growth strategy, we have explored various options for mitigating the risk associated with potential fluctuations in the foreign currencies in which we conduct transactions. We have forward contract agreements ("hedges") in an amount proportionate to work anticipated to be

performed under certain contracts in Europe. We recognize changes in the fair value of the hedges in our results of operations. As we continue to implement our international growth strategy, we may increase the number, size and scope of our hedges as we analyze options for mitigating our foreign exchange risk. The current impact of the hedges to the consolidated financial statements is immaterial.

Share Repurchase Program. Our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase plan effective in November 2013 and expiring in November 2015, as amended, authorizing us to repurchase in the aggregate up to \$75.0 million of our outstanding common stock. In the third quarter of 2015, our Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase plan effective in November 2015 that extends the share repurchase plan through November 2017 and continues to authorize share repurchases in the aggregate up to \$75.0 million, not to exceed the amount allowed under the Credit Facility. Purchases under this program may be made from time to time at prevailing market prices in open market purchases or in privately negotiated transactions pursuant to Rules 10b5-1 and 10b-18 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), and in accordance with applicable insider trading and other securities laws and regulations. The purchases will be funded from existing cash balances and/or borrowings, and the repurchased shares will be held in treasury and used for general corporate purposes. The timing and extent to which we repurchase our shares will depend upon market conditions and other corporate considerations, as may be considered in our sole discretion. During the nine months ended September 30, 2015, we repurchased 406,234 shares under this program at an average price of \$36.10 per share. Of the \$75.0 million approved for share repurchases, approximately \$30.6 million remained available as of September 30, 2015.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*. We consider cash on deposit and all highly liquid investments with original maturities of three months or less to be cash and cash equivalents. Cash was \$5.7 million and \$12.1 million on September 30, 2015 and December 31, 2014, respectively.

*Cash Flow.* The following table sets forth our sources and uses of cash for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014:

#### Nine months ended

September 30,
2015 2014
(in thousands)

Net cash provided by operating activities
Net cash used in investing activities
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities
(14,012) (70,119)
Net cash (used in) provided by financing activities
(33,803) 49,713
(1,486) (574)
Net decrease in cash
(6,400) \$(1,444)

Our operating cash flow is primarily affected by the overall profitability of our contracts, our ability to invoice and collect from our clients in a timely manner, and our ability to manage our vendor payments. We bill most of our clients monthly after services are rendered. Operating activities provided cash of \$42.9 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015 compared to \$19.5 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. Cash flows from operating activities for the first nine months of 2015 were positively impacted primarily by the income tax payable and deferred revenue, and were negatively impacted primarily by net contract receivables, due to temporary timing differences in client billings, accrued salaries and benefits, and accounts payable. Cash flows from operating activities for the first nine months of 2014 were positively impacted primarily by accrued expenses and were negatively impacted primarily by net contract receivables, due to temporary timing differences in client billings, prepaid expenses and other assets, deferred revenue and accrued salaries and benefits.

Investing activities used cash of \$14.0 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2015, compared to \$70.1 million for the nine months ended September 30, 2014. The cash used in investing activities for the first nine months of 2015 was primarily for capital expenditures. The cash used in investing activities for the first nine months of 2014 was primarily for our acquisitions of Mostra and CityTech and capital expenditures.

For the nine months ended September 30, 2015, cash flow used in financing activities of \$33.8 million was largely attributable to \$17.9 million in net payments on our revolving line of credit and cash used to repurchase shares under our share repurchase plan of \$14.7 million. For the nine months ended September 30, 2014, cash flow provided by financing activities of \$49.7 million was attributable primarily to \$75.2 million in net advances on our revolving line of credit, as a result of acquisitions and working capital needs, partly offset by cash used for share repurchases of \$24.4 million.

#### OFF-BALANCE SHEET ARRANGEMENTS AND CONTRACTUAL OBLIGATIONS

We use off-balance sheet arrangements to finance the lease of facilities. We have financed the use of all of our office and storage facilities through operating leases. Operating leases are also used from time to time to finance the use of computers, servers, copiers, telephone systems, and to a lesser extent, other fixed assets, such as furnishings, and we also obtain operating leases in connection with business acquisitions. We generally assume the lease rights and obligations of businesses acquired in business combinations and continue financing facilities and equipment under operating leases until the end of the lease term following the acquisition date.

The Credit Facility provides for stand-by letters of credit aggregating up to \$30.0 million that reduce the funds available under the revolving line of credit when issued. As of September 30, 2015, we had 10 outstanding letters of credit with a total value of \$3.7 million, primarily related to deposits to support our facility leases.

The following table summarizes our contractual obligations as of September 30, 2015 that require us to make future cash payments. For contractual obligations, we include payments that we have an unconditional obligation to make.

### Payments due by Period

|                               |           | (In thous    | sands)   |           |              |
|-------------------------------|-----------|--------------|----------|-----------|--------------|
|                               | Total     | Less<br>than | 1 to 3   | 3 to 5    | More<br>than |
|                               |           | 1 year       | years    | years     | 5 years      |
| Long-term debt obligation (1) | \$361,480 | \$8,093      | \$16,186 | \$337,201 | <b>\$</b> —  |
| Rent of facilities            | 254,702   | 36,226       | 69,366   | 62,405    | 86,705       |
| Operating lease obligations   | 1,810     | 719          | 956      | 132       | 3            |
| Other obligations             | 11,364    | 4,293        | 7,071    | _         |              |
| Total                         | \$629,356 | \$49,331     | \$93,579 | \$399,738 | \$86,708     |

(1) Represents the obligation for principal and variable interest payments related to our Credit Facility assuming the principal amount outstanding and interest rates at September 30, 2015 remain fixed through maturity. These assumptions are subject to change in future periods.

## Item 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

There have been no material changes in the disclosures discussed in the section entitled "Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk" in Part II, Item 7A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014, filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015.

#### Item 4. Controls and Procedures

Disclosure Controls and Procedures and Internal Controls Over Financial Reporting. As of the period covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation, under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined in Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e) promulgated under the Exchange Act. Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective for the purpose of ensuring that the information required to be disclosed in our reports filed with the SEC under the Exchange Act is (1) recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms, and (2) accumulated and communicated to our management, including the Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, as appropriate to allow timely

decisions regarding required disclosure. There have been no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) during the period covered by this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q or, to our knowledge, in other factors that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

Limitations on the Effectiveness of Controls. Control systems, no matter how well conceived and operated, are designed to provide a reasonable, but not an absolute, level of assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, have been or will be detected. Because of the inherent limitations in any control system, misstatements due to error or fraud may occur and may not be detected.

#### PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

### Item 1. Legal Proceedings

We are involved in various legal matters and proceedings arising in the ordinary course of business. While these matters and proceedings cause us to incur costs, including, but not limited to, attorneys' fees, we currently believe that any ultimate liability arising out of these matters and proceedings will not have a material adverse effect on our financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

#### Item 1A. Risk Factors

Investing in our common stock involves risk. There are numerous and varied risks, known and unknown, that may affect us and prevent us from achieving our goals. There have been no material changes in those risk factors discussed in the section entitled "Risk Factors" disclosed in Part I, Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2014 filed with the SEC on February 27, 2015.

The risks described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K are not the only risks that we encounter. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, financial condition, and/or operating results.

#### Item 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

**Issuances of Common Stock.** For the three months ended September 30, 2015, a total of 4,487 shares of unregistered common stock, valued at an aggregate of \$140,670 were issued to six directors of the Company for director-related compensation on July 1, 2015 and September 30, 2015. The issuance of these shares is exempt from registration under Section 4(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

**Purchase of Equity**. The following table summarizes our share repurchase activity for the three months ended September 30, 2015:

**Total Number** 

of Shares Approximate Dollar

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| Period                     | Total        |               | Purchased as Part      | Value of Shares that      |
|----------------------------|--------------|---------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
|                            | Number<br>of | Average       | of Publicly            | May Yet Be Purchased      |
|                            | Shares       | Price<br>Paid | <b>Announced Plans</b> | <b>Under the Plans or</b> |
|                            |              |               | or Programs (b)        | Programs (b)              |
|                            | Purchased    | per           |                        |                           |
|                            | (a)          | Share         |                        |                           |
|                            |              | (a)           |                        |                           |
| July 1 – July 31           | 39,573       | \$ 35.38      | 39,573                 | \$ 35,814,368             |
| August 1 – August 31       | 104,533      | \$ 34.65      | 102,221                | \$ 32,275,769             |
| September 1 – September 30 | 52,453       | \$ 33.47      | 50,661                 | \$ 30,577,141             |
| Total                      | 196,559      |               | 192,455                |                           |

The total number of shares purchased of 196,559 includes shares repurchased pursuant to our share repurchase program described further in footnote (b) below, as well as shares purchased from employees to pay required withholding taxes and the exercise price due upon the exercise of options and the settlement of restricted stock (a) units in accordance with our applicable long-term incentive plan. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we repurchased 4,104 shares of common stock for an aggregate cost of \$140,830 from employees in satisfaction of tax withholding obligations. The average fair value of the common stock purchased in satisfaction of tax withholding obligations was \$34.32 per share.

Our Board of Directors approved a share repurchase plan effective in November 2013 and expiring in November 2015 which authorizes us to repurchase our outstanding common stock. In March 2015, the plan was amended to increase the amount authorized for repurchases from \$35.0 million to \$75.0 million. In the third quarter of 2015, (b) our Board of Directors approved a new share repurchase plan effective in November 2015 that extends the share repurchase plan through November 2017 and continues to authorize share repurchases in the aggregate up to \$75.0 million, not to exceed the amount allowed under the Credit Facility. During the three months ended September 30, 2015, we repurchased 192,455 shares under this program at an average price of \$34.49 per share.

| Item 3.           | Defaults Upon Senior Securities  |
|-------------------|--|
| None.             |  |
| Item 4.           | Mine Safety Disclosures  |
| Not appli         | icable.  |
| Item 5.           | Other Information  |
| None.             |  |
| Item 6.           | Exhibits   |
| Exhibit<br>Number | Exhibit  |
| 31.1<br>31.2      | Certificate of the Principal Executive Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a). Certificate of the Principal Financial Officer Pursuant to Exchange Act Rule 13a-14(a) and 15d-14(a).  |
| 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.   |
| 32.2              | Certification of the Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 18 U.S.C. Section 1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.   |
| 101               | The following materials from the ICF International, Inc. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ended September 30, 2015 formatted in eXtensible Business Reporting Language (XBRL): (i) Consolidated Balance Sheets, (ii) Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income, (iii) Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows and (iv) Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.* |
| *                 | Submitted electronically herewith.   |

# **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.

### ICF INTERNATIONAL, INC.

October 30, 2015 By:/s/ Sudhakar Kesavan

Sudhakar Kesavan

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

(Principal Executive Officer)

October 30, 2015 By:/s/ James Morgan

James Morgan

Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Financial Officer)