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## FORM 10-K/A

x Annual Report Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of The Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012

"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 1-7234** 

GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware52-0845774(State of Incorporation)(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

6095 Marshalee Drive, Suite 300, Elkridge, MD21075(Address of principal executive offices)(Zip Code)

(410) 379-3600 Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act:

Title of Each ClassName of each exchange on which registered:Common Stock, \$.01 par valueNew York Stock Exchange, Inc.

Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(g) of the Act: None

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes "No x

Indicate by check mark if the registrant is not required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Act. Yes "No x

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  $\ddot{}$ 

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 x No "

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. x

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.

Large accelerated filer " Accelerated filer x Non-accelerated filer " Smaller reporting company "

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

The aggregate market value of the outstanding shares of the Registrant's Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share, held by non-affiliates as of June 30, 2012 was approximately \$272,137,000.

The number of shares outstanding of the registrant's Common Stock as of February 15, 2013:

ClassOutstandingCommon Stock, par value \$.01 per share19,059,797 shares

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

None.

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## **EXPLANATORY NOTE**

References in this report to "GP Strategies," the "Company," "we" and "our" are to GP Strategies Corporation and its subsidiaries, collectively. This Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-K/A (the "Amendment") amends our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2012, originally filed on February 26, 2013 (the "Original Filing"). We are filing this Amendment to include the information required by Part III and not included in the Original Filing as we will not file our definitive proxy statement within 120 days of the end of our fiscal year ended December 31, 2012. In addition, in connection with the filing of this Amendment and pursuant to the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we are including with this Amendment certain currently dated certifications. Accordingly, Item 15 of Part IV has also been amended to reflect the filing of these currently dated certifications.

Except as described above, no other changes have been made to the Original Filing. Unless expressly stated, this Amendment continues to speak as of the date of the Original Filing, and we have not updated the disclosures contained therein to reflect any events which occurred at a date subsequent to the filing of the Original Filing.

## Part III

## Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance

The following table sets forth certain information regarding our directors and executive officers as of March 31, 2013:

Name Age Position	
Scott N. Greenberg <sup>(1)</sup> 56 Chief Executive Officer; I	Director
Harvey P. Eisen <sup>(1), (2), (3)</sup> 70 Chairman of the Board of	Directors
Daniel M. Friedberg <sup>(1), (2), (3), (4)</sup> 51 Director	
Marshall S. Geller $^{(1), (2), (3)}$ 74 Director	
Sue W. Kelly <sup>(3), (4)</sup> 76 Director	
Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr. <sup>(3), (4)</sup> 57 Director	
A. Marvin Strait <sup>(2), (4)</sup> 79 Director	
Gene A. Washington <sup>(2), (4)</sup> 66 Director	
Douglas E. Sharp (5)54President	
Sharon Esposito-Mayer 46 Executive Vice President	& Chief Financial Officer
Karl Baer53Executive Vice President	
Patricia R. Begley 56 Executive Vice President	
Donald R. Duquette59Executive Vice President	
Kenneth L. Crawford 54 Senior Vice President, Ge	eneral Counsel & Secretary
David A. Gugala 64 Senior Vice President	
James D. Moran49Senior Vice President	
Joseph R. Nasal 65 Senior Vice President	
Deborah T. Ung 50 Senior Vice President	

<sup>(1)</sup>Member of the Executive Committee.

(2) Member of the Compensation Committee.

(3) Member of the Nominating / Corporate Governance Committee.

(4) Member of the Audit Committee.

(5) Non-voting member of the Executive Committee.

## **Directors of the Registrant**

We seek persons to serve as directors who possess qualifications and expertise that will enhance the composition of the Board, applying considerations set forth in our Corporate Governance Guidelines (a copy of which may be viewed on our website and is available in print, without charge, upon request to our Corporate Secretary). Those considerations include personal integrity, character, background, achievements, experience, leadership ability, intelligence, ability to make independent analytical inquiries, ability to exercise sound business judgment, potential conflicts of interest and independence, ability to devote adequate time and energy to Board activities, diversity of age, gender and ethnicity, and legal and regulatory requirements.

The following includes a brief biography of each member of our Board of Directors. Each biography includes information regarding the specific experience, qualifications, attributes or skills that led the Board of Directors to determine that the applicable director should be re-nominated or elected to serve as a member of our Board of Directors as of the date of this report.

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*Scott N. Greenberg* has been Chief Executive Officer since April 2005 and was the President of the Company from 2001 until February 2006. He was Chief Financial Officer from 1989 until December 2005, Executive Vice President from 1998 to 2001, Vice President from 1985 to 1998, and has held various other positions since joining the Company in 1981. From 1999 to 2008, he was a Director of GSE Systems, Inc. ("GSE"), a global provider of real-time simulation and training solutions which is a former majority-owned subsidiary of the Company that was spun off in 2005. Mr. Greenberg has also been a Director of Wright Investors' Service Holdings Inc. ("WISH"), formerly National Patent Development Corporation ("NPDC"), since 2004, when NPDC, formerly a wholly-owned subsidiary of the Company, was spun off. Mr. Greenberg was also Chief Financial Officer of NPDC from 2004 until August 2007. Mr. Greenberg has served on our Board of Directors since 1987. Mr. Greenberg brings to the Board significant experience and expertise in management, acquisitions and strategic planning, as well as many years of finance and related transaction experience. As our Chief Executive Officer, he brings to the Board extensive knowledge of the Company's structure, history, major stockholders and culture.

*Harvey P. Eisen* has been the Chairman of the Board since April 2005. He has been Chairman and Managing Member of Bedford Oak Advisors, LLC since 1998. Prior thereto, Mr. Eisen served as Senior Vice President of Travelers, Inc. and of Primerica prior to its merger with Travelers in 1993. Mr. Eisen has over thirty years of asset management experience. Mr. Eisen is a Trustee of the University of Missouri Business School, where he established the first accredited course on the Warren Buffet Principles of Investing, and of Johns Hopkins University. Mr. Eisen has also been a Director of WISH since August 2004 and became Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of WISH in May 2007. Mr. Eisen has served on our Board of Directors since 2002. Mr. Eisen's long, distinguished career in the investment and finance industry, combined with his wealth of experience with companies in many sectors, make him a skilled advisor who provides critical insight into strategic planning and financial matters.

**Daniel M. Friedberg** has been President and Chief Executive Officer of Sagard Capital Partners Management Corporation, the investment manager of Sagard Capital Partners, L.P., since its founding in 2005. Since 2005, he has also been a Vice President of Power Corporation of Canada, a diversified international management holding company. Prior to that, he was a Partner at Bain & Company. Mr. Friedberg joined Bain & Company in 1987 in the London office, and was a founder of the Toronto office in 1989 and the New York office in 2000. Mr. Friedberg also served as a director of X-Rite, Incorporated from 2008 to 2012. Mr. Friedberg has served on our Board of Directors since December 2009, when he was elected a director pursuant to the terms of the Securities Purchase Agreement under which Sagard Capital Partners, L.P. made an equity investment in the Company. Mr. Friedberg brings to the Board experience in investment management, which provides valuable perspective into our organizational and operational management as well as strategic planning matters.

*Marshall S. Geller* is Founder and Senior Managing Director of St. Cloud Capital, a Los Angeles based private equity fund formed in December 2001. He has spent more than 40 years in corporate finance and investment banking, including 21 years as a Senior Managing Partner of Bear, Stearns & Co., with oversight of all operations in Los Angeles, San Francisco, Chicago, Hong Kong and the Far East. Mr. Geller is currently on the Board of Governors of Cedars Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles. Mr. Geller also serves on the Dean's Advisory Council for the College of Business & Economics at California State University, Los Angeles. During the past five years, Mr. Geller has also been a director of National Holdings Corporation, California Pizza Kitchen, 1<sup>st</sup> Century Bancshares, ShopNBC-ValueVision Media, Inc., and SCPIE Holdings, Inc. Mr. Geller has served on our Board of Directors since

2002. As the managing director of a private equity fund and a director of other public companies, Mr. Geller brings to the Board many years of experience and expertise as an investor in and advisor to companies in various sectors.

*Sue W. Kelly* is currently President and Chief Executive Officer of Kelly Consulting LLC, an investment and consulting firm. From 1995 to 2007 she was a member of the U.S. House of Representatives, representing the 19<sup>th</sup> Congressional District of New York. While in Congress she served on the Board of Visitors of the U.S. Military Academy at West Point and on the House Financial Services Committee, among other assignments. Prior to becoming a Congresswoman, she worked in a variety of positions in business and education. Ms. Kelly currently serves as a Director of Magna Carta Companies, Inc. and has served on our Board of Directors since December 2007. Ms. Kelly's experience in government provides the board with a unique perspective and insight on doing business with the U.S. government.

*Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr.* currently serves as Interim Chief Executive Officer of Integramed America, Inc., a manager of highly specialized outpatient medical centers. From 2003 until 2011, Mr. Pfenniger served as the Chairman of the Board, President and Chief Executive Officer of Continucare Corporation, a provider of primary care physician services. Mr. Pfenniger was the Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of Whitman Education Group, Inc., a provider of career-oriented higher education, from 1997 until 2003. From 1994 to 1997, Mr. Pfenniger served as the Chief Operating Officer of IVAX Corporation, and from 1989 to 1994 he served as the Senior Vice President-Legal Affairs and General Counsel of IVAX Corporation, a multi-national pharmaceutical company. Mr. Pfenniger currently serves as a Director of Safestitch Medical, Inc. and Opko Health, Inc. and also served as a director of IVAX Corporation from 2002 to 2009. Mr. Pfenniger has served on our Board of Directors since 2005. Mr. Pfenniger's prior experience as a Chief Executive Officer of a public company and prior experience in the education industry brings relevant experience managing a growth-oriented business and balancing the demands of clients, employees and investors.

*A. Marvin Strait* presently practices as a Certified Public Accountant under the name A. Marvin Strait, CPA. He has practiced in the field of public accountancy in Colorado for over 40 years. He presently serves as a member of the Board of Trustees of the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center Foundation, the Sam S. Bloom Foundation and Pikes Peak Educational Foundation. He also presently serves as a member of the Board of Directors and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Sturm Financial Group, Inc., and on the Board of Directors of the Denver School of Nursing. Mr. Strait previously served as the Chairman of the Board of Directors of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA), as President of the Colorado Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Colorado State Board of Accountancy, and serves as a permanent member of the AICPA Governing Council. Mr. Strait served as a Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Continucare from 2004 to 2011, and as a Director and Chairman of the Audit Committee of Continucare from 2004 to 2011, and as a Directors since December 2007. Mr. Strait brings to the Board significant expertise in accounting and financial matters and in analyzing and evaluating financial statements. He has served on the audit committees of several companies, and is Chair of our Audit Committee.

*Gene A. Washington* was the Director of Football Operations with the National Football League (NFL) in New York from 1994 until his retirement in 2009. He previously served as a professional sportscaster and as Assistant Athletic Director for Stanford University prior to joining the NFL. Mr. Washington has served on numerous corporate and civic boards, and currently serves as a Director for Goodrich Petroleum Corporation and the former New York Bancorp, Inc. Mr. Washington has served on our Board of Directors since December 2007. Mr. Washington brings to the Board perspectives and relationships that complement the largely financial backgrounds of our other directors, in addition to his experience serving on several public company boards.

#### **Officers of the Registrant**

*Douglas E. Sharp* has been President of GP Strategies Corporation ("GP Strategies") since February 2006 and was President of GP Strategies' principal operating subsidiary, General Physics Corporation ("General Physics"), from 2002 to 2006. General Physics and GP Strategies were merged on December 31, 2011. Mr. Sharp had served as Chief

Operating Officer of General Physics prior to becoming President and has held various other positions since joining General Physics in 1981. He was a Director of GSE from 2003 to 2006. He currently serves on the Managing Board of Aerospace Testing Alliance, a joint venture partnership of GP Strategies, and serves as a Director of GP Strategies' foreign subsidiaries. Mr. Sharp holds a Bachelor of Science in Mechanical Engineering from University of Maryland.

*Sharon Esposito-Mayer* has been Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of GP Strategies since December 2005. She has been Executive Vice President since 2004, was Vice President of Finance of General Physics from 2001 until 2004 and held various financial positions prior to joining General Physics in 1995. Ms. Esposito-Mayer holds a Bachelor of Science in Accounting from Pennsylvania State University and a MBA from Loyola College.

*Karl Baer* has been Executive Vice President, Professional & Technical Services, of GP Strategies since March 2006. He has been an Executive Vice President since 2004 and was a Vice President of General Physics from 1998 until 2004. Mr. Baer has held various other positions since joining General Physics in 1987. Prior to joining General Physics, Mr. Baer served in the U.S. Navy's nuclear submarine force for over nine years.

*Patricia R. Begley* has been Executive Vice President of GP Strategies since April 2011, when it acquired the consulting business of RWD Technologies ("RWD"). Prior to joining RWD in 2005, Ms. Begley was with SAP America where she served as Senior Vice President, Education for North America, from 2001 to 2005 and held a variety of training and financial positions from 1996 to 2001. From 1988 to 1996, Ms. Begley was Manager of the Mid-Atlantic Consumer Products group for Sony Corporation of America. Prior to that, she held accounting positions at Owens Illinois, International Playtex and Chesapeake Paper Company. Ms. Begley received a B.S. degree in Business Administration/Accounting from Montclair State College.

*Donald R. Duquette* has been Executive Vice President, Learning Solutions, of GP Strategies since September 2008. He was a Senior Vice President of General Physics from 2004 to 2008. He was a Vice President of General Physics from 1989 to 2004 and held various other positions since joining General Physics in 1979. Mr. Duquette holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Johns Hopkins University and an Executive MBA from Loyola College.

*Kenneth L. Crawford* has been Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of GP Strategies since April 2007. He became a Senior Vice President of General Physics in March 2006, was a Vice President of General Physics from 1991 to March 2006, and became General Counsel of General Physics in 1991 and Secretary of General Physics in 1990. Mr. Crawford joined General Physics in 1987. Prior to that he was engaged in the private practice of law. Mr. Crawford is a graduate of the University of Michigan Law School.

*David A. Gugala* was appointed Senior Vice President of GP Strategies in June 2012. He has been Vice President Operations, Sandy Corporation – a division of GP Strategies ("Sandy") since January 2007, when the Company acquired Sandy from ADP, Inc. He has served in various operations leadership roles since joining Sandy in 1976. Mr. Gugala holds a Bachelor of Arts degree from Wayne State University.

*James D. Moran* has been Senior Vice President of GP Strategies since December 31, 2011 effective with the merger of General Physics and GP Strategies. Mr. Moran has been Senior Vice President of GP Strategies' Europe Operations since 2006 and held various other leadership roles since joining GP Strategies in 1998. Mr. Moran was Finance Director of Specialised Technical Services Ltd from 1987 to 1998, when it was acquired by General Physics. Mr. Moran holds a Bachelor of Arts degree in Accounting and Finance from Manchester University and is a qualified accountant through The Chartered Institute of Management Accountants in England and Wales.

*Joseph R. Nasal* has been Senior Vice President, Energy Services, of GP Strategies since 2006, was a Vice President of General Physics from 2000 to 2006 and held various other roles since joining General Physics in 1982. Prior to joining GP Strategies, Mr. Nasal worked at Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation for 11 years. He holds a Bachelor of Science degree in Mechanical Engineering from Rochester Institute of Technology and a MBA from Canisius College, and is a Registered Professional Engineer in New York State.

**Deborah T. Ung** has been Senior Vice President of GP Strategies since December 31, 2011 effective with the merger of General Physics and GP Strategies, and was Vice President, RWD, since April 2011, when GP Strategies acquired the consulting business of RWD. Prior to joining GP Strategies, Ms. Ung was a Vice President of RWD from 2006 to 2011 and from 1997 to 2001, and held various operational and leadership roles after joining RWD in 1989. From 2002 to 2005, she was President of Accelera Corporation, an education services provider for the life sciences industry. Ms. Ung received a Bachelor of Science degree in Environmental Health/Health Physics from Purdue University.

## Compliance with Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires our officers and directors, and persons who own more than 10% of a registered class of our securities, to file reports of ownership and changes in ownership with the SEC and the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE"), and to furnish us with such reports. Based solely on a review of copies of such reports for 2012, we believe that during 2012 all reports applicable to our officers, directors and greater than 10% beneficial owners were filed on a timely basis.

## **Audit Committee**

Our Audit Committee assists our Board in fulfilling its oversight responsibility with respect to our auditing, accounting, financial reporting and internal control functions as set forth in its charter. The Audit Committee also approves the services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm, and monitors and evaluates its performance, the fees paid, and the compatibility of the non-audit services provided by the firm with maintaining the firm's independence. Our Audit Committee currently consists of A. Marvin Strait, Chairman, Daniel M. Friedberg, Sue W. Kelly, Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr. and Gene A. Washington. The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Strait and Mr. Pfenniger both qualify as "audit committee financial experts" under applicable SEC regulations and that all five members of the Audit Committee are independent under the NYSE listing standards.

## **Code of Business Conduct and Ethics**

We have adopted a Code of Business Conduct and Ethics for our directors, officers and employees, including, but not limited to, the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer and other senior managers in our accounting and finance departments. A copy of this Code of Business Conduct and Ethics can be found on our website at <u>www.gpstrategies.com</u> under the "Corporate Governance" page of the "Investors" section. A copy of this document is also available in print, without charge, upon request to our Corporate Secretary. If we make any substantive amendments to the Code of Ethics for our executive officers or directors or grant any waiver from a provision of the Code of Ethics for our executive officers, we will within four (4) business days disclose the nature of such amendment or waiver in a Report on Form 8-K or on our website at <u>www.gpstrategies.com</u>.

## **Stockholder Recommendations for Board Nominees**

Our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee identifies individuals qualified to be Board members, evaluates any stockholder recommendations for Board membership, and develops and recommends corporate governance

policies and procedures. The charter for our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee is available on our website at <u>www.gpstrategies.com</u> under the "Corporate Governance" page of the "Investors" section. A copy of this document is also available in print, without charge, upon request to our Corporate Secretary. We did not implement any changes to our process for stockholder recommendations of director nominees during 2012.

## Item 11. Executive Compensation

#### **Compensation Committee**

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors consists of five non-employee directors. The charter of the Compensation Committee may be viewed by accessing the "Corporate Governance" page of our website and clicking on "Committee and Charter Info." A copy of this document is also available in print, without charge, upon request to our Corporate Secretary. The Compensation Committee is responsible for establishing and administering our policies governing the compensation of our executive officers and directors. The responsibilities of the Compensation Committee include the following:

Develop guidelines and review and approve corporate goals relevant to the compensation of the Chief Executive Officer, evaluate the Chief Executive Officer's performance in light of these goals and objectives, and set the Chief Executive Officer's compensation based on this evaluation;

Produce an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in our proxy statement, in accordance with applicable rules and regulations;

Make recommendations to the Board with respect to the compensation of our executive officers and incentive-compensation plans and equity-based plans, and establish criteria for the granting of stock-based compensation to our officers and other employees, and review and approve the granting of stock-based compensation in accordance with such criteria;

Review director compensation levels and practices, and recommend from time to time, changes in such compensation levels and practices to the Board, with equity ownership in the Company encouraged;

Annually review and reassess the adequacy of the charter of the Compensation Committee and recommend any proposed changes to the Board for approval; and

Make recommendations to the Board with respect to (a) committee member qualifications, (b) committee member appointments and removals, (c) committee structure and operations, and (d) committee reporting to the Board.

The Compensation Committee is responsible for making compensation decisions regarding the Executive Management Team, which includes the Chief Executive Officer, the President, the Chief Financial Officer and our other executive officers. The Compensation Committee is also involved in making compensation decisions regarding certain key non-executive officer employees.

Topics discussed by the Compensation Committee during 2012 meetings included, but were not limited to, the following:

·Competitive compensation and stock awards for the Executive Management Team and our non-employee directors;

Review and approval of stock awards, bonus awards and salary changes for the Executive Management Team and non-executive officers with a rank of Vice President or above and certain other key employees;

Review of compensation policy for officers and employees in general; and

Review and approval of stock awards to key employees in connection with acquisitions.

None of the members of the Compensation Committee is a current or former officer or employee of ours.

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## **Compensation Discussion & Analysis**

## Overview

This Compensation Discussion and Analysis explains our compensation philosophy, policies and practices with respect to our Chief Executive Officer, Chief Financial Officer, and the other three most highly-compensated executive officers, who are collectively referred to as the named executive officers. This discussion focuses on the information contained in the following tables and related footnotes and narrative discussions for primarily the last completed fiscal year, but we also describe compensation actions taken before or after the last completed fiscal year to the extent they enhance the understanding of our executive compensation disclosure.

At our 2012 annual meeting of stockholders held on September 12, 2012, we provided our stockholders the opportunity to vote to approve, on an advisory basis, the compensation of our named executive officers in 2011 as disclosed in the proxy statement for that meeting. Our stockholders overwhelmingly approved the compensation of our named executive officers, with 15,124,076 shares voting in favor, 370,187 shares voting against, 255,750 shares abstaining and 1,348,658 shares held by brokers not voting. As this vote was held after the Compensation Committee had determined compensation to be paid to the named executive officers for 2012, the Compensation Committee and the Board did not take such results into account in determining executive compensation for 2012. However, the results of the 2012 shareholder advisory vote on executive compensation, particularly the strong support expressed by the stockholders, will be one of many factors considered in future decisions. Our compensation policies and procedures remain consistent with the policies and procedures in effect in 2011.

#### Compensation Philosophy and Objectives

The Compensation Committee seeks to provide compensation programs designed to:

Attract and retain talented and dedicated executives;

·Motivate and reward executives whose knowledge, skills, potential and performance are critical to our success; and

Align the interests of our executive officers and shareholders by motivating executive officers to increase shareholder value and rewarding executive officers when shareholder value increases.

The Compensation Committee believes that the most effective compensation program is one that provides competitive base pay, rewards the achievement of goals and objectives, and provides an incentive for retention. The principal elements of our executive compensation program are base salary, annual cash incentives, long-term equity incentives (the vesting of which may accelerate upon termination of employment and/or a change in control), other benefits and perquisites and post-termination severance compensation.

## Setting Executive Compensation

Each year we typically evaluate whether the elements of our executive compensation program are aligned with our compensation philosophy and objectives, while also promoting the interests of our shareholders. As part of this evaluation, we subscribe annually to a number of compensation data resources to evaluate the compensation of our executive officers compared to similar positions in the marketplace, including resources published by Kenexa and Western Management Group which provide base salary and bonus compensation data. In general, our objective is to compensate our executive officers at levels between the 50<sup>th</sup> and 75<sup>th</sup> percentiles for executives in similar positions at similarly sized companies, which we believe usually allows us to satisfy the objectives described above. The Compensation Committee has sometimes deemed it appropriate to compensate certain executives at levels outside the 50<sup>th</sup> to 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for executives in similar positions due to the executives' experience and the market for executives with similar experience, scope of responsibility, accountability and impact on our operations, and the impact their departure could potentially have on our performance.

In addition, to assist management and the Compensation Committee in assessing and determining competitive compensation packages, at times we have engaged an independent compensation consultant to evaluate the compensation of certain executive officers and other key employees. In 2012, we engaged Frederic W. Cook & Co., Inc. (the "compensation consultant") to assess the competitiveness of compensation levels for certain of our officers, including our named executive officers, relative to peer group and survey market data. The Company determined that the compensation consultant was independent. Management, in conjunction with the compensation consultant, identified a peer group of companies in the consulting and professional services industries which were similar in size in terms of market capitalization, number of employees, revenue and certain other financial data. The peer group, which was approved by the Compensation Committee, consulting Group, ICF International, Learning Tree International, Lionbridge Technologies, Resources Connection and Virtusa. Our revenue was between the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile and median of the peer group, our market capitalization and net income were approximately equal to the median of the peer group and our total assets and number of employees were slightly below the median of the peer group. Our one and three-year total shareholder returns as calculated by the compensation consultant were above the 75<sup>th</sup> percentile of peer group.

The compensation consultant prepared an analysis (the "Executive Compensation Analysis") which evaluated the base salaries, annual cash incentives and long-term equity incentives for our named executive officers compared to corresponding data in the 25<sup>th</sup> percentile, 50<sup>th</sup> percentile and 75<sup>th</sup> percentile for executives in similar positions in the peer group and in the survey market data. The results of the Executive Compensation Analysis showed that overall compensation levels for our named executive officers were below the 25<sup>th</sup> percentiles of the peer group and survey market data analyzed. This is primarily the result of below market annual cash bonuses and the irregular granting of equity awards. Base salaries for the named executive officers were also below the median levels relative to the peer group.

Based on the Compensation Committee's evaluation of the Executive Compensation Analysis and the performance of the Company and the named executive officers, the Compensation Committee recommended increasing the salaries of the named executive officers (which was approved by the full Board of Directors, with Mr. Greenberg abstaining) in September 2012 and approved the granting of restricted stock units to the named executive officers in August 2012, which are detailed further below. Except as described below, our Compensation Committee has not adopted any formal or informal policies or guidelines for allocating compensation between long-term and currently paid out compensation, between cash and non-cash compensation, or among different forms of non-cash compensation.

Elements of Compensation

**Base Salary** 

## General

Salaries are typically considered annually, as well as upon promotion or other change in job responsibility. The Compensation Committee, with input from the Chief Executive Officer, considers competitive, individual and company performance data in order to make compensation decisions that will incentivize, retain and maintain a competitive standing for each executive officer. The Compensation Committee considers several factors when adjusting an executive's salary, including individual and company performance, the executive's market value and prospective value to us, the knowledge, experience and accomplishments of the executive, the executive's level of responsibility, the recommendation of the Chief Executive Officer and the compensation levels for individuals with similar credentials.

## 2012 Base Salary Adjustments

In 2012, the Compensation Committee utilized the Executive Compensation Analysis to assist in determining the appropriate adjustment to each executive's annual base salary. As noted above, the Executive Compensation Analysis showed that overall compensation levels, including base salaries, for our named executive officers were below competitive levels. As a result, the Compensation Committee recommended the following salary increases for our named executive officers (which was approved by the Board of Directors, with Mr. Greenberg abstaining) which became effective in October 2012:

Name	Salary prior to increase	Peer group median base salary	Adjusted salary	% Increase	e
Scott N. Greenberg	\$ 402,000	\$ 618,000	\$472,000	17.4	%
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	\$ 273,000	\$ 309,000	\$310,000	13.6	%
Douglas E. Sharp	\$ 365,000	\$ 412,000	\$425,000	16.4	%
Donald R. Duquette	\$ 285,000	\$ 322,000	\$300,000	5.3	%
Karl Baer	\$ 273,000	\$ 311,000	\$300,000	9.9	%

**Cash-Based Incentive Compensation (Bonus)** 

## Bonuses to our Chief Executive Officer and President

The employment agreements with our Chief Executive Officer and our President contain formulas for determining their annual cash bonuses. The formula ties the bonus payable to them to increases in our earnings before income taxes, depreciation and amortization ("EBITDA") compared to the prior year, as adjusted for acquisitions and dispositions and other extraordinary or unusual nonrecurring items as defined in their employment agreements. EBITDA is a widely used non-GAAP financial measure of operating performance. EBITDA is calculated from our audited financial statements by adding back interest expense, income tax expense, depreciation and amortization to net income, and adjusting for certain non-recurring items such as gains or losses on the change in fair value of contingent consideration. Under their employment agreements, the Chief Executive Officer's and President's bonuses are (a) 1% of base salary for each 1% increase in EBITDA, up to a 15% increase; (c) then 3% of base salary for each 1% increase in EBITDA, up to a 25% increase; subject to a maximum bonus for any calendar year of 50% of his base salary for that year. In calculating the bonus for Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Sharp, for any year in which we acquire any business, the formula set forth in their employment agreements requires that EBITDA for the prior year be adjusted to reflect the budgeted EBITDA of the acquisition to the end of the calendar year in which the acquisition was based) for the period from the date of the acquisition to the end of the calendar year in which the acquisition takes place.

For 2012, our EBITDA, as adjusted for acquisitions in 2011 and 2012 and other nonrecurring items, increased 23%. For 2012, the bonuses determined in accordance with their employment agreements (the "Employment Agreement Bonuses") were \$208,000, or 44% of salary, for Mr. Greenberg, and \$187,000, or 44% of salary, for Mr. Sharp. The Employment Agreement Bonuses for fiscal 2012 are reflected in the column entitled "Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation" in the Summary Compensation Table. For the fiscal years ended December 31, 2011 and 2010, the Compensation Committee approved discretionary bonuses in addition to the Employment Agreement Bonuses to Mr. Greenberg and Mr. Sharp based upon our financial and operating performance as well as other factors not deemed to be adequately represented in the employment agreement formulas. These additional discretionary bonuses are reflected in the column entitled "Bonuses" in the Summary Compensation Table.

## **Bonuses to our other Named Executive Officers**

Our Cash Bonus Plan (the "Bonus Plan") provides for the payment of cash bonuses to eligible employees and executive officers, including the named executive officers except for Scott Greenberg, Chief Executive Officer, and Douglas Sharp, President, who are not currently eligible to participate in the Bonus Plan as their bonuses fall under their individual employment agreements, as detailed above.

The Bonus Plan contains separate formulas and incentives for the executive team, business unit leaders and all other employees. Each part of the plan sets forth, among other things, (1) which levels of executives or employees are eligible to participate in that part of the plan, (2) the method of determining the amount of bonuses available for distribution under that part of the plan, and (3) performance criteria to be used in determining the amount, if any, of each participant's bonus. For purposes of the Bonus Plan, our executive team includes the aforementioned named executive officers and certain other executive and senior vice presidents. The total bonus pool that may be allocated among the executive team will not exceed 50% of the executive team's total base salaries and is determined by using a formula based on our revenue growth and pre-tax income growth over the prior year's results. Once the bonus pool is established, the amount of each executive team member's potential cash bonus, if any, is determined using a score (up to 100 points) given to each executive team member based upon the attainment of the performance objectives recommended by the Chief Executive Officer and approved by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Performance objectives include specific corporate level, group level (or for executive team members who are not group leaders, additional corporate level) and individual objectives. Corporate level and group level objectives are based on revenue and pre-tax income growth of the Company and the operating group within the Company for which the executive is responsible, compared to the prior fiscal year results, adjusted for acquisitions during the year and other non-recurring items when deemed appropriate.

Except for the Chief Financial Officer and any executive who does not manage an operating group, executive team members could achieve maximum scores of 15 points under the Bonus Plan for corporate revenue growth of 10% or more and 15 additional points for corporate pre-tax income growth of 20% or more, and maximum scores of 25 points under the Bonus Plan for group revenue growth of 15% or more and 25 additional points for group gross profit growth of 30% or more. Achievement of individual goals may add up to 20 more points to each executive team member's score.

The table below sets forth the various thresholds of financial performance and the resulting number of points for each performance measure for executives under the Bonus Plan for the year ended December 31, 2012 (results are interpolated). The minimum number of points for each performance measure is zero and the maximum is as set forth in the table. We do not establish target levels for the performance measures.

## **Bonus Plan Scoring System**

#### **Performance Measures for Executives**

## **Managing Operating Groups**

Corporate revenue growth of 0% = 0 points Corporate revenue growth of 2% = 3 points Corporate revenue growth of 4% = 6 points Corporate revenue growth of 6% = 9 points Corporate revenue growth of 8% = 12 points Corporate revenue growth of 10% = 15 points

Corporate pre-tax income growth of 0% = 0 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 5% = 3.75 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 10% = 7.5 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 15% = 11.25 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 20% = 15 points

# Group revenue growth of 0% = 0 points

Group revenue growth of 5% = 10 points

Group revenue growth of 10% = 20 points

Group revenue growth of 15% = 25 points

Group	gross p	orofit	growth of	0% = 0	) points
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Group gross profit growth of 10% = 10 points

Group gross profit growth of 20% = 20 points

Group gross profit growth of 30% = 25 points

## **Performance Measures for Chief Financial Officer**

#### and non-operations Executives

Corporate revenue growth of 0% = 0 points Corporate revenue growth of 2% = 5 points Corporate revenue growth of 4% = 10 points Corporate revenue growth of 6% = 15 points Corporate revenue growth of 8% = 20 points Corporate revenue growth of 10% = 25 points

Corporate pre-tax income growth of 0% = 0 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 5% = 6.25 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 10% = 12.5 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 15% = 18.75 points Corporate pre-tax income growth of 20% = 25 points

US G&A expense increases over prior year by 7% or > = 0 points

US G&A expense increases over prior year by 6% or < = 6 points

US G&A expense increases over prior year by 5% or < = 12 points

US G&A expense increases over prior year by 4% or < = 18 points

US G&A expense increases over prior year by 3% or < = 24 points

US G&A expense increases over prior year by 2% or < = 30 points

Achievement of individual strategic objectives to be set individually by the CEO or President for each executive team member to equal = 20 possible points.

Total potential score = 100 points

Achievement of individual strategic objectives to be set individually by the CEO or President for each executive team member to equal = 20 possible points.

Total potential score = 100 points

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The table below summarizes the points earned under the Bonus Plan by Sharon Esposito-Mayer, Donald R. Duquette and Karl Baer for the year ended December 31, 2012 (out of a total maximum of 100 points).

Scoring Against Performance Measures									
Executive Officer	Corporate Corporate pre-tax revenue income		Group revenue growth	Group gross profit growth	•		Individual objectives ⑶	Total points earned	
Sharon Esposito-Mayer Donald R. Duquette Karl Baer	25 15 15	25 15 15	N/A 22 0	N/A (5)16 (6)0	year 9 (5)N/A (6)N/A	(4)	15 15 4	74 83 34	

(1) Based on consolidated organic revenue growth of 10% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

(2) Based on consolidated organic pre-tax income growth of 30% for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The Compensation Committee did not establish specific individual objectives or point values at the beginning of (3)2012 and points were granted based on the subjective evaluation of the Chief Executive Officer and President of each individual's performance against their strategic objectives.

(4) Based on a 5.6% increase in U.S. G&A expenses for the year ended December 31, 2012.

<sup>(5)</sup>Based on 13% organic revenue growth and 19% organic gross profit growth for the Learning Solutions group for the year ended December 31, 2012.

<sup>(6)</sup>Based on a decline in revenue and pre-tax income for the Professional & Technical Services group for the year ended December 31, 2012.

The total bonus pool for the executive team, which included seven executives, was \$881,000 and the total of all executive team members' scores earned was 457 points for the year ended December 31, 2012. Each executive team member's calculated bonus is equal to the amount of the bonus pool multiplied by the percentage determined by dividing such executive team member's score by the total of all executive team members' scores. For the year ended December 31, 2012, the bonus amounts payable as calculated under the Bonus Plan based on the achievement of the above performance measures were \$143,000 for Ms. Esposito-Mayer, \$160,000 for Mr. Duquette and \$65,000 for Mr. Baer. The Compensation Committee approved total bonuses of \$143,000 for Ms. Esposito-Mayer and \$160,000 for Mr. Duquette, which equaled their calculated amounts under the Bonus Plan. For Mr. Baer, the Compensation Committee approved a total bonus of \$80,000, which included a \$15,000 discretionary bonus in addition to his

calculated amount under the Bonus Plan, based upon additional factors not deemed to be adequately represented in the Bonus Plan formula. Annual bonuses for 2012 were paid in cash after review and approval by the Compensation Committee in March 2013.

## Long-term Equity Incentive Compensation

Our Compensation Committee also grants to the named executive officers equity compensation under our incentive stock plan. Equity compensation for the named executive officers, which has historically taken the form of stock options and restricted stock units, is designed to align the interests of our executives with our shareholders as well as to retain the executives. Equity grants are also intended to drive long term performance, in that the value ultimately realized is linked to stock price appreciation. Option grants have no value without stock price appreciation, and restricted stock has value at grant that can increase with stock price appreciation and decrease with stock price declines. Thus, the Compensation Committee believes that equity grants should motivate management to enhance the value of our common stock.

We do not have a formal policy for issuing equity compensation and do not always grant equity awards on an annual or other regular basis. The Compensation Committee awards equity compensation to supplement our executive officers' compensation to ensure that total compensation is competitive in the marketplace and to align compensation with our long term goals and objectives.

In August 2012, the Compensation Committee granted a total of 184,500 restricted stock units to certain of our officers and key employees (of which 83,000 were granted to the named executive officers). This was the only long-term equity incentive compensation granted to the named executive officers in 2012. The restricted stock units were granted pursuant to our 2011 Stock Incentive Plan and vest 20% annually over five years subsequent to the grant date. The following named executive officers were granted restricted stock units in 2012:

			Peer Group
	Number	Grant Date	Median Annual
Name	of Stock	Fair Value	Long-Term
	Units	Fall value	Incentive
			Compensation
Scott N. Greenberg	23,000	\$445,740	\$ 939,000
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	15,000	\$ 290,700	\$ 396,000
Douglas E. Sharp	19,000	\$ 368,220	\$ 556,000
Donald R. Duquette	13,000	\$251,940	\$ 358,000
Karl Baer	13,000	\$251,940	\$ 315,000

#### **Other Benefits**

We also provide our named executive officers with the following other benefits as part of our overall compensation program and which we believe are consistent with the types of benefits offered by competitors:

<u>Retirement Savings Plan</u>: We maintain a defined contribution 401(k) plan in which all eligible employees may •participate. The company may make matching contributions under the 401(k) Plan at its discretion equal to a uniform percentage of the first 7% of base compensation for eligible employees.

<u>Health and Welfare Benefits</u>: All full-time employees, including our named executive officers, may participate in our •health and welfare benefit programs, including medical, dental and vision care coverage, disability insurance and life insurance.

<u>Life Insurance Premiums</u>: Life insurance policies, in excess of the standard life insurance plans offered to full-time employees, are offered to the named executive officers. During 2012, the executive life insurance policies provided coverage up to five times the executive's annual base salary. The premiums are fully paid by us. A policy may, at the executive's election, be transferred to the executive upon termination of employment.

<u>Automobile Allowances</u>: During 2012, each of the named executive officers either used a vehicle leased or owned by  $\cdot$  us for both business and personal use or received a monthly car allowance in lieu of using a vehicle leased or owned by us.

## Employment Agreements, Severance Benefits and Change in Control Provisions

All of our named executive officers have written employment agreements which provide for separation payments and benefits upon termination of employment under certain circumstances. Post-termination payments with respect to these executives are set forth in their respective employment agreements. The termination provisions for these executives are summarized in the "Potential Payments upon Termination or Change in Control" section later in this report.

## Tax Deductibility of Executive Compensation

Limitations on deductibility of compensation may occur under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, which generally limits the tax deductibility of compensation paid by a public company to its chief executive officer and certain other highly compensated executive officers to \$1 million in the year the compensation becomes taxable to the executive officer. There is an exception to the limit on deductibility for performance-based compensation that meets certain requirements. We intend that compensation paid under our incentive plans be generally fully deductible for federal income tax purposes. However, the Compensation Committee may approve compensation that exceeds the \$1 million limitation in order to ensure competitive levels of total compensation for our executive officers.

#### **Summary Compensation Table**

The following table sets forth all compensation earned by each of the named executive officers for the years ended December 31, 2012, 2011 and 2010. The named executive officers are the Chief Executive Officer and the Chief Financial Officer, and the three other most highly compensated officers who were serving as executive officers at December 31, 2012.

Name and principal position	Year	Salary (\$)	Bonus (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>	Stock Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Option Awards (\$) <sup>(2)</sup>	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation (\$)		All Other Compensation (\$) <sup>(5)</sup>	<b>n</b> Total (\$)
Scott N. Greenberg	2012	416,583		445,740		208,000	(3)	19,725	1,090,048
Chief Executive	2011	402,000	20,700			129,300	(3)	18,098	570,098
Officer	2010	377,125	25,200		381,096	74,800	(3)	10,298	868,519
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	2012	280,708		290,700	_	143,000	(4)	17,594	732,002
Executive Vice President	2011	273,000	29,300	—	—	70,700	(4)	11,658	384,658
and Chief Financial Officer	2010	258,750	_	—	137,480	75,000	(4)	12,254	483,484
Douglas E. Sharp	2012	377,500		368,220		187,000	(3)	19,880	952,600
President	2011	365,000	17,600			117,400	(3)	20,519	520,519
	2010	353,125	27,100		333,459	67,900	(3)	16,017	797,601
Donald R. Duquette	2012	288,125	_	251,940		160,000	(4)	23,624	723,689
Executive Vice	2011	285,000	46,400	—	—	23,600	(4)	22,162	377,162
President	2010	273,125	—		137,480	75,000	(4)	18,774	504,379
Karl Baer	2012	278,625	15,000	251,940		,	(4)	18,820	629,385
Executive Vice	2011	273,000	16,500			68,500	(4)	17,510	375,510
President	2010	265,083		—	76,378	60,000	(4)	14,885	416,346

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Discretionary bonus paid for the respective years.

Reflects the grant date fair value for financial statement reporting for awards of restricted stock units or stock options in the year they were granted. For assumptions used in computing the fair value of stock-based compensation awards, see *Note 10* to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of our Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the SEC on February 26, 2013.

<sup>(3)</sup>Bonus pursuant to Mr. Greenberg's and Mr. Sharp's employment agreements. See *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*.

(4) Bonus pursuant to the Company's Cash Bonus Plan. See *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*.

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Name	Year	Company Matching Contributions to 401(k) Plan (\$)	Automobile Payments or Allowance (\$)	Life Insurance Premiums (\$)	Total (\$)
Scott N. Greenberg	2012	6,800	4,540	8,385	19,725
-	2011	5,712	4,163	8,223	18,098
	2010	1,650	4,163	4,485	10,298
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	2012	6,433	8,725	2,436	17,594
1 5	2011	2,617	6,707	2,334	11,658
	2010	2,616	8,150	1,488	12,254
Douglas E. Sharp	2012	6,800	8,595	4,485	19,880
	2011	7,636	8,398	4,485	20,519
	2010	3,134	8,398	4,485	16,017
Donald R. Duquette	2012	7,823	8,625	7,176	23,624
	2011	6,668	8,399	7,095	22,162
	2010	3,604	8,398	6,772	18,774
Karl Baer	2012	6,687	8,426	3,707	18,820
	2011	5,699	8,181	3,630	17,510
	2010	2,982	8,388	3,515	14,885

<sup>(5)</sup>All other compensation includes matching contributions under our Retirement Savings Plan, automobile lease payments and/or allowances, and life insurance premiums. A breakdown of these amounts is as follows:

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## **Grants of Plan-Based Awards**

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to non-equity incentive plan awards granted during the year ended December 31, 2012 to our named executive officers:

		Estimated Future Payouts Under Non-Equity Incentive Plan Awards					All Other Stock Awards: Number of Shares of	All Other Option Awards: Number of Securities	Exercise or Base Price of Option
Name	Grant	Three	Thoriget		Maximum		Stock or	Underlying	Awards
Inallic	Date	(\$)	(\$)		(\$)		Units (#)	Options (#)	(\$/Sh)
Scott N. Greenberg	n/a		208,000	(1)	236,000	(1)			
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	n/a		143,000	(2)	n/a	(3)		_	
Douglas E. Sharp	n/a		187,000	(1)	212,500	(1)	_		—
Donald R. Duquette	n/a	_	160,000	(2)	n/a	(3)	_	_	
Karl Baer	n/a		65,000	(2)	n/a	(3)			

The amounts represent the target and maximum bonus payment levels payable pursuant to a formula in Mr. <sup>(1)</sup>Greenberg's and Mr. Sharp's employment agreements. The formula is based upon EBITDA of GP Strategies and subsidiaries and is capped, for each executive, at 50% of his base salary (see *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*).

Bonuses calculated under the terms of the Bonus Plan (see *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*). The actual bonus <sup>(2)</sup>payment to Mr. Baer for 2012 was \$80,000, which includes a \$15,000 discretionary bonus in addition to the amount calculated pursuant to the Bonus Plan (see *Compensation Discussion & Analysis*).

Total bonus payments to the executive team under the Bonus Plan are capped at 50% of the executive team's total base salaries. There is not a specified maximum bonus amount for any individual executive team member due to the <sup>(3)</sup>calculation being dependent on the individual's score as a percentage of the total executive team's score which is then applied to the calculated bonus pool. As a result, the actual bonus calculated for an individual executive covered by the Bonus Plan could exceed 50% of his/her salary.

## **Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal Year-End**

The following table sets forth certain information with respect to the value of all unexercised options and/or unvested restricted stock units previously awarded to our named executive officers as of December 31, 2012:

	Option Av	wards	Stock Awa	ards <b>Market</b>		
Name	securities underlying unexercise options (#	Number of securities gnderlying adexercised options (#) anexercisable	Option exercise price (\$)	Option expiration date	have not	value of shares or
Scott N. Greenberg	48,000	72,000	7.57	1/8/2016	23,000(2)	474,950
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	18,000	27,000	7.27	1/21/2016	15,000(2)	309,750
Douglas E. Sharp	42,000	63,000	7.57	1/8/2016	19,000(2)	392,350
Donald R. Duquette	18,000	27,000	7.27	1/21/2016	13,000(2)	268,450
Karl Baer		15,000	7.27	1/21/2016	13,000(2)	268,450

<sup>(1)</sup>Market value is based on the closing market price of our Common Stock on December 31, 2012 of \$20.65 per share.

<sup>(2)</sup>Represents unvested stock units granted on August 6, 2012 which vest 20% annually over five years subsequent to the grant date.

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#### **Option Exercises and Stock Vested**

The table below sets forth the number of shares issued upon option exercises, the value realized on option exercises, the number of shares of restricted stock vested, and the realized value upon vesting of the restricted stock by our named executive officers during fiscal year 2012.

Name	Option Aw Number of acquired or exercise (#	ards shares Value realized on exercise (\$)	Stock Awards Number of shares acquired on vesting (\$) <sup>(1)</sup>		
Scott N. Greenberg	135,000	1,199,800	5,000	102,350	
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	70,120	582,854	3,333	68,227	
Douglas E. Sharp	115,000	954,500	4,375	89,556	
Donald R. Duquette	85,120	678,861	3,125	63,969	
Karl Baer	100,240	677,543	3,125	63,969	

<sup>(1)</sup> Represents stock units which vested during 2012. Value realized upon vesting is based on the closing market price of our Common Stock on each vesting date.

#### Potential Payments Upon Termination or Change in Control

#### Description of Termination Provisions in Employment Agreements

We have employment agreements with all five of the named executive officers. These agreements provide for various payments and benefits to be made to them if their employment with us is terminated for certain reasons. The circumstances in which payments may be made and the potential amounts of those payments are described in this section. We believe that the payments provided for in these agreements are reasonable and appropriate as part of the total compensation packages available for our named executive officers. The following description of certain terms of the employment agreements with our named executive officers is a summary and is subject to, and qualified in its entirety by, the agreements, which have been filed as exhibits to our filings with the SEC. The employment agreement agreements between us and each of Messrs. Greenberg and Sharp provide for termination by either party on two years'

notice, except that the earliest date the employment agreements may terminate is December 31, 2012, unless sooner terminated:

by the executive's death or disability;

by the executive for "good reason," as defined below;

by us for "cause," as defined below; or

by mutual agreement between us and the executive.

The employment agreements between us and each of Ms. Esposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette and Mr. Baer have an initial term which ended on February 28, 2009 but the term automatically extends unless the agreement is terminated by us or the executive by giving the other notice of a decision to terminate the agreement prior to a date determined by the agreements. As such dates have passed for each of the executives, the agreements have been extended and now will continue in effect until terminated:

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by the executive's death or disability;

by the executive for "just cause," as defined below;

by us for "cause," as defined below;

by us or the executive by giving the other a period of "required notice," as defined below; or

by mutual agreement between us and the executive.

The "required notice" period is one month for each year of service with us but not more than fifteen months, which means fifteen months for Ms. Esposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette and Mr. Baer.

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The discussion and tables below reflect the estimated termination benefits that would be paid or accrue to each of the named executive officers in the event of the following termination scenarios:

<u>Termination for Cause</u> – If we terminate the employment of one of the named executives for "cause," as defined below, osuch executive would be entitled to unpaid base salary and continuation of benefits through the date of termination only.

"Cause" is defined under the employment agreements of Messrs. Greenberg and Sharp as follows:

Willful and continued failure to substantially perform his duties or obligations under the employment agreement (after notice and failure to cure); or

Willful engaging in misconduct which is materially monetarily injurious to us.

"Cause" as defined under the employment agreements of Ms. Esposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette and Mr. Baer exists if such executive shall:

·Be convicted, plead guilty, or enter a plea of nolo contendere to a felony or a crime involving moral turpitude; or

·Commit any act or omit to take any action in bad faith and to our detriment; or

Willfully and continually fail to perform his or her duties or obligations under any provision of the employment • agreement in any material respect, and shall not correct such failure within ten days after receipt of written notice thereof; or

Fail to perform his or her duties or obligations pursuant to the non-compete and confidential information provisions of his or her employment agreement in any material respect.

<u>Termination upon disability</u> – We may terminate the employment of a named executive officer in the event of such executive's incapacity due to extended physical or mental illness. In the case of disability, the affected executive would be entitled to his or her unpaid base salary and continuation of benefits through the date of termination only. If Mr. Greenberg or Mr. Sharp has been absent from his duties on a full-time basis for the entire period of six consecutive months due to physical or mental illness, we may terminate his employment thirty days after giving him notice of termination if he has not returned to the performance of his duties on a full-time basis within those thirty days. If Ms. Esposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette or Mr. Baer is unable fully to discharge his or her duties for a period of ninety consecutive days due to a serious health condition (as defined in the Family and Medical Leave Act of 1993) and after giving effect to any reasonable accommodation required by law, we may terminate his or her employment as of a date specified in a notice of termination given to such employee.

<u>Termination upon death</u> – In the event of death, each of the named executive officers is entitled to his or her full salary through the date of death and we are required to pay his or her spouse or estate the following: for Messrs. Greenberg and Sharp – an amount equal to his full salary for one year after the date of death; and for Ms. oEsposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette or Mr. Baer – his or her full salary through the end of the calendar month within which termination occurred plus his or her full salary for the following two calendar months, and for purposes of the vesting of any stock units outstanding and unvested as of the date of termination of his or her employment, he or she shall be deemed to have been employed through the remaining period under the employment agreement.

<u>Termination without cause, or for "good reason" or "just cause"</u> – If we terminate a named executive officer's employment without cause or a named executive officer terminates his or her employment for "good reason" or "just o cause," as defined below, then the named executive officer would be entitled to certain compensation discussed in detail below.

"Good reason" is defined under the employment agreements of Messrs. Greenberg and Sharp as follows:

A change in control as defined in his employment agreement; or

A management change in control as defined in his employment agreement; or

A failure by us to comply with any material provision of the employment agreement which has not been cured within ten days after notice of such noncompliance has been given to us by the executive; or

Any purported termination of the executive's employment by us which is not effected pursuant to a notice of termination satisfying the requirements of the employment agreement.

Ms. Esposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette and Mr. Baer shall be deemed to have resigned for "just cause," under the terms of their employment agreement, in the event that he or she resigns within sixty days following either:

Our imposition, without express written consent of the executive, of any significant change in his or her function, •duties, or responsibilities that is not consistent with him or her being an executive, unless we rescind or modify such change within ten business days after receipt of written notice from the executive; or

Our failure to make any material payment, or provide any material benefit to the executive pursuant to the •employment agreement, unless we correct any such deficiency within ten business days after receipt of written notice from the executive; or

Our breach of any other term of the employment agreement, unless we correct such failure or breach within thirty days after written notice from the executive.

Termination Payments under Mr. Greenberg's Employment Agreement

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If we terminate Mr. Greenberg's employment without cause, or if he terminates his employment for "good reason" other than as a result of a management change in control, we are obligated to pay him his full salary and provide his benefits through the date of termination, pay his full bonus for the calendar year in which the date of termination occurs, and pay as severance an amount equal to his average annual cash compensation received from us during the three full calendar years immediately preceding the termination date, multiplied by the greater of (i) the number of years that would have been remaining in the employment period if his employment had not been terminated and (ii) three. In addition, all options to purchase Common Stock granted to him shall become fully vested and we must provide him with continued benefits for three years under all employee benefit plans and programs in which he was entitled to participate prior to the termination.

If Mr. Greenberg terminates his employment as a result of a management change in control, we are obligated to pay him his full salary and provide his benefits through the date of termination, pay his full bonus for the calendar year in which the date of termination occurs, and pay as severance an amount equal to his average annual cash compensation received from us during the three full calendar years immediately preceding the termination date, multiplied by two. In addition, all options to purchase Common Stock granted to him shall become fully vested and we must provide him with continued benefits for two years under all employee benefit plans and programs in which he was entitled to participate prior to the termination.

#### Termination Payments under Mr. Sharp's Employment Agreement

If we terminate Mr. Sharp's employment without cause, or if he terminates his employment for "good reason" other than as a result of a management change in control, we are obligated to pay him his full salary and provide his benefits through the date of termination, pay his full bonus for the calendar year in which the date of termination occurs, and pay as severance an amount equal to his average annual cash compensation received from us during the three full calendar years immediately preceding the termination date, multiplied by the greater of (i) the number of years that would have been remaining in the employment period if his employment had not been terminated and (ii) three. In addition, all options to purchase Common Stock granted to him shall become fully vested and we must provide him with continued benefits for three years under all employee benefit plans and programs in which he was entitled to participate prior to the termination.

If Mr. Sharp terminates his employment as a result of a management change in control, we are obligated to pay him his full salary and provide his benefits through the date of termination, pay his full bonus for the calendar year in which the date of termination occurs, and pay as severance an amount equal to his average annual cash compensation received from us during the three full calendar years immediately preceding the termination date, multiplied by two. In addition, all options to purchase Common Stock granted to him shall become fully vested and we must provide him with continued benefits for one year under all employee benefit plans and programs in which he was entitled to participate prior to the termination.

#### Termination Provisions of Employments Agreement with Ms. Esposito-Mayer, Mr. Duquette and Mr. Baer

If during the term of either Ms. Esposito-Mayer's, Mr. Duquette's or Mr. Baer's employment agreement we terminate his or her employment without "cause" or any of them terminates his or her employment for just cause and he or she is in full compliance with his or her obligations under the employment agreement, we are obligated to pay the executive his or her base annual salary at the rate in effect on the date of such termination, and the executive will continue to be eligible to receive such benefits as he or she would have been entitled to had his or her employment not terminated, for a period of time after termination equal to the length of the required notice. In addition, upon the occurrence of a "Change in Control" or "Sale of the Company," as defined in each of their employment agreements, all stock options to purchase Common Stock granted to him or her shall immediately become fully vested and exercisable, and all stock units granted to him or her must immediately be paid in unrestricted shares of Common Stock.

The amounts shown in the table below assume that the noted triggering events occurred on December 31, 2012 with respect to the five named executive officers. Other relevant assumptions and explanations are provided in the footnotes following the table. The amounts shown reflect only the additional payments or benefits that a named executive officer would have received upon the occurrence of the respective triggering events listed below; they do not include the value of payments or benefits that would have been earned, or any amounts associated with equity awards that would have vested absent the triggering event. As discussed above, none of the named executive officers receive additional compensation in the event of voluntary or involuntary termination for "cause" or in the event of disability.

## **Potential Post-Employment Payments**

Name / Element of Compensation	Termination due to Death	Termination Without Cause or for Good Reason, Excluding Change in Control		Termination due to Change in Control	;	Termination du to Management Change in Control	
Scott N. Greenberg							
Salary	\$ 472,000 (1)	)					
Severance		\$ 1,653,708	2)	\$ 1,653,708	(2)	\$ 1,102,472	(3)
Bonus <sup>(4)</sup>		208,000		208,000		208,000	
Stock options				1,569,600	(5)	1,569,600	(5)
Benefits continuation		26,662 (6	6)	26,662	(6)	18,057	(7)
Total	\$ 472,000	\$ 1,888,370		\$ 3,457,970		\$ 2,898,129	
Sharon Esposito-Mayer							
Salary	\$ 51,667 (8)	\$ 387,500 (9	9)			_	
Stock units <sup>(10)</sup>				\$ 309,750		\$ 309,750	
Benefits continuation		11,394 (1	11)			_	
Total	\$ 51,667	\$ 398,894		\$ 309,750		\$ 309,750	
Douglas E. Sharp							
Salary	\$ 425,000 (1)	)					
Severance		\$ 1,512,625	2)	\$ 1,512,625	(2)	1,008,417	(3)
Bonus <sup>(4)</sup>		187,000		187,000		187,000	
Stock options				1,373,400	(5)	1,373,400	(5)
Benefits continuation		26,662 (6	6)	26,662	(6)	9,173	(12)
Total	\$ 425,000	\$ 1,726,287		\$ 3,099,687		\$ 2,577,990	
Donald R. Duquette							
Salary	\$ 50,000 (8)	\$ 375,000 (9	9)			—	
Stock units <sup>(10)</sup>				\$ 268,450		\$ 268,450	
Benefits continuation		11,394 (1	11)			—	
Total	\$ 50,000	\$ 386,394		\$ 268,450		\$ 268,450	
Karl Baer							

Salary	\$ 50,000	(8) \$ 375,000	(9)	
Stock units <sup>(10)</sup>		—	\$ 268,450	\$ 268,450
Benefits continuation		11,394	(11) —	—
Total	\$ 50,000	\$ 386,394	\$ 268,450	\$ 268,450

(1)

Represents one year of current salary as of December 31, 2012.

<sup>(2)</sup>Represents severance payment pursuant to employment agreement which equals the average of his cash compensation for the last three calendar years multiplied by three.

<sup>(3)</sup>Represents severance payment pursuant to employment agreement which equals the average of his cash compensation for the last three calendar years multiplied by two.

<sup>(4)</sup>Represents bonus earned during the year ended December 31, 2012 which would be due to the executive if any of the applicable triggering events occurred on December 31, 2012.

Pursuant to Messrs. Greenberg and Sharp's employment agreements, in the event of a change in control of the Company, they can elect to surrender their outstanding stock options for a cash payment equal to the excess of the fair market value on the termination date of the common stock issuable upon exercise of the options over aggregate exercise price of the options surrendered. The amount included in the table represents the fair value of Messrs. Greenberg and Sharp's outstanding options as of December 31, 2012 based on the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2012 of \$20.65.

<sup>(6)</sup> Represents an estimate of the incremental cost to the Company for benefits continuation for three years subsequent to termination date.

<sup>(7)</sup> Represents an estimate of the incremental cost to the Company for benefits continuation for two years subsequent to termination date.

(8) Represents two full calendar months of current salary as of December 31, 2012.

<sup>(9)</sup> Represents the current salary for fifteen months that would have been paid or accrued if the triggering event occurred as of December 31, 2012.

(10) Represents the value of the number of stock units deemed to have vested for each triggering event. Value is based on the closing price of our common stock on December 31, 2012 of \$20.65.

(11) Represents an estimate of the incremental cost to the Company for benefits continuation for fifteen months subsequent to the termination date.

(12) Represents an estimate of the incremental cost to the Company for benefits continuation for one year subsequent to the termination date.

#### **Director Compensation**

Our Board of Directors has adopted guidelines for the compensation of our non-employee directors. Effective April 1, 2012, the Board approved the following annual compensation payable to our non-employee directors:

Base annual fee of \$45,000 (increased from \$25,000 in 2011);

Additional annual fee of \$40,000 for serving as Chairman of the Board (no change from 2011);

Additional annual fee of \$15,000 for serving on the Executive Committee, excluding the Chairman (increased from zero in 2011);

•Additional annual fee of \$20,000 for serving as Chairman of the Audit Committee (increased from \$15,000 in 2011);

Additional annual fee of \$8,000 for serving on the Audit Committee (increased from \$5,000 in 2011);

Additional annual fee of \$7,000 for serving as Chairman of the Compensation Committee (increased from \$5,000 in 2011);

·Additional annual fee of \$5,000 for serving on the Compensation Committee (increased from \$2,500 in 2011); and

500 fully vested shares of our common stock per quarter (decreased from 900 shares in 2011).

These annual fees are prorated and paid on a quarterly basis. At the option of the directors, up to one-half of the fees may be paid in shares of our common stock. In addition to the annual retainers, each non-employee director received \$1,500 for each Board meeting attended and \$750 for each committee meeting attended, but only if the committee meeting was held on a different date than the Board meeting.

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### **Directors Compensation Table**

The following table shows the compensation earned by each individual who served as a director during the year ended December 31, 2012 (excluding Mr. Greenberg, whose compensation as Chief Executive Officer is shown above in the Summary Compensation Table):

Name	Fees earned or paid in cash (\$)	Stock awards (\$)	All other compensation (\$)	Total (\$)
Harvey P. Eisen	85,688	53,408	—	139,096
Daniel M. Friedberg <sup>(1)</sup>	73,375	44,970	—	118,345
Marshall S. Geller	66,000	44,970	—	110,970
Sue W. Kelly	58,500	44,970	—	103,470
Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr.	71,250	44,970	—	116,220
A. Marvin Strait	75,875	44,970	—	120,845
Gene A. Washington	64,625	44,970	_	109,595

<sup>(1)</sup>Daniel Friedberg's compensation for service on the Board of Directors was paid directly to Sagard Capital Partners, L.P.

#### **Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation**

Members of the Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors are Harvey P. Eisen, Daniel M. Friedberg, Marshall S. Geller, Chairman, A. Marvin Strait and Gene A. Washington. Harvey P. Eisen is the Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of NPDC and Scott N. Greenberg, our Chief Executive Officer, is a Director of NPDC. None of the members of the Compensation Committee during 2012 (a) was an officer or employee of the Company, (b) was a former officer of the Company or (c) had any relationship requiring disclosure by the Company under any paragraph of Item 404 of Regulation S-K.

# **Compensation Committee Report**

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed with management the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" included in this proxy statement. Based upon this review and discussion, the Compensation Committee recommended to our Board of Directors that the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" be included in this proxy statement filed with the SEC in connection with the Company's annual meeting of stockholders.

## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Harvey P. Eisen

Daniel M. Friedberg

Marshall S. Geller

A. Marvin Strait

Gene A. Washington

## Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters

The following table sets forth the number of shares of our common stock beneficially owned as of March 31, 2013 by each person who is known by us to beneficially own more than 5% of our outstanding common stock. As of March 31, 2013, there were 19,069,261 shares of our common stock issued and outstanding.

Name and Address of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature of Beneficial Owner	Percent of Class
Sagard Capital Partners, L.P. 325 Greenwich Avenue Greenwich, CT 06830	3,510,774 shares (	1) 18.4 %
Wellington Management Company LLP 280 Congress Street Boston, MA 02210	1,282,058 shares (	2) 6.7 %
Manatuck Hill Partners, LLC 1465 Post Road East Westport, CT 06880	1,162,770 shares (	3) 6.1 %
Dimensional Fund Advisors LP Palisades West, Building One 6300 Bee Cave Road Austin, TX 78746	1,006,606 shares (	4) 5.3 %

(1) Based on a Form 4 filed by Sagard Capital Partners, L.P. with the SEC on April 1, 2013.

(2) Based on a Form 13G filed by Wellington Management Co. LLP with the SEC on February 14, 2013.

(3) Based on a Form 13G/A filed by Manatuck Hill Partners, LLC with the SEC on February 14, 2013.

Based on a Schedule 13G/A filed by Dimensional Fund Advisors LP ("Dimensional") with the SEC on February 11, (4)2013. Dimensional has informed the Company that the shares are owned by advisory clients of Dimensional and that Dimensional disclaims beneficial ownership of such shares.

#### Security Ownership of Directors and Executive Officers

The following table sets forth, as of March 31, 2013, the beneficial ownership of common stock, by each director, each of the named executive officers, and all directors and executive officers as a group.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Amount and Nature		Percent of		
	of Beneficial Owner		Class <sup>(1)</sup>		
Harvey P. Eisen	47,728		*		
Daniel M. Friedberg	3,510,774	(2)	18.4	%	
Marshall S. Geller	210,578		1.1	%	
Scott N. Greenberg	272,372	(3)	1.4	%	
Sue W. Kelly	20,433		*		
Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr.	31,377		*		
A. Marvin Strait	23,433		*		
Gene A. Washington	21,433		*		
Douglas E. Sharp	152,967	(4)	*		
Sharon Esposito-Mayer	87,539	(4)	*		
Donald R. Duquette	30,550	(4)	*		
Karl Baer	90,612	(4)	*		
Directors and Executive Officers as a group (18 persons)	4,618,891	(5)	24.0	%	

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Less than one percent.

Assumes for each beneficial owner and directors and executive officers as a group that all currently exercisable <sup>(1)</sup>options are exercised in full only by the named beneficial owner or members of the group and no other options are exercised.

The amount reported by Daniel M. Friedberg represents the beneficial ownership of the Company's securities by Sagard Capital Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Sagard Capital"). Mr. Friedberg is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sagard Capital Partners Management Corporation ("Sagard Management"), the <sup>(2)</sup> investment manager of Sagard Capital, and is the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sagard Capital Partners GP, Inc., the general partner of Sagard Capital. Mr. Friedberg disclaims beneficial ownership of such securities, by virtue of his position as the President and Chief Executive Officer of Sagard Management.

Includes (i) 72,000 shares issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable stock options; (ii) 14,025 shares of <sup>(3)</sup> Common Stock allocated to Mr. Greenberg's account pursuant to the provisions of our Retirement Savings Plan and <sup>(iii)</sup> 4,000 shares of Common Stock held by members of his family. Mr. Greenberg disclaims beneficial ownership of the 4,000 shares of Common Stock held by members of his family.

Includes 63,000 shares for Mr. Sharp, 27,000 shares for Ms. Esposito-Mayer, 5,000 shares for Mr. Baer and 27,000 shares for Mr. Duquette, issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable stock options; and 15,356 shares for Mr. Sharp, 9,578 shares for Ms. Esposito-Mayer, 9,999 shares for Mr. Baer and 14,357 shares for Mr. Duquette allocated pursuant to the provisions of our Retirement Savings Plan.

<sup>(5)</sup> Includes 222,800 shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of currently exercisable stock options and 88,259 shares of Common Stock allocated to accounts pursuant to the provisions of our Retirement Savings Plan. 27

# **Equity Compensation Plan Information as of December 31, 2012**

<ul> <li>Plan category:</li> <li>Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders:</li> <li>(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options</li> <li>(b) Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options</li> <li>(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in row (a))</li> </ul>	114,100 \$13.18 -
<ul> <li>Equity compensation plans approved by security holders:</li> <li>(a) Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options</li> <li>(b) Weighted average exercise price of outstanding options</li> <li>(c) Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans</li> </ul>	510,600 \$8.73 1,147,780

For a description of the material terms of our stock-based compensation plans, see Note 10 to the Consolidated Financial Statements in Item 8 of the Original Filing.

### Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence

Review & Approval Process for Related Person Transactions

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines (a copy of which may be viewed on our website and is available in print, without charge, upon request to GP Strategies' Corporate Secretary) require each director to avoid any action, position or interest that conflicts with an interest of the Company or gives the appearance of a conflict. Although there is no formal written procedure in those Guidelines for handling such situations when they arise, in practice our Board of Directors, or a committee thereof, is responsible for reviewing and approving, all related person transactions. A related person transaction is a transaction, arrangement or relationship (or any series of similar transactions, arrangements or relationships) in which the Company and any "related person" are participants. A related person is an executive officer, director, or more than 5% stockholder of the Company, including any of their immediate family members, and any entity owned or controlled by such persons.

Our Conduct of Business Policy (a copy of which may be viewed on our website and is available in print, without charge, upon request to GP Strategies' Corporate Secretary) governs related person transactions involving executive officers and the Company. It prohibits activities or relationships which are incompatible with employment by the Company or which places the executive in a position where there is a conflict between the executive's private interests and the interests of the Company, its subsidiaries or affiliates. Executives are required to immediately disclose such situations to their supervisor, the Company's Ethics Program Compliance Officer, or the Company's General Counsel for a determination of appropriate action. The Company maintains a telephone hotline for employees to confidentially report questionable activities or seek advice in handling ethics-related issues.

**Related Transactions** 

Directorships

Certain of our Directors have also served as Directors of WISH (formerly NPDC). Scott N. Greenberg is currently a Director of WISH and was Chief Financial Officer of WISH until August 2007. Harvey P. Eisen is Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of WISH and Managing Member of Bedford Oak Partners L.P. ("Bedford Oak"). Collectively, Mr. Eisen and Bedford Oak beneficially own approximately 37.3% of the issued and outstanding shares of WISH and less than 1% of our Common Stock.

On December 30, 2011, Sagard entered into a Stock Transfer Agreement with Bedford Oak to privately purchase 350,000 shares of our common stock from Bedford Oak for a purchase price of \$12.30 per share, or an aggregate purchase price of \$4,305,000. The transaction closed in January 2012. In addition, Sagard purchased an additional 173,353 and 101,478 shares of our common stock in the open market during the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. As of December 31, 2012, Sagard beneficially owned 3,509,774 shares or 18.4% of our outstanding common stock.

Daniel M. Friedberg has been President and CEO of Sagard Capital Partners Management Corporation, the investment manager of Sagard, since its founding in 2005. Harvey P. Eisen, the Chairman of our Board of Directors, is also the Chairman and Managing Member of Bedford Oak Advisors, LLC, the investment manager of Bedford Oak. Except as described above, neither Mr. Friedberg nor Mr. Eisen is a party to any other material arrangements or transactions involving the Company.

### **Director Independence**

The Board of Directors reviews the independence of its members on an annual basis. No Director will be deemed to be independent unless the Board affirmatively determines that the Director in question has no material relationship with the Company, directly or as an officer, stockholder, member or partner of an organization that has a material relationship with the Company. The Board has not adopted any categorical standards of Director independence, however, the Board of Directors employs the standards of independence of the New York Stock Exchange ("NYSE") rules currently in effect in making its determination that a Director qualifies as independent. In its annual review of Director independence, the Board considers all commercial, banking, consulting, legal, accounting, charitable or other business relationships any Director may have with the Company. As a result of its annual review, the Board of Directors has determined that Harvey P. Eisen, Daniel M. Friedberg, Marshall S. Geller, Sue W. Kelly, Richard C. Pfenniger, Jr., A. Marvin Strait and Gene A. Washington are independent and that Scott N. Greenberg is not independent. The Company has Nominating/Corporate Governance, Compensation and Audit Committees and based on these standards, all current members of such Committees are independent. The Company also has an Executive Committee, of which Mr. Greenberg is a member.

## Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services

#### **Independent Registered Public Accountant Fees**

The following table sets forth the fees billed to us for the years ended December 31, 2012 and 2011 for professional services rendered by our independent registered public accountants, KPMG LLP:

	2012	2011
Audit Fees (1)	\$939,000	\$1,010,000
Audit-Related Fees (2)	23,000	28,000
Tax Fees <sup>(3)</sup>	248,000	210,000
All Other Fees	9,000	4,000
Total	\$1,219,000	\$1,252,000

<sup>(1)</sup>Audit fees for 2012 consisted of \$834,000 for the audit of our consolidated financial statements, including quarterly review services, fees with respect to the audit of internal control over financial reporting and SEC reporting matters, and \$105,000 for statutory audit services for a foreign subsidiary. Audit fees for 2011 consisted of \$804,000 for the audit of our consolidated financial statements, including quarterly review services, fees with respect to the audit of

internal control over financial reporting and SEC reporting matters, \$100,000 for the audit of the acquired consulting business of RWD Technologies, and \$99,000 for statutory audit services for a foreign subsidiary.

Audited-related fees for 2012 consisted of the audit of the financial statements of employee benefit plans. (2) Audit-related fees for 2011 consisted of the audit of the financial statements of employee benefit plans and consultations regarding financial reporting matters.

<sup>(3)</sup>Tax fees for 2012 and 2011 consisted of fees for tax compliance services, including the preparation of tax returns, and tax consulting services including technical research.

## Policy on Pre-Approval of Services Provided by Independent Auditor

Pursuant to the requirements of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, the terms of the engagement of KPMG are subject to specific pre-approval policies of the Audit Committee. All audit and permitted non-audit services to be performed by KPMG require pre-approval by the Audit Committee in accordance with pre-approval policies established by the Audit Committee. The procedures require all proposed engagements of KPMG for services of any kind be directed to the Company's Chief Financial Officer and then submitted for approval to the Audit Committee prior to the beginning of any service.

## Part IV

## Item 15: Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules

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# $\frac{1. \text{ and}}{2.}$ No financial statements or schedules are filed with this report on Form 10-K/A.

3. Exhibits

A list of the exhibits filed or furnished with this report on Form 10-K/A is provided in the Exhibit Index beginning on page 34 of this report.

# SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

#### **GP STRATEGIES CORPORATION**

Dated: April 30, 2013

By:/s/ Scott N. Greenberg Scott N. Greenberg *Chief Executive Officer* 

> /s/ Sharon Esposito-Mayer Sharon Esposito-Mayer Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer

# **Exhibit Index**

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- 31.1 Certification of Chief Executive Officer\*
- 31.2 Certification of Chief Financial Officer\*

\* Filed herewith