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## **FORM 10-Q**

(MARK ONE)

X QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

FOR THE QUARTERLY PERIOD ENDED June 30, 2014

OR

TRANSITION REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(D) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934.

**COMMISSION FILE NUMBER: 000-21433** 

## FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**DELAWARE** (State or other jurisdiction of

04-2797789 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

**Identification Number**)

**60 Acorn Park Drive** 

**CAMBRIDGE, MASSACHUSETTS** 

02140

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (617) 613-6000

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 x 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 during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes x 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 " Accelerated filer x

Non-accelerated filer  $\,^{\circ}$  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company  $\,^{\circ}$  Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  $\,^{\circ}$  No  $\,^{\circ}$ 

As of August 1, 2014 18,244,000 shares of the registrant s common stock were outstanding.

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## PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

## ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

## FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(In thousands, except per share data, unaudited)

|  | June 30,<br>2014 | Dec | eember 31,<br>2013 |
|--|------------------|-----|--------------------|
| ASSETS   | 2014             |     | 2013               |
| Current Assets:  |                  |     |                    |
| Cash and cash equivalents                              | \$ 52,634        | \$  | 74,132             |
| Marketable investments (Note 3)                        | 81,024           | Ψ   | 81,013             |
| Accounts receivable, net                               | 41,182           |     | 77,543             |
| Deferred commissions                                   | 11,278           |     | 12,939             |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets              | 22,481           |     | 20,762             |
|  | ,                |     | ,                  |
| Total current assets                                   | 208,599          |     | 266,389            |
| Property and equipment, net                            | 35,789           |     | 39,868             |
| Goodwill   | 79,780           |     | 80,001             |
| Intangible assets, net                                 | 4,686            |     | 5,777              |
| Other assets   | 10,021           |     | 10,167             |
|  |                  |     |                    |
| Total assets   | \$ 338,875       | \$  | 402,202            |
|  |                  |     |                    |
| LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS EQUIT                     | Ϋ́               |     |                    |
| Current Liabilities:                                   | _                |     |                    |
| Accounts payable                                       | \$ 966           | \$  | 1,024              |
| Accrued expenses and other current liabilities         | 30,586           |     | 33,471             |
| Deferred revenue                                       | 143,938          |     | 152,903            |
|  |                  |     |                    |
| Total current liabilities                              | 175,490          |     | 187,398            |
| Non-current liabilities                                | 9,464            |     | 10,142             |
|  |                  |     |                    |
| Total liabilities                                      | 184,954          |     | 197,540            |
|  |                  |     |                    |
| Commitments  |                  |     |                    |
| Stockholders Equity (Note 7):                          |                  |     |                    |
| Preferred stock, \$.01 par value                       |                  |     |                    |
| Authorized - 500 shares, issued and outstanding - none |                  |     |                    |
|  |                  |     |                    |

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| 207        |  | 205  |
|------------|--|--|
| 115,803    |  | 109,676  |
| 116,510    |  | 118,415  |
|            |  |  |
| (81,028)   |  | (26,088)   |
| 2,429      |  | 2,454  |
|            |  |  |
| 153,921    |  | 204,662  |
|            |  |  |
| \$ 338,875 | \$   | 402,202  |
|            | 115,803<br>116,510<br>(81,028)<br>2,429<br>153,921 | 115,803<br>116,510<br>(81,028)<br>2,429<br>153,921 |

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

# FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME

(In thousands, except per share data, unaudited)

|  | En       | Months<br>ded<br>e 30,<br>2013 | Six Months Ended<br>June 30,<br>2014 2013 |            |  |  |
|--|----------|--------------------------------|---|------------|--|--|
| Revenues:  |          |                                |   |            |  |  |
| Research services                                  | \$52,322 | \$51,312                       | \$ 103,115                                | \$ 101,590 |  |  |
| Advisory services and events                       | 30,625   | 27,641                         | 52,903                                    | 48,724     |  |  |
| Total revenues                                     | 82,947   | 78,953                         | 156,018                                   | 150,314    |  |  |
| Operating expenses:                                |          |                                |   |            |  |  |
| Cost of services and fulfillment                   | 33,558   | 30,786                         | 63,038                                    | 57,813     |  |  |
| Selling and marketing                              | 28,630   | 26,789                         | 58,513                                    | 53,846     |  |  |
| General and administrative                         | 9,815    | 8,420                          | 19,342                                    | 17,907     |  |  |
| Depreciation                                       | 2,289    | 2,302                          | 5,062                                     | 4,662      |  |  |
| Amortization of intangible assets                  | 536      | 554                            | 1,075                                     | 1,113      |  |  |
| Reorganization costs                               | 1,039    | 314                            | 1,888                                     | 1,905      |  |  |
| Total operating expenses                           | 75,867   | 69,165                         | 148,918                                   | 137,246    |  |  |
| Income from operations                             | 7,080    | 9,788                          | 7,100                                     | 13,068     |  |  |
| Other income, net                                  | 79       | 255                            | 15  | 631        |  |  |
| Gains (losses) on investments, net                 | 43       | 98                             | 80  | (102)      |  |  |
| Income before income taxes                         | 7,202    | 10,141                         | 7,195                                     | 13,597     |  |  |
| Income tax provision                               | 2,913    | 3,956                          | 2,972                                     | 5,243      |  |  |
| Net income   | \$ 4,289 | \$ 6,185                       | \$ 4,223                                  | \$ 8,354   |  |  |
| Basic income per common share                      | \$ 0.23  | \$ 0.29                        | \$ 0.22                                   | \$ 0.38    |  |  |
| Diluted income per common share                    | \$ 0.23  | \$ 0.28                        | \$ 0.22                                   | \$ 0.38    |  |  |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding   | 18,757   | 21,256                         | 19,184                                    | 21,781     |  |  |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding | 19,044   | 21,747                         | 19,479                                    | 22,202     |  |  |

Cash dividends declared per common share

\$ 0.16

\$ 0.15

0.32

\$

0.30

\$

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

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## FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(In thousands, unaudited)

|  | Three Mon<br>June |          | Six Mont<br>June | hs Ended<br>e 30, |
|--|-------------------|----------|------------------|-------------------|
|  | 2014              | 2013     | 2014             | 2013              |
| Net income                                       | \$ 4,289          | \$ 6,185 | \$ 4,223         | \$ 8,354          |
|  |                   |          |                  |                   |
| Other comprehensive income (loss), net of taxes: |                   |          |                  |                   |
| Foreign currency translation                     | (106)             | 16       | (61)             | (1,339)           |
| Net change in market value of investments        | 25                | (370)    | 36               | (416)             |
|  |                   |          |                  |                   |
| Other comprehensive loss                         | (81)              | (354)    | (25)             | (1,755)           |
| Comprehensive income                             | \$ 4,208          | \$ 5,831 | \$ 4,198         | \$ 6,599          |

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# FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(In thousands, unaudited)

|   | Six Month<br>June<br>2014 |          |
|---|---------------------------|----------|
| Cash flows from operating activities:   |                           |          |
| Net income  | \$ 4,223                  | \$ 8,354 |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | Ψ 1,223                   | ψ 0,22.  |
| Depreciation  | 5,062                     | 4,662    |
| Amortization of intangible assets   | 1,075                     | 1,113    |
| Net (gains) losses from investments   | (80)                      | 102      |
| Deferred income taxes   | (2,964)                   | (5,376)  |
| Stock-based compensation  | 3,165                     | 2,728    |
| Amortization of premium on investments  | 751                       | 1,265    |
| Foreign currency (gains) losses   | 319                       | (34)     |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, net of acquisitions                            |                           |          |
| Accounts receivable   | 36,210                    | 34,564   |
| Deferred commissions  | 1,661                     | 560      |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets   | (797)                     | 4,879    |
| Accounts payable  | (75)                      | 343      |
| Accrued expenses and other liabilities  | (4,159)                   | (2,323)  |
| Deferred revenue  | (9,110)                   | (13,606) |
| Net cash provided by operating activities   | 35,281                    | 37,231   |
| Cash flows from investing activities:   |                           |          |
| Purchases of property and equipment   | (871)                     | (1,267)  |
| Purchases of marketable investments   | (27,165)                  | (39,636) |
| Proceeds from sales and maturities of marketable investments                      | 26,464                    | 49,143   |
| Other investing activity  | 1,437                     | 248      |
| Net cash provided by (used in) investing activities                               | (135)                     | 8,488    |
| Cash flows from financing activities:   |                           |          |
| Dividends paid on common stock  | (6,128)                   | (6,414)  |
| Repurchases of common stock   | (54,940)                  | (92,083) |
| Proceeds from issuance of common stock under employee equity incentive plans      | 4,186                     | 10,513   |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation                                 | 100                       | 638      |
| Payment of deferred acquisition consideration                                     |                           | (900)    |
| Net cash used in financing activities   | (56,782)                  | (88,246) |

| Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents                              | 138                | (1,200)            |
|---|--------------------|--------------------|
| Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents  Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | (21,498)<br>74,132 | (43,727)<br>98,810 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period  | \$ 52,634          | \$ 55,083          |

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

## FORRESTER RESEARCH, INC.

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Unaudited)

## Note 1 Interim Consolidated Financial Statements

### Basis of Presentation

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated financial statements have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP) for interim financial information and pursuant to the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) for reporting on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, certain information and footnote disclosures required for complete financial statements are not included herein. The year-end balance sheet data was derived from audited financial statements, but does not include all disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. It is recommended that these financial statements be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and related notes that appear in the Forrester Research, Inc. (Forrester) Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring adjustments) considered necessary for a fair presentation of the financial position, results of operations, and cash flows as of the dates and for the periods presented have been included. The results of operations for the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 may not be indicative of the results for the year ending December 31, 2014, or any other period.

During the quarter ended March 31, 2014, the Company recorded \$0.5 million of expenses for out-of-period corrections, of which \$0.4 million related to depreciation and \$0.1 million related to other immaterial amounts that related to prior periods. The Company has concluded that these errors are immaterial to all prior period financial statements.

### Fair Value Measurements

The carrying amounts reflected in the Consolidated Balance Sheets for cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable, and accrued expenses approximate fair value due to their short-term maturities. See Note 3 Marketable Investments for the fair value of the Company s marketable investments.

### Revision of quarterly financial statements

During the quarter ended September 30, 2013, the Company identified certain immaterial prior period errors that affected the three and six months ended June 30, 2013. The Company has reflected in the financial information included in this Note the correction of these prior period errors in the three and six months ended June 30, 2013. The prior period errors relate to:

An adjustment of \$0.8 million for the three months ended June 30, 2013 to increase the amount of research services revenue related to recognition of revenue for the event ticket included in the Company s RoleView and Forrester Leadership Board subscription products. The effect of this error has also been reflected in deferred revenue in the revised consolidated statement of cash flows presented below.

Adjustments to revenue for historical insignificant variances in deferred revenue for reconciling items between the Company s general ledger and sub-ledger system. The decrease to revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2013 was (\$0.1) million and the effect of this error has also been reflected in deferred revenue in the revised consolidated statement of cash flows presented below.

Adjustments to the Company s share of operating results in one of the technology-related investment funds in which the Company holds an interest, which adjustments are principally a result of information received by the Company from the fund after the applicable reporting periods. The Company records a portion of the fund s operating results, based on the Company s ownership interest in the fund, as investment gains (losses). The adjustments to the gains (losses) on investments for the three months ended March 31, 2013 and June 30, 2013 was (\$0.1) million and \$0.1 million, respectively.

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## **Revised Consolidated Statements of Income**

|                                    | Three M    | Ionth | s Ended , | June 30, |            |       |           |                        |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-----------|----------|------------|-------|-----------|------------------------|
|                                    |            | 2     | 2013      |          | Six Mon    | ths E | nded June | e 30, 2013             |
|                                    | As         |       |           |          | As         |       |           |                        |
|                                    | Previously | ,     |           | As       | Previously | y     |           | $\mathbf{A}\mathbf{s}$ |
|                                    | Reported   | Adju  | stments   | Revised  | Reported   | Adj   | ustments  | Revised                |
| Revenues:                          |            |       |           |          |            |       |           |                        |
| Research services                  | \$50,512   | \$    | 800       | \$51,312 | \$ 100,890 | \$    | 700       | \$ 101,590             |
| Advisory services and events       | 27,652     |       | (11)      | 27,641   | 48,773     |       | (49)      | 48,724                 |
|                                    |            |       |           |          |            |       |           |                        |
| Total revenues                     | 78,164     |       | 789       | 78,953   | 149,663    |       | 651       | 150,314                |
| Income from operations             | 8,999      |       | 789       | 9,788    | 12,417     |       | 651       | 13,068                 |
| Gains (losses) on investments, net | (51)       |       | 149       | 98       | (102       | )     |           | (102)                  |
| Income before income taxes         | 9,203      |       | 938       | 10,141   | 12,946     |       | 651       | 13,597                 |
| Income tax provision               | 3,581      |       | 375       | 3,956    | 4,983      |       | 260       | 5,243                  |
| _                                  |            |       |           |          |            |       |           |                        |
| Net income                         | \$ 5,622   | \$    | 563       | \$ 6,185 | \$ 7,963   | \$    | 391       | \$ 8,354               |
|                                    |            |       |           |          |            |       |           |                        |
| Basic income per common share      | \$ 0.26    | \$    | 0.03      | \$ 0.29  | \$ 0.37    | \$    | 0.01      | \$ 0.38                |
| •                                  |            |       |           |          |            |       |           |                        |
| Diluted income per common share    | \$ 0.26    | \$    | 0.02      | \$ 0.28  | \$ 0.36    | \$    | 0.02      | \$ 0.38                |
|                                    |            |       |           |          |            |       |           |                        |

## **Revised Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income**

The consolidated statement of comprehensive income for the three and six months ended June 30, 2013 is impacted by the same amount as net income for the period.

## **Revised Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows**

|   | Six Moi<br>As          | nths En | ded June 3 | 30, 20 | 13           |
|---|------------------------|---------|------------|--------|--------------|
|   | Previously<br>Reported | Adju    | ıstments   | R      | As<br>evised |
| Cash flows from operating activities:     | •                      | J       |            |        |              |
| Net income                                | \$ 7,963               | \$      | 391        | \$     | 8,354        |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | 4,619                  |         | 260        |        | 4,879        |
| Deferred revenue                          | (12,955)               |         | (651)      | (      | (13,606)     |
| Net cash provided by operating activities | 37,231                 |         |            |        | 37,231       |
|   |                        |         |            |        |              |

## Note 2 Accumulated Other Comprehensive Income

The components of accumulated other comprehensive income are as follows (in thousands):

| No          | et  |                            |   |  |  |  |
|-------------|---|----------------------------|---|--|--|--|
| Unrea       | lized                                       |                            |   |  | Total  |  |
| Ga          | in  | Cur                        | nulative  | Acc  | cumulated  |  |
| (Loss) on M | <b>Iarket</b> a                             | bTera                      | nslatio <b>0</b> t  | her (  | Comprehensiv   |  |
| Invest      | ments                                       | Adj                        | ustment   | Income (Loss)  |  |  |
| \$          | 16  | \$                         | 2,438   | \$   | 2,454  |  |
|             |   |                            | (61)  |  | (61)   |  |
|             |   |                            |   |  |  |  |
|             | 33  |                            |   |  | 33   |  |
| ed          |   |                            |   |  |  |  |
|             | 3   |                            |   |  | 3  |  |
|             |   |                            |   |  |  |  |
| \$          | 52  | \$                         | 2,377   | \$   | 2,429  |  |
|             | Unrea<br>Ga<br>(Loss) on M<br>Investi<br>\$ | Investments \$ 16  33 ed 3 | Unrealized Gain Cur (Loss) on Marketablea Investments Adj \$ 16 \$  33 ed | Unrealized Gain Cumulative (Loss) on MarketableranslatioOt Investments Adjustment \$ 16 \$ 2,438 | Unrealized Gain Cumulative Acc (Loss) on MarketabTeranslatioOther Converted to the Converte |  |

|  | N         | let      |                |           |       |               |
|--|-----------|----------|----------------|-----------|-------|---------------|
|  | Unre      | ealized  |                |           |       | Total         |
|  | G         | ain      | Cur            | nulative  | Ac    | cumulated     |
|  | (Loss) on | Marketal | b <b>lE</b> ra | nslatioOt | her ( | Comprehensive |
|  | Inves     | tments   | Adj            | ustment   | Inc   | ome (Loss)    |
| Balance at April 1, 2014                         | \$        | 27       | \$             | 2,483     | \$    | 2,510         |
| Foreign currency translation                     |           |          |                | (106)     |       | (106)         |
| Unrealized gain on investments before            |           |          |                |           |       |               |
| reclassification, net of tax of \$27             |           | 27       |                |           |       | 27            |
| Reclassification adjustment for net gain realize | ed        |          |                |           |       |               |
| in net income, net of tax of \$2                 |           | (2)      |                |           |       | (2)           |
|  |           |          |                |           |       |               |
| Balance at June 30, 2014                         | \$        | 52       | \$             | 2,377     | \$    | 2,429         |

|  | Uni<br>( | Net<br>ealized<br>Gain<br>Marketal |     | mulative<br>inslati <b>@</b> t |     | Total<br>cumulated<br>Comprehensi |
|--|----------|------------------------------------|-----|--------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|
|  | Inve     | stments                            | Adj | justment                       | Inc | ome (Loss)                        |
| Balance at January 1, 2013                 | \$       | (1,024)                            | \$  | 1,612                          | \$  | 588                               |
| Foreign currency translation               |          |                                    |     | (1,339)                        |     | (1,339)                           |
| Unrealized loss on investments before      |          |                                    |     |                                |     |                                   |
| reclassification, net of tax of \$241      |          | (440)                              |     |                                |     | (440)                             |
| Reclassification adjustments for net gains |          | ,                                  |     |                                |     | , ,                               |
| realized in net income, net of tax of \$15 |          | 24                                 |     |                                |     | 24                                |
| ,  |          |                                    |     |                                |     |                                   |
| Balance at June 30, 2013                   | \$       | (1,440)                            | \$  | 273                            | \$  | (1.167)                           |

|  |            | Net      |               |          |       |              |  |
|--|------------|----------|---------------|----------|-------|--------------|--|
|  | Unrealized |          |               |          | Total |              |  |
|  | (          | Gain     | Cumulative    |          | Acc   | umulated     |  |
|  | (Loss) on  | Marketal | <b>E</b> rans | slatioOt | her C | omprehensive |  |
|  | Inve       | stments  | Adjus         | stment   | Inco  | ome (Loss)   |  |
| Balance at April 1, 2013                   | \$         | (1,070)  | \$            | 257      | \$    | (813)        |  |
| Foreign currency translation               |            |          |               | 16       |       | 16           |  |
| Unrealized loss on investments before      |            |          |               |          |       |              |  |
| reclassification, net of tax of \$238      |            | (394)    |               |          |       | (394)        |  |
| Reclassification adjustments for net gains |            |          |               |          |       |              |  |
| realized in net income, net of tax of \$15 |            | 24       |               |          |       | 24           |  |
|  |            |          |               |          |       |              |  |
| Balance at June 30, 2013                   | \$         | (1,440)  | \$            | 273      | \$    | (1,167)      |  |

Reclassification adjustments for net gains (losses) are reported in gains (losses) on investments, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income.

## Note 3 Marketable Investments

The following table summarizes the Company s marketable investments (in thousands):

|  | Aı | nortized<br>Cost | Unr | ross<br>ealized<br>ains | Unre | ross<br>ealized<br>osses | Market<br>Value |
|--|----|------------------|-----|-------------------------|------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| June 30, 2014                            |    |                  |     |                         |      |                          |                 |
| Available-for-sale securities            |    |                  |     |                         |      |                          |                 |
| State and municipal obligations          | \$ | 4,203            | \$  | 3                       | \$   |                          | \$ 4,206        |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations |    | 76,735           |     | 116                     |      | (33)                     | 76,818          |
| Total                                    | \$ | 80.938           | \$  | 119                     | \$   | (33)                     | \$81.024        |

|  | An | nortized<br>Cost | Unre | ross<br>ealized<br>ains | Unre | ross<br>ealized<br>osses | Market<br>Value |
|--|----|------------------|------|-------------------------|------|--------------------------|-----------------|
| December 31, 2013                        |    |                  |      |                         |      |                          |                 |
| Available-for-sale securities            |    |                  |      |                         |      |                          |                 |
| State and municipal obligations          | \$ | 6,809            | \$   | 5                       | \$   |                          | \$ 6,814        |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations |    | 74,179           |      | 112                     |      | (92)                     | 74,199          |
| Total                                    | \$ | 80,988           | \$   | 117                     | \$   | (92)                     | \$81,013        |

Realized gains and losses on securities are included in earnings and are determined using the specific identification method. Realized gains or losses on the sale of the Company s federal agency, state, municipal and corporate obligations were not material in the three and six months ended June 30, 2014 or 2013.

The following table summarizes the maturity periods of the marketable securities in the Company s portfolio as of June 30, 2014 (in thousands).

|  | FY 2014  | FY2015    | FY2016    | Thereafter | Total    |
|--|----------|-----------|-----------|------------|----------|
| State and municipal obligations          | \$ 2,201 | \$ 2,005  | \$        | \$         | \$ 4,206 |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | 6,878    | 42,026    | 18,272    | 9,642      | 76,818   |
| Total                                    | \$ 9,079 | \$ 44,031 | \$ 18,272 | \$ 9,642   | \$81,024 |

The following table shows the gross unrealized losses and market value of Forrester s available-for-sale securities with unrealized losses that are not deemed to be other-than-temporary, aggregated by investment category and length of time that individual securities have been in a continuous unrealized loss position (in thousands):

|  | As of June 30, 2014 |             |                          |           |        |            |  |
|--|---------------------|-------------|--------------------------|-----------|--------|------------|--|
|  |                     |             | 12 N                     | Ionths or |        |            |  |
|  | Less Than           | n 12 Months | Greater                  |           |        |            |  |
|  | Market Unrealized   |             | Market Unrealized Market |           | Market | Unrealized |  |
|  | Value               | Losses      | Value                    | Losses    |        |            |  |
| State and municipal bonds                | \$                  | \$          | \$                       | \$        |        |            |  |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | 15,426              | 33          |                          |           |        |            |  |
|  |                     |             |                          |           |        |            |  |
| Total                                    | \$ 15,426           | \$ 33       | \$                       | \$        |        |            |  |

|           | As of December | er 31, 2013 | 3          |  |  |
|-----------|----------------|-------------|------------|--|--|
|           |                | 12 N        | Ionths or  |  |  |
| Less Than | n 12 Months    | Greater     |            |  |  |
| Market    | Unrealized     | Market      | Unrealized |  |  |
| Value     | Losses         | Value       | Losses     |  |  |

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| State and municipal bonds                | \$        | \$       | \$<br>\$ |  |
|--|-----------|----------|----------|--|
| Federal agency and corporate obligations | 30,645    | 92       |          |  |
|  |           |          |          |  |
| Total                                    | \$ 30,645 | \$<br>92 | \$<br>\$ |  |

### Fair Value

The Company measures certain financial assets at fair value on a recurring basis, including cash equivalents, available-for-sale securities and trading securities. The fair values of these financial assets have been classified as Level 1, 2 or 3 within the fair value hierarchy as described in the accounting standards for fair value measurements.

Level 1 Fair value based on quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2 Fair value based on inputs other than Level 1 inputs that are observable, either directly or indirectly, such as quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities; quoted prices in markets that are not active; or other inputs that are observable or can be corroborated by observable market data for substantially the full term of the assets or liabilities.

Level 3 Fair value based on unobservable inputs that are supported by little or no market activity and such inputs are significant to the fair value of the assets or liabilities.

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The following table represents the Company s fair value hierarchy for its financial assets (cash equivalents and investments) measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013 (in thousands):

|  |          | As of Jun     |         |          |
|--|----------|---------------|---------|----------|
|  | Level    | Laval 2       | Level 3 | Total    |
| Money market funds (1)                   | \$ 1,733 | Level 2<br>\$ | \$      | \$ 1,733 |
| State and municipal obligations          | Ψ1,733   | 4,206         | Ψ       | 4,206    |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations |          | 76,818        |         | 76,818   |
| Total                                    | \$ 1,733 | \$81,024      | \$      | \$82,757 |

|  | As of December 31, 2013 |          |       |           |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|----------|-------|-----------|--|--|
|  | Level                   |          | Level |           |  |  |
|  | 1                       | Level 2  | 3     | Total     |  |  |
| Money market funds (1)                       | \$6,897                 | \$       | \$    | \$ 6,897  |  |  |
| State and municipal obligations              |                         | 6,814    |       | 6,814     |  |  |
| Federal agency and corporate obligations (2) |                         | 80,449   |       | 80,449    |  |  |
|  |                         |          |       |           |  |  |
| Total  | \$6,897                 | \$87,263 | \$    | \$ 94,160 |  |  |

- (1) Included in cash and cash equivalents.
- (2) \$6.2 million are included in cash and cash equivalents at December 31, 2013 as original maturities at the time of purchase were 90 days or less.

Level 2 assets consist of the Company s entire portfolio of federal, state, municipal and corporate bonds. Level 2 assets have been initially valued at the transaction price and subsequently valued, at the end of each reporting period, typically utilizing third party pricing services or other market observable data. The pricing services utilize industry standard valuation methods, including both income and market based approaches and observable market inputs to determine value. These observable market inputs include reportable trades, benchmark yields, credit spreads, broker/dealer quotes, bids, offers, current spot rates and other industry and economic events.

### **Note 4** Non-Marketable Investments

At June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, the carrying value of the Company s non-marketable investments, which were composed primarily of interests in technology-related private equity funds, was \$4.3 million and \$5.7 million, respectively, and is included in other assets in the Consolidated Balance Sheets.

One of the Company s investments, with a book value of \$0.9 million at June 30, 2014 and December 31, 2013, is being accounted for using the cost method and, accordingly, is valued at cost unless an other-than-temporary impairment in its value occurs. The other investments are being accounted for using the equity method as the investments are limited partnerships and the Company has an ownership interest in excess of 5% and, accordingly, the Company records its share of the investee s operating results each period. The Company recorded a gain (loss) from its non-marketable investments of \$0.1 million during the three months ended June 30, 2013 and \$0.1 million and \$(0.1)

million during the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, respectively, which is included in gains (losses) on investments, net in the Consolidated Statements of Income. Gains from investments were insignificant during the three months ended June 30, 2014. During the six months ended June 30, 2014 and 2013, gross distributions of \$1.4 million and \$0.2 million, respectively, were received from the funds.

## Note 5 Reorganization

In the first quarter of 2014 the Company terminated approximately 1% of its employees across various geographies and functions primarily to realign resources due to the Company s new organizational structure put in place in late 2013. The Company incurred \$0.8 million and \$1.0 million of severance and related costs in the three months ended March 31, 2014 and June 30, 2014, respectively. The accrual at June 30, 2014 is expected to be paid by the end of 2014.

During 2013 the Company incurred \$1.9 million of severance and related costs for the elimination of 31 jobs or approximately 2.5% of its workforce worldwide to streamline its operations. Approximately \$1.6 million of the costs were recognized in the three months ended March 31, 2013 and approximately \$0.3 million were recognized in the three months ended June 30, 2013.

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The following table rolls forward the activity in the reorganization accrual for the six months ended June 30, 2014 (in thousands):

|                              | Workforce |
|------------------------------|-----------|
|                              | Reduction |
| Accrual at December 31, 2013 | \$ 121    |
| Additions                    | 1,888     |
| Cash payments                | (875)     |
|                              |           |
| Accrual at June 30, 2014     | \$ 1,134  |

### **Note 6** Net Income Per Common Share

Basic net income per common share is computed by dividing net income by the basic weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income per common share is computed by dividing net income by the diluted weighted average number of common shares and common equivalent shares outstanding during the period. The weighted average number of common equivalent shares outstanding has been determined in accordance with the treasury-stock method. Common equivalent shares consist of common stock issuable on the exercise of outstanding options and vesting of restricted stock units when dilutive.

Basic and diluted weighted average common shares are as follows (in thousands):

|  | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |        | End<br>June | Months<br>nded<br>ne 30, |  |
|--|--------------------------------|--------|-------------|--------------------------|--|
|  | 2014                           | 2013   | 2014        | 2013                     |  |
| Basic weighted average common shares outstanding   | 18,757                         | 21,256 | 19,184      | 21,781                   |  |
| Weighted average common equivalent shares  | 287                            | 491    | 295         | 421                      |  |
| Diluted weighted average common shares outstanding   | 19,044                         | 21,747 | 19,479      | 22,202                   |  |
| Options excluded from diluted weighted average share calculation as effect would have been anti-dilutive | 602                            | 295    | 582         | 746                      |  |
| calculation as effect would have been allu-unutive   | 002                            | 293    | 362         | 740                      |  |

## Note 7 Stockholders Equity

Equity Plans

Stock option activity for the six months ended June 30, 2014 is presented below (in thousands, except per share data):

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|                                  | Number<br>of Shares | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Exercise<br>Price<br>Per<br>Share | Weighted-<br>Average<br>Remaining<br>Contractual<br>Term (in years) | Aggregate<br>Intrinsic<br>Value |
|----------------------------------|---------------------|---|---|---------------------------------|
| Outstanding at December 31, 2013 | 1,734               | \$ 31.85  |   |                                 |
| Granted                          | 111                 | 36.80   |   |                                 |
| Exercised                        | (110)               | 31.37   |   |                                 |
| Forfeited                        | (57)                | 34.57   |   |                                 |
| Outstanding at June 30, 2014     | 1,678               | \$ 32.11  | 6.69  | \$ 9,710                        |
| Exercisable at June 30, 2014     | 943                 | \$ 29.96  | 5.20  | \$ 7,493                        |

Restricted stock unit activity for the six months ended June 30, 2014 is presented below (in thousands, except per share data):

|                               | Number of<br>Shares | Av<br>Gra | eighted-<br>verage<br>ant Date<br>Fair<br>Value |
|-------------------------------|---------------------|-----------|---|
| Unvested at December 31, 2013 | 372                 | \$        | 34.14   |
| Granted                       |                     |           |   |
| Vested or settled             | (96)                |           | 33.99   |
| Forfeited                     | (68)                |           | 33.41   |
| Unvested at June 30, 2014     | 208                 | \$        | 34.45   |

## Stock-Based Compensation

Forrester recognizes the fair value of stock-based compensation in net income over the requisite service period of the individual grantee, which generally equals the vesting period. Stock-based compensation was recorded in the following expense categories (in thousands):

|                                  | Thre | Three Months Ended<br>June 30, |    |      | Six Months<br>Ended<br>June 30, |          |  |
|----------------------------------|------|--------------------------------|----|------|---------------------------------|----------|--|
|                                  | 20   | <b>)14</b>                     | 2  | 013  | 2014                            | 2013     |  |
| Cost of services and fulfillment | \$   | 798                            | \$ | 743  | \$1,871                         | \$ 1,647 |  |
| Selling and marketing            |      | 127                            |    | 150  | 465                             | 572      |  |
| General and administrative       |      | 293                            |    | (25) | 829                             | 509      |  |
|                                  |      |                                |    |      |                                 |          |  |
| Total                            | \$   | 1,218                          | \$ | 868  | \$3,165                         | \$ 2,728 |  |

Forrester utilizes the Black-Scholes valuation model for estimating the fair value of stock options. Options granted under the equity incentive plans and shares subject to purchase under the employee stock purchase plan were valued using the following assumptions:

|                                 | Three Mont              | ths Ended             | Three Mont              | Three Months Ended |  |  |  |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------|--------------------|--|--|--|
|                                 | June 30                 | , 2014                | June 30                 | , 2013             |  |  |  |
|                                 | E                       | <b>Employee Stock</b> |                         |                    |  |  |  |
|                                 | <b>Equity Incentive</b> | Purchase              | <b>Equity Incentive</b> | Purchase           |  |  |  |
|                                 | Plans                   | Plan                  | Plans                   | Plan               |  |  |  |
| Average risk-free interest rate | 1.70%                   | 0.08                  | 0.71%                   | 0.11%              |  |  |  |
| Expected dividend yield         | 1.8%                    | 1.8                   | 2.1%                    | 2.1%               |  |  |  |

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| Expected life               | 5.1 | Years | 0.5 Years  | 4. | 9 Years | 0.5 Years  |
|-----------------------------|-----|-------|------------|----|---------|------------|
| Expected volatility         |     | 30%   | 25%        |    | 36%     | 25%        |
| Weighted average fair value | \$  | 8.67  | \$<br>7.81 | \$ | 9.27    | \$<br>5.97 |

|                                 | Six Months Ended<br>June 30, 2014 |       |                  |           | Six Mont<br>June 3 |                       |                                     |
|---------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-------|------------------|-----------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------------------------|
|                                 | Employee<br>Equity Stock          |       | Stock<br>Purchas |           | Ince               | uity<br>entive<br>ans | mployee<br>Stock<br>urchase<br>Plan |
| Average risk-free interest rate |                                   | 1.66% |                  | 0.08%     |                    | 0.72%                 | 0.11%                               |
| Expected dividend yield         |                                   | 1.8%  |                  | 1.8%      |                    | 2.1%                  | 2.1%                                |
| Expected life                   | 5.1                               | Years |                  | 0.5 Years | 4.8                | Years                 | 0.5 Years                           |
| Expected volatility             |                                   | 30%   |                  | 25%       |                    | 37%                   | 25%                                 |
| Weighted average fair value     | \$                                | 8.76  | \$               | 7.81      | \$                 | 9.05                  | \$<br>5.97                          |

Dividends

In the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company declared and paid dividends of \$6.1 million consisting of a \$0.16 per share dividend in each of the first two quarters of 2014. In the six months ended June 30, 2013, the Company declared and paid dividends of \$6.4 million consisting of a \$0.15 per share dividend in each of the first two quarters of 2013. In July 2014, the Company declared a dividend of \$0.16 per share payable on September 17, 2014 to shareholders of record as of September 3, 2014.

### Treasury Stock

Forrester s Board of Directors has authorized an aggregate \$410.0 million to purchase common stock under its stock repurchase program, including \$25.0 million authorized in April 2014. The shares repurchased may be used, among other things, in connection with Forrester s employee and director equity incentive and purchase plans. In the six months ended June 30, 2014, the Company repurchased approximately 1.5 million shares of common stock at an aggregate cost of approximately \$54.9 million. From the inception of the program through June 30, 2014, Forrester repurchased approximately 13.9 million shares of common stock at an aggregate cost of approximately \$384.0 million.

## **Note 8** Income Taxes

Forrester provides for income taxes on an interim basis according to management s estimate of the effective tax rate expected to be applicable for the full fiscal year. Certain items such as changes in tax rates and tax benefits related to disqualifying dispositions of incentive stock options are treated as discrete items and are recorded in the period in which they arise.

Income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2014 was \$3.0 million resulting in an effective tax rate of 41.3% for the period. Income tax expense for the six months ended June 30, 2013 was \$5.2 million resulting in an effective tax rate of 38.6% for the period. The increase in the effective tax rate during the six months ended June 30, 2014 as compared to the prior year was primarily due to the recognition of \$0.2 million in the six months ended June 30, 2014 for potential additional tax expense resulting from an on-going U.S state audit.

## **Note 9** Operating Segments

At the end of 2013 the Company reorganized its fulfillment organization into a single global research organization and a single global product organization to better support its client base by facilitating better research collaboration and quality, promoting a more uniform client experience and improved customer satisfaction, and encouraging innovation. During 2013 the Company also established a dedicated consulting organization to provide research-based project consulting services to its clients, allowing the Company s research personnel to spend additional time on writing research and providing shorter-term advisory services. As of January 1, 2014 the Company conformed its internal reporting to match the new organizational structure and as such is reporting segment information for the newly formed Research, Product and Project Consulting organizations. The 2013 segment amounts have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation.

The Research segment includes the costs of the Company's research personnel who are responsible for writing the research and performing the webinars and inquiries for the Company's RoleView product. In addition, the research personnel deliver advisory services (such as workshops, speeches and advisory days) and a portion of the Company's project consulting services. Revenue in this segment includes only revenue from advisory services and project consulting services that are delivered by the research personnel in this segment. During 2013, the Company began to transition the delivery of project consulting to a dedicated project consulting organization. The Company anticipates that the transition will be complete by the end of 2014 such that essentially all project consulting will be delivered by the project consulting organization in 2015.

The Product segment includes the costs of the product management organization that is responsible for pricing, packaging and the launch of new products. In addition, this segment includes the costs of the Company s data, Forrester Leadership Boards and events organizations. Revenue in this segment includes all revenue for the Company (including RoleView) except for revenue from advisory services and project consulting services that are delivered by

personnel in the Research and Project Consulting segments.

The Project Consulting segment includes the costs of the consultants that deliver the Company s project consulting services. During 2013 the Company began to hire dedicated consultants to transition the delivery of project consulting services from research personnel (included in the Research segment) to the new Project Consulting segment. Revenue in this segment includes the project consulting revenue delivered by the consultants in this segment.

The Company evaluates reportable segment performance and allocates resources based on segment revenues and expenses. Segment expenses include the direct expenses of each segment organization and exclude selling and marketing expenses, general and administrative expenses, stock-based compensation expense, depreciation expense, adjustments to incentive bonus compensation from target amounts, amortization of intangible assets, reorganization costs, other income and gains/losses on investments. The accounting policies used by the segments are the same as those used in the consolidated financial statements.

|  | Products  | Research | Project<br>Consulting | Cor | ısolidated |
|--|-----------|----------|-----------------------|-----|------------|
| Three Months Ended June 30, 2014             |           |          | S                     |     |            |
| Research services revenues                   | \$ 52,322 | \$       | \$                    | \$  | 52,322     |
| Advisory services and events revenues        | 9,994     | 12,672   | 7,959                 |     | 30,625     |
|  |           |          |                       |     |            |
| Total segment revenues                       | 62,316    | 12,672   | 7,959                 |     | 82,947     |
| Segment expenses                             | 11,894    | 13,399   | 6,438                 |     | 31,731     |
|  |           |          |                       |     |            |
| Contribution margin (loss)                   | 50,422    | (727)    | 1,521                 |     | 51,216     |
| Selling, marketing, administrative and other |           |          |                       |     |            |
| expenses                                     |           |          |                       |     | (42,561)   |
| Amortization of intangible assets            |           |          |                       |     | (536)      |
| Reorganization costs                         |           |          |                       |     | (1,039)    |
| Other income and gains/losses on investments |           |          |                       |     | 122        |
|  |           |          |                       |     |            |
| Income before income taxes                   |           |          |                       | \$  | 7,202      |

|  |                 |          | Project    |     |           |
|--|-----------------|----------|------------|-----|-----------|
|  | <b>Products</b> | Research | Consulting | Cor | solidated |
| Three Months Ended June 30, 2013             |                 |          |            |     |           |
| Research services revenues                   | \$ 51,312       | \$       | \$         | \$  | 51,312    |
| Advisory services and events revenues        | 9,482           | 14,812   | 3,347      |     | 27,641    |
|  |                 |          |            |     |           |
| Total segment revenues                       | 60,794          | 14,812   | 3,347      |     | 78,953    |
| Segment expenses                             | 10,924          | 14,704   | 3,624      |     | 29,252    |
|  |                 |          |            |     |           |
| Contribution margin (loss)                   | 49,870          | 108      | (277)      |     | 49,701    |
| Selling, marketing, administrative and other |                 |          |            |     |           |
| expenses                                     |                 |          |            |     | (39,045)  |
| Amortization of intangible assets            |                 |          |            |     | (554)     |
| Reorganization costs                         |                 |          |            |     | (314)     |
| Other income and gains/losses on investments |                 |          |            |     | 353       |
|  |                 |          |            |     |           |
| Income before income taxes                   |                 |          |            | \$  | 10,141    |

|                                       |                 |          | Project    |              |
|---------------------------------------|-----------------|----------|------------|--------------|
|                                       | <b>Products</b> | Research | Consulting | Consolidated |
| Six Months Ended June 30, 2014        |                 |          |            |              |
| Research services revenues            | \$ 103,115      | \$       | \$         | \$ 103,115   |
| Advisory services and events revenues | 12,851          | 26,648   | 13,404     | 52,903       |
|                                       |                 |          |            |              |
| Total segment revenues                | 115,966         | 26,648   | 13,404     | 156,018      |
| Segment expenses                      | 20,245          | 27,374   | 12,115     | 59,734       |
|                                       |                 |          |            |              |
| Contribution margin (loss)            | 95,721          | (726)    | 1,289      | 96,284       |
| -                                     |                 |          |            |              |

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| Selling, marketing, administrative and other |          |
|--|----------|
| expenses                                     | (86,221) |
| Amortization of intangible assets            | (1,075)  |
| Reorganization costs                         | (1,888)  |
| Other income and gains/losses on investments | 95       |
| Income before income taxes                   | \$ 7,195 |

|  |                 |          | Project    |     |            |
|--|-----------------|----------|------------|-----|------------|
|  | <b>Products</b> | Research | Consulting | Cor | nsolidated |
| Six Months Ended June 30, 2013               |                 |          |            |     |            |
| Research services revenues                   | \$ 101,590      | \$       | \$         | \$  | 101,590    |
| Advisory services and events revenues        | 11,701          | 29,750   | 7,273      |     | 48,724     |
|  |                 |          |            |     |            |
| Total segment revenues                       | 113,291         | 29,750   | 7,273      |     | 150,314    |
| Segment expenses                             | 18,494          | 28,586   | 6,973      |     | 54,053     |
|  |                 |          |            |     |            |
| Contribution margin (loss)                   | 94,797          | 1,164    | 300        |     | 96,261     |
| Selling, marketing, administrative and other |                 |          |            |     |            |
| expenses                                     |                 |          |            |     | (80,175)   |
| Amortization of intangible assets            |                 |          |            |     | (1,113)    |
| Reorganization costs                         |                 |          |            |     | (1,905)    |
| Other income and gains/losses on investments |                 |          |            |     | 529        |
|  |                 |          |            |     |            |
| Income before income taxes                   |                 |          |            | \$  | 13,597     |

### **Note 10 Recent Accounting Pronouncements**

In May, 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-09, Revenue from Contracts with Customers, which supersedes all existing revenue recognition requirements, including most industry-specific guidance. The new standard requires a company to recognize revenue when it transfers goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration that the company expects to receive for those goods or services. The new standard will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2016, including interim periods within that reporting period. For Forrester, the standard will be effective in the first quarter of 2017. The two permitted transition methods under the new standard are the full retrospective method, in which case the standard would be applied to each prior reporting period presented, or the modified retrospective method, in which case the cumulative effect of applying the standard would be recognized at the date of initial application. The Company has not yet selected a transition method. The Company is currently evaluating the potential changes from this ASU to its future financial reporting and disclosures.

In July 2013, the FASB issued ASU No. 2013-11, Presentation of an Unrecognized Tax Benefit When a Net Operating Loss Carryforward, a Similar Tax Loss, or a Tax Credit Carryforward Exists. The standard addresses the balance sheet presentation of an unrecognized tax benefit when a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward exists. The standard requires that an unrecognized tax benefit, or a portion of an unrecognized tax benefit, should be presented in the financial statements as a reduction to a deferred tax asset for a net operating loss carryforward, a similar tax loss, or a tax credit carryforward. The adoption of this ASU as of January 1, 2014 did not have a material effect on the Company s balance sheet.

#### ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS **OF OPERATIONS**

### **Overview**

This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Words such as expects, believes, anticipates, intends, estimates, or sim expressions are intended to identify these forward-looking statements. These statements include, but are not limited to, statements about the adequacy of our liquidity and capital resources, future growth rates, the continued build-out of a dedicated consulting organization, anticipated increases in our sales force, future dividends, and anticipated continued repurchases of our common stock. These statements are based on our current plans and expectations and involve risks and uncertainties that could cause actual future activities and results of operations to be materially different from those set forth in the forward-looking statements. Important factors that could cause actual future activities and results to differ include, among others, our ability to retain and enrich memberships for our research products and services, technology spending, the risks and challenges inherent in international business activities, our ability to offer new products and services, our dependence on key personnel, the ability to attract and retain professional staff, our ability to respond to business and economic conditions and market trends, the possibility of network disruptions and security breaches, competition and industry consolidation, and possible variations in our quarterly operating results. These risks are described more completely in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013. We undertake no obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise.

We derive revenues from memberships to our research and data products and services, performing advisory services and consulting projects, and hosting events. We offer contracts for our research products that are typically renewable annually and payable in advance. Research revenues are recognized as revenue ratably over the term of the contract. Accordingly, a substantial portion of our billings are initially recorded as deferred revenue. Clients purchase advisory

services independently and/or to supplement their memberships to our research. Billings attributable to advisory services and consulting projects are initially recorded as deferred revenue. Advisory service revenues, such as workshops, speeches and advisory days, are recognized when the customer receives the agreed upon deliverable. Consulting project revenues, which generally are short-term in nature and based upon fixed-fee agreements, are recognized as the services are provided. Event billings are also initially recorded as deferred revenue and are recognized as revenue upon completion of each event.

Our primary operating expenses consist of cost of services and fulfillment, selling and marketing expenses and general and administrative expenses. Cost of services and fulfillment represents the costs associated with the production and delivery of our products and services, including salaries, bonuses, employee benefits and stock-based compensation expense for research and consulting personnel and all associated editorial, travel, and support services. Selling and marketing expenses include salaries, sales commissions, bonuses, employee benefits, stock-based compensation expense, travel expenses, promotional costs and other costs incurred in marketing and selling our products and services. General and administrative expenses include the costs of the technology, operations, finance, and human resources groups and our other administrative functions, including salaries, bonuses, employee benefits, and stock-based compensation expense. Overhead costs such as facilities and service fees for cloud-based information systems are allocated to these categories according to the number of employees in each group.

Deferred revenue, agreement value, client retention, dollar retention, enrichment and number of clients are metrics we believe are important to understanding our business. We believe that the amount of deferred revenue, along with the agreement value of contracts to purchase research and advisory services, provide a significant measure of our business activity. We define these metrics as follows:

**Deferred revenue** billings in advance of revenue recognition as of the measurement date.

**Agreement value** the total revenues recognizable from all research and advisory service contracts in force at a given time (but not including advisory-only contracts), without regard to how much revenue has already been recognized.

**Client retention** the percentage of client companies with memberships expiring during the most recent twelve-month period that renewed one or more of those memberships during that same period.

**Dollar retention** the percentage of the dollar value of all client membership contracts renewed during the most recent twelve-month period to the total dollar value of all client membership contracts that expired during the period.

**Enrichment** the percentage of the dollar value of client membership contracts renewed during the most recent twelve-month period to the dollar value of the corresponding expiring contracts.

**Clients** we count as a single client the various divisions and subsidiaries of a corporate parent and we also aggregate separate instrumentalities of the federal, state, and provincial governments as a single client. Client retention, dollar retention, and enrichment are not necessarily indicative of the rate of future retention of our revenue base. A summary of our key metrics is as follows (dollars in millions):

|                   | As of<br>June 30, |          |    | solute<br>crease | Percentage<br>Increase |  |
|-------------------|-------------------|----------|----|------------------|------------------------|--|
|                   | 2014              | *        |    | crease)          | (Decrease)             |  |
| Deferred revenue  | \$ 143.9          | \$ 136.2 | \$ | 7.7              | 6%                     |  |
| Agreement value   | \$ 225.5          | \$ 211.0 | \$ | 14.5             | 7%                     |  |
| Client retention  | 75%               | 76%      |    | (1)              | (1%)                   |  |
| Dollar retention  | 87%               | 89%      |    | (2)              | (2%)                   |  |
| Enrichment        | 97%               | 95%      |    | 2                | 2%                     |  |
| Number of clients | 2,439             | 2,451    |    | (12)             |                        |  |

Deferred revenue and agreement value at June 30, 2014 increased approximately 6% and 7%, respectively, compared to the prior year due primarily to increased contract bookings. Enrichment at 97% for the period ending June 30, 2014 is consistent with the past two quarters, however it represents a 2% increase from the prior year. Client retention and dollar retention at June 30, 2014 have been consistent or up slightly compared to the prior two quarters but continue to

be lower than the year ago period.

Management s discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations are based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues and expenses, and related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate our policies and estimates, including but not limited to, those related to our revenue recognition, stock-based compensation, non-marketable investments, goodwill and other intangible assets, income taxes, and valuation and impairment of marketable investments. Management bases its estimates on historical experience, data available at the time the estimates are made and various other assumptions that are believed to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources. Actual results may differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions. Our other critical accounting policies and estimates are described in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2013.

## **Results of Operations**

The following table sets forth our statement of income as a percentage of total revenues for the periods indicated:

|                                    | Three Mont |       | Six Month<br>June |       |
|------------------------------------|------------|-------|-------------------|-------|
|                                    | 2014       | -     |                   | 2013  |
| Revenues:                          |            |       |                   |       |
| Research services                  | 63.1%      | 65.0% | 66.1%             | 67.6% |
| Advisory services and events       | 36.9       | 35.0  | 33.9              | 32.4  |
|                                    |            |       |                   |       |
| Total revenues                     | 100.0      | 100.0 | 100.0             | 100.0 |
| Operating expenses:                |            |       |                   |       |
| Cost of services and fulfillment   | 40.5       | 39.0  | 40.4              | 38.5  |
| Selling and marketing              | 34.5       | 33.9  | 37.5              | 35.8  |
| General and administrative         | 11.8       | 10.7  | 12.4              | 11.9  |
| Depreciation                       | 2.8        | 2.9   | 3.2               | 3.1   |
| Amortization of intangible assets  | 0.6        | 0.7   | 0.7               | 0.7   |
| Reorganization costs               | 1.3        | 0.4   | 1.2               | 1.3   |
|                                    |            |       |                   |       |
| Income from operations             | 8.5        | 12.4  | 4.6               | 8.7   |
| Other income, net                  | 0.1        | 0.3   |                   | 0.4   |
| Gains (losses) on investments, net | 0.1        | 0.1   |                   | (0.1) |
|                                    |            |       |                   |       |
| Income before income taxes         | 8.7        | 12.8  | 4.6               | 9.0   |
| Income tax provision               | 3.5        | 5.0   | 1.9               | 3.4   |