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Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 10-K**

ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015

OR

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

For the transition period from \_\_\_\_\_ to \_\_\_\_\_.

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**INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**Pennsylvania**  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**23-2507402**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**720 Pennsylvania Drive, Exton, Pennsylvania**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**19341**  
(Zip Code)

**(610) 646-9800**  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

**Title of each class:**  
Common Stock par value \$.001 per share

**Name of each exchange on which registered**  
The NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC

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

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

Note: Checking the box above will not relieve any registrant required to file reports pursuant to Section 13 or section 15(d) of the Exchange Act from their obligations under those sections.

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the 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.

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, non-accelerated filer, and smaller reporting company, in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. (Check one):

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Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer

Smaller Reporting Company

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

The aggregate market value of the Registrant's common stock held by non-affiliates of the Registrant as of March 31, 2015 (the last business day of the registrant's most recently completed second quarter) was approximately \$49.0 million. Shares of common stock held by each executive officer and director and by each person who owns 10% or more of the Registrant's outstanding common stock have been excluded since such persons may be deemed affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of November 30, 2015, there were 16,909,638 outstanding shares of the Registrant's Common Stock

## Documents Incorporated by Reference

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the 2015 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be filed prior to January 27, 2016 are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Report. Such Proxy Statement, except for the parts therein which have been specifically incorporated by reference, shall not be deemed filed for the purposes of this Report on Form 10-K.

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**2015 Annual Report on Form 10-K**

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**FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS**

*This report contains forward looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ). These forward looking statements are based largely on current expectations and projections about future events and trends affecting the business, are not guarantees of future performance, and involve a number of risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. In this report, the words anticipates, believes, may, will, estimates, continues, anticipates, intends, forecasts, expects, plans, could, should, would, is likely and similar expressions, as they relate to the business or to its management, are intended to identify forward looking statements, but they are not exclusive means of identifying them. Unless the context otherwise requires, all references herein to IS&S, the Registrant, the Company, we, us or our are to Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.*

*The forward looking statements in this report are only predictions, and actual events or results may differ materially. In evaluating such statements, a number of risks, uncertainties and other factors could cause actual results, performance, financial condition, cash flows, prospects and opportunities to differ materially from those expressed in, or implied by, the forward looking statements. These risks, uncertainties and other factors include those set forth in Item 1A (Risk Factors) of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and the following factors:*

- *market acceptance of the Company s flat panel display systems, or COCKPIT/IP® or other planned products or product enhancements;*
- *continued market acceptance of the Company s air data systems and products;*
- *the competitive environment and new product offerings from competitors;*
- *difficulties in developing and producing the Company s COCKPIT/IP® Flat Panel Display System or other planned products or product enhancements;*
- *the deferral or termination of programs or contracts for convenience by customers;*
- *the availability of government funding;*
- *the impact of general economic trends on the Company s business;*
- *the ability to gain regulatory approval of products in a timely manner;*
- *delays in receiving components from third party suppliers;*
- *the bankruptcy or insolvency of one or more key customers;*
- *protection of intellectual property rights;*
- *failure to retain/recruit key personnel;*
- *a cyber security incident;*

- *the ability to service the international market;*
- *potential future acquisitions; and*
- *other factors disclosed from time to time in the Company's filings with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC).*

*Except as expressly required by the federal securities laws, the Company undertakes no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events, or otherwise after the date of this report. Results of operations in any past period should not be considered indicative of the results to be expected for future periods. Fluctuations in operating results may result in fluctuations in the price of the Company's common stock.*

*Readers are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The Company does not undertake any obligation to publicly release any revisions to these forward-looking statements to reflect events, circumstances or changes in expectations after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events. The forward-looking statements in this document are intended to be subject to the safe harbor protection provided by Sections 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the Securities Act), and 21E of the Exchange Act.*

*Investors should also be aware that while the Company, from time to time, communicates with securities analysts, it is against its policy to disclose any material non-public information or other confidential commercial information. Accordingly, shareholders should not assume that the Company agrees with any statement or report issued by any analyst irrespective of the content of the statement or report. Furthermore, the Company has a policy against issuing or confirming financial forecasts or projections issued by others. Thus, to the extent that reports issued by securities analysts contain any projections, forecasts or opinions, such reports are **not** the responsibility of Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc.*

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**PART I**

**Item 1. Business**

**Overview**

Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. (the Company, or IS&S) was incorporated in Pennsylvania on February 12, 1988. The Company operates in one business segment as a systems integrator that designs, develops, manufactures, sells, and services air data equipment, engine display systems, standby equipment, primary flight guidance and cockpit display systems for retrofit applications and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs). The Company supplies integrated Flight Management Systems (FMS), Flat Panel Display Systems (FPDS), Integrated Standby Units (ISU) and advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers that enable reduced carbon footprint navigation.

The Company has continued to position itself as a system integrator, which capability provides the Company with the potential to generate more substantive orders over a broader product base. The strategy, as both a manufacturer and integrator, is designed to leverage the latest technologies developed for the computer and telecommunications industries into advanced and cost-effective solutions for the general aviation, commercial air transport, United States Department of Defense (DoD)/governmental, and foreign military markets. This approach, combined with the Company's industry experience, is designed to enable IS&S to develop high-quality products and systems, to reduce product time to market, and to achieve cost advantages over products offered by its competitors.

For several years the Company has been working with advances in technology to provide pilots with more information to enhance both the safety and efficiency of flying, and has developed its COCKPIT/IP® Cockpit Information Portal (CIP) product line, that incorporates proprietary technology, low cost, reduced power consumption, decreased weight, and increased functionality. The Company believes the CIP product line is suited to address market demand that will be driven by regulatory mandates, new technologies, and the high cost of maintaining aging/obsolete equipment on airplanes that have been in service for up to fifty years. The Company has incorporated Electronic Flight Bag (EFB) functionality, such as charting and mapping systems, into its FPDS product line.

More recently, the Company has developed an FMS that combines the savings long associated with in flight fuel optimization in enroute flight management combined with the precision of satellite-based navigation required to comply with the regulatory environments of both domestic and international markets. The Company believes that the FMS coupled with its FPDS product line is well suited to address market demand driven by certain regulatory mandates, new technologies, and the high cost of maintaining aging and obsolete equipment on aircraft that will be in service for up to fifty years. The shift in the regulatory and technological environment is illustrated by the dramatic increase in the number of Space Based Augmentation System (SBAS) or Wide Area Augmentation System (WAAS) approach qualified airports, particularly as realized through Localizer Performance with Vertical guidance (LPV) navigation procedures. Aircraft equipped with the Company's FMS and FPDS product line (equipped with a SBAS/WAAS/LPV enabled navigator) will be qualified to land at such airports and to comply with upcoming Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) mandates for Required Navigation Performance (RNP), and Automatic Dependent Surveillance-Broadcast (ADS-B) navigation, a fact which IS&S believes will further increase the demand for the Company's products. The Company's FMS/FPDS product line is designed for new production and retrofit applications into general aviation, commercial air transport and military transport aircraft. In addition, the Company offers a state of the art ISU, integrating the full functionality of the primary and navigation displays into a small backup-powered unit. This ISU builds on the Company's legacy air data computer to form a complete next-generation cockpit display and navigation upgrade offering to the commercial and military markets.

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IS&S sells to both the OEM and the retrofit markets. Customers include various OEMs, commercial air transport carriers and corporate/general aviation companies, DoD and its commercial contractors, aircraft operators, aircraft modification centers, and foreign militaries.

Occasionally, IS&S sells its products directly to DoD; however, the Company sells its products primarily to commercial customers for end use in DoD programs. Sales to defense contractors are generally made on commercial terms, although some of the termination and other provisions of government contracts are applicable to these contracts.

Customers have been and may continue to be affected by the economic conditions in the United States and abroad. Such conditions may cause customers to curtail or delay their spending on both new and existing aircraft. Factors that can impact general economic conditions and the level of spending by customers include, but are not limited to, general levels of consumer spending, increases in fuel and energy costs, conditions in the real estate and mortgage markets, labor and healthcare costs, access to credit, consumer confidence, and other macroeconomic factors that affect spending behavior. In addition, the Budget Control Act of 2011 (the Budget Act ) triggered substantial, automatic reductions in both defense and discretionary spending. The automatic across-the-board sequestration cuts are in addition to certain other reductions already reflected in defense funding. Furthermore, spending by government agencies may be reduced in the future if tax revenues decline. If customers curtail or delay their spending or are forced to declare bankruptcy or liquidate their operations because of adverse economic conditions, the Company's revenues and results of operations would be affected adversely. However, the Company believes that, in an uncertain economic environment, customers that



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may have otherwise elected to purchase newly manufactured aircraft may be interested instead in retrofitting existing aircraft as a cost-effective alternative, thereby creating market opportunity for IS&S.

In March 2015 and July 2015, respectively, the FAA issued its Technical Standard Order authorization ( TSO ) and Supplemental Type Certificate ( STC ) for the Company s B757 Integrated Standby Unit to be used on B757 aircraft in the United States. In August 2015, the European Aviation Safety Agency (EASA) issued an STC on this system to be used on B757 aircraft in the European Community.

In December 2014, the FAA issued its TSO and STC to IS&S for a high definition Intergrated Flat Panel Display System for use on Pilatus PC-12 type aircraft in the United States.

In November 2014, the FAA issued its Technical Standard Order authorization ( TSO ) and Supplemental Type Certificate ( STC ) to IS&S for its Flight Management System for use on the B737 Classic aircraft which enabled IS&S to expand its product offering to owners of the B737 in the United States.

In October 2014, Delta Airlines, Inc. ( Delta ) issued a cancellation notice to the Company purporting to terminate its contract with IS&S. On February 25, 2015, the Company filed a complaint against Delta in the United States District for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for breach of contract, and the parties are presently engaged in fact discovery. (See Item 3. Legal Proceedings).

In February 2014, the FAA issued an STC for the Company s Auto Throttle System and Standby Display Unit ( SDU ) which has been incorporated into its Integrated Flight Management System ( IFMS® ). In September 2013, the FAA issued a TSO to IS&S for its SDU, which enabled IS&S to offer the SDU to owners of various aircraft types in the United States, subject to certification of minor technical modifications for use in specific aircraft. This certification led IS&S to develop an ISU, which combines the Company s air data technology with the SDU as a standalone industry product.

**Industry**

A wide range of information is critical for proper and safe operation of aircraft. With advances in technology, new types of information to assist pilots are becoming available for display in cockpits, such as satellite-based weather, ground terrain maps, and ADS-B navigation. The Company believes that aircraft cockpits will become more complete information centers, capable of delivering additional information that is either mandated by regulation or demanded by pilots to assist in the safe and efficient operation of aircraft.

The Company classifies flight data into four general types: aircraft heading and altitude information, flight critical aircraft control data, navigation data, and maintenance and aircraft health data. Aircraft heading and altitude information includes; aircraft speed, altitude, and rates of ascent and descent. Flight critical aircraft control information includes; engine data such as fuel and oil quantity, and other engine measurements. Navigation data includes; radio position, flight management, GPS, and alternative source information (i.e. information not originating on the aircraft, including weather depiction maps, GPS navigation, and surface terrain maps). Maintenance and aircraft health data includes on-board sensors and programs to measure parameters related to the health of a system on the aircraft. Air data calculations are based

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primarily on air pressure measurements derived from sensors on the aircraft. Engine data are determined by measuring various indices such as temperature, volume, revolutions per minute ( RPM ), and pressure within an aircraft s engines and other mechanical equipment. GPS and alternative source information are derived typically from satellites or equipment located on land and transmitted by satellite or radio signals to the aircraft. Maintenance and aircraft health data measure multiple parameters on various products and interface with various components to manage, measure, and report on the health, reliability and usability of a system. This information is displayed in the cockpit for reference, enhanced position awareness, and reduced support logistics on properly equipped aircraft.

Traditionally, flight data and other cockpit information were displayed on a series of separate analog mechanical instruments. In the early 1980s, Cathode Ray Tubes ( CRT ) and digital displays using Liquid Crystal Displays ( LCD ) began to replace some individual analog instruments. Presently, the industry offers high resolution color flat panels using Active Matrix Liquid Crystal Displays ( AMLCD ) to replace traditional analog instruments, CRT or LCD displays. IS&S expects that the ability to display more information in an efficient space and custom platform will become increasingly important if additional information, such as weather depiction maps, traffic information, surface terrain maps, datalink messaging, and surveillance displays, becomes mandated by regulation or demanded by pilots. Accordingly, the Company believes flat panel displays, which can integrate and display a suite of information, will replace individual instruments CRTs and LCDs on legacy aircraft.

In the past, equipment data, such as engine and fuel-related information, were displayed on conventional analog mechanical instruments. Engine and fuel instruments provide information on engine activity, including oil and hydraulic pressures, and temperature. These instruments are clustered throughout an aircraft s cockpit. Engine and fuel instruments tend to be replaced more frequently than other instruments due to obsolescence and normal wear-and-tear. Aircraft operators continue to purchase individual conventional engine and fuel instruments as replacements, because the information that these instruments display is vital for safe and efficient flight. Increasingly, operators are replacing their clusters of analog mechanical instruments with integrated Engine Instrument Display Systems ( EIDS ) or a FPDS packages.

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As the skies and airports become more crowded, the aviation industry and its regulators are concentrating on new technologies, procedures, and regulations that allow more aircraft to operate in the skies and on the ground safely, efficiently, and with less impact on the environment. These new technologies and procedures, such as traffic avoidance, ground awareness, increased precision of navigation and vertical position, runway incursion prevention, and increased digital communication, will require innovation and intuitive methods to display situational awareness information for the pilots. The Company believes that flat panel displays provide the best solution to these requirements.

**Strategy**

The Company's objective is to become a leading supplier and integrator of cockpit information, and believes that its industry experience and reputation, technology and products, and business strategy provide the basis to achieve this objective. Key elements of the Company's strategy include:

- *Focusing on retrofits.* Cockpit avionics upgrades for existing aircraft is of great interest in the present environment. The retrofit of an aircraft with the COCKPIT/IP® FPDS, FMS, and ISU system components is cost effective compared to the acquisition of a new aircraft and can provide equivalent functionality to that of new aircraft.
- *Establishing leadership in the flat panel display market.* IS&S expects that many aircraft will be retrofitted with flat panel displays over the next several years. Given the versatility, visual appeal, and lower cost of displaying a series of instruments and other flight relevant information on a single flat panel, the Company believes that flat panel displays will increasingly replace individual analog and digital instruments, LCDs and CRTs. The Company believes that the COCKPIT/IP® has significant benefits over competitive flat panel displays, including lower cost, larger size, reduced weight, enhanced viewing angles, and a broader array of functions. The Company's patented and proprietary Integrity Checking Processor and Zooming features provide increased situational awareness, reliability, performance, and utility to the owner/operator. Accordingly, the Company believes that these advantages will allow IS&S to generate significant revenues from the COCKPIT/IP® product, and to increase market share. In addition, demand for new aircraft, FAA mandates and obsolescence issues on older aircraft will contribute to this growth.
- *Continuing engineering and product development successes.* IS&S develops innovative products by combining its avionics, engineering, and design expertise with commercially available technologies, components, and products from non-aviation applications, including the personal computer and telecommunications industries. The Company's COCKPIT/IP® system components present examples of its ability to engineer products through the selective application of non-avionic technology. In addition, as permitted by law, IS&S applies for and registers its patents and trademarks for the technology and products it develops in the United States and various countries around the world to protect its intellectual property. Research and development ( R&D ) expenses were \$2.7 million, \$2.6 million and \$2.6 million for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. During fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 revenues related to Engineering Development Contracts ( EDC ) accounted for 27%, 32% and 26%, respectively, of total sales. In support of these EDC programs, the Company charged \$4.7 million, \$15.5 million, and \$8.3 million for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively to cost of sales.

- *Maintaining leadership in air data markets.* The Company believes that it is one of the largest suppliers of air data products to the U.S. retrofit market. The pressures on DoD procurement budget make the retrofit of aging military aircraft with newer, more advanced, and more supportable air data systems more attractive. In addition, higher performance engines in business aircraft are creating a need for more sophisticated air data products which the Company supplies.
- *Increasing sales to DoD, other government agencies, defense contractors, commercial air transport and corporate/general aviation markets.* IS&S has extended its efforts to diversify sales to include all aviation end user markets, especially legacy military programs and commercial air transport aircraft. In the commercial air transport market, the Company has addressed national carriers, regional carriers, and other fleet operators. The Company has targeted the corporate/general aviation market, both for retrofits and original equipment, and has ongoing retrofit programs and two OEM programs with Eclipse and Pilatus.
- *Expanding international presence.* IS&S plans to increase its international sales by adding sales and marketing personnel. The Company believes that European and other international aircraft operators and aircraft modification centers will retrofit legacy in-service aircraft with large flat panel displays. IS&S obtained approval from the European Aviation Safety Agency ( EASA ) for installing the FPDS in Europe for the B757/B767 aircraft and expects to obtain EASA approvals for other European aircraft types.
- *Growing through acquisitions or joint ventures.* IS&S may pursue strategic acquisitions or joint ventures as a means to expand the business with enhanced technology, distribution, customer base, or products. The Company may seek to

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acquire developers or suppliers of complementary products, technology, information, or to acquire suppliers of similar products to increase its product offerings and market share.

**Products**

Current lines of products include:

*Flat Panel Display Systems*

Flat panel displays are AMLCD screens that can replicate the display of one or a suite of analog or digital displays on one screen. Flat panel displays can replace existing displays in legacy aircraft. AMLCDs are used also for security monitoring on-board aircraft and as tactical workstations on military aircraft. The flat panel product line offers numerous advantages for presentation of engine performance data. During fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, revenues related to FPDS accounted for 98%, 88% and 88%, respectively, of total sales.

The Company's FPDS can replace conventional analog and digital displays and can display additional information which is not commonly displayed in the cockpit with conventional analog and digital displays. The COCKPIT/IP® is capable of displaying nearly all types of air data, engine and fuel data, altitude, heading and navigational data, maintenance and aircraft health data, and alternative source information. As technology and information delivery systems develop further, additional information will be displayed in the cockpit, such as surface terrain maps and data link messaging. IS&S designed the COCKPIT/IP® to be capable of displaying information from a variety of sources, including its Reduced Vertical Separation Minimum (RVSM) air data system, engine and fuel instrumentation, and third-party data and information products.

From time to time, customers may order one or more FPDSs customized to their particular requirements. Typically, the Company charges for the added development cost. This revenue is reported as EDC on the consolidated statement of income. Engineering costs incurred in customizing the FPDSs are included in cost of sales.

*Flight Management Systems*

The IS&S NextGen Flight Management System is an easily installed navigation and performance computer that complements the IS&S Flat Panel Display System upgrade for commercial air transport aircraft. The FMS interfaces with the IS&S SBAS GPS Global Positioning System (GPS) to provide a GPS based navigation solution. The GPS receiver is located remotely depending on space availability. To minimize use of cockpit space and ease installation efforts, the FMS is housed in an ARINC 739B compliant Multifunction and Control Display Unit (MCDU).

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Each FMS/MCDU has an LCD display, keyboard, mode and function keys, line select keys, annunciator lights, and supports ethernet data loading. The flight crew can manually or datalink waypoint flight plans, routes or user-defined waypoints on the IS&S FMS and modify and update these plans via the FMS/MCDU screen. Once the flight plan data is entered, the MCDU computes the most economical flight profiles and provides steering commands for use by the aircraft control system to fly the airplane along the desired route.

The FMS/MCDU package incorporates a robust navigation database capable of storing today's global database with ample growth for the future. Flight crews can utilize the data in the navigation database to create, edit and modify flight plans for display on the FPDS. The navigation data includes airways, jet routes, SIDS, STARS, and company stored routes.

The FMS/MCDU is ARINC 739B compliant, which provides an interface option for other cockpit equipment such as SATCOM, ACARS, CMU, HUD, and a printer. The interface to the IS&S FPDS is provided via Ethernet. The IS&S EFB is integrated with the FMS/MCDU and FPDS where the control selection of the EFB features and applications are handled via the FMS/MCDU. The display is a five inch LCD with VGA resolution. The touchscreen display uses LED backlighting and is sunlight readable.

### *Integrated Standby Unit*

The Company's new ISU incorporates the measurement and display of attitude, altitude, airspeed, and navigation data into a single standby/backup navigation instrument for military, commercial air transport and corporate/general aviation applications. The ISU has an optional battery module that allows operation of the unit under emergency conditions. The ISU has an integral Inertial Measurement Unit that includes accelerometer, gyro, and magnetometer triads. The unit also includes an integral air data measurement module for measurement of static and total pressure for display of altitude, airspeed, and mach number.

The ISU is a highly reliable and accurate standby navigation system that is based on IS&S's merger of COCKPIT/IP@display technology and RVSM air data products coupled with the latest breakthroughs in MEMS Gyros with exceptional stability. An IS&S proprietary algorithm provides for accurate computation of attitude, heading and air data parameters. The unit includes a triaxial magnetometer that is designed to be tolerant to the local soft iron effects.

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The display uses a familiar Primary Flight Display format to reduce pilot workload. Logistics and maintenance savings are realized due to increased reliability and a reduction in LRUs. The unit is equipped with built-in test and display of navigational aid and maintenance data.

*Air Data Systems and Components*

The Company's air data products calculate and display various measures such as aircraft speed, altitude, and rate of ascent and descent. These air data products utilize advanced sensors to gather air pressure data and customized algorithms to interpret data, thus allowing the system to calculate altitude more accurately. During fiscal 2015, 2014, and 2013, sales of air data systems and components accounted for 2%, 12%, and 12%, respectively, of total revenues.

IS&S sells individual components and partial and complete air data systems. The components and systems include:

- digital air data computers, which calculate various air data parameters such as altitude, airspeed, vertical speed, angle of attack and other information derived from the measure of air pressure;
- integrated air data computers and display units, which calculate and convey air data information;
- altitude displays, which convey aircraft altitude measurements;
- airspeed displays, which convey various airspeed measurements including vertical airspeed and rates of ascent and descent; and
- altitude alerters which allow pilots to select a desired cruising altitude and which provide warnings to pilots when an unacceptable deviation occurs.

*Engine and Fuel Displays*

IS&S develops, manufactures and markets engine and fuel displays. These solid-state multifunction displays convey information with respect to fuel and oil levels, and engine activity, such as oil and hydraulic pressure and temperature. They include individual and multiple displays installed throughout the cockpit. The displays can be used in conjunction with the Company's engine and fuel data equipment or that of other

manufacturers.

Engine and fuel displays are vital to safe flight. In addition, accurate conveyance of engine and fuel information is critical for monitoring engine stress and parts maintenance. Engine and fuel displays tend to be replaced more frequently than other displays, and have been slow to incorporate new technology since their introduction because of their low cost, standard design and universal use.

IS&S believes that its air data engine and fuel displays are extremely reliable, have been designed to be programmable, and are adaptable easily without major modification to most modern aircraft. These products have been installed on B727, B737, C-130H, DC-9, DC-10, P-3, F-16, and A-10 aircraft.

#### *Integrated Global Navigation System*

The Company's Integrated Global Navigation System ( IGNS ) product is an alternative for adding GPS navigation capability to legacy aircraft through the OEM FMS without the high cost of upgrading the current FMS.

This product includes RNP and RNAV approaches via the certified IS&S Beta 3 GPS and leverages components of the Company's Flat Panel Display System to provide annunciation to the pilot during GPS procedures.

#### **Customers**

The Company's customers include the United States government (including DoD, the Department of Interior ( DOI ) and the Department of Homeland Security ( DHS )), American Airlines, Inc. ( AAI ), Boeing, BAE Systems, Eclipse, FedEx Corporation ( FedEx ), Icelandair, L-3 Communications, Lockheed Martin Corporation, Pilatus, Sierra Nevada Corporation, and the Department of National Defense (Canada), among others. In fiscal year 2015, the two largest customers, Pilatus and Eclipse accounted for 20% and 15% of total revenue, respectively. In fiscal 2014, the three largest customers, Pilatus, Eclipse Aerospace and FedEx, accounted for 17%, 14%, and 12% of total revenue, respectively. In fiscal year 2013, the two largest customers, Eclipse and American Airlines, accounted for 24% and 14% of total revenue, respectively.

#### *Retrofit Market*

Historically, a majority of the Company's sales have come from the retrofit market, which IS&S has pursued because of its continued growth in response to the need to support the world's aging fleet of aircraft. The design and airframe structure of many types of older aircraft generally exceeds the technology and technical capabilities of the original cockpit instruments and avionics. The Company has developed products that enable owners and operators to upgrade their aircraft by retrofitting them with IS&S products at a competitive cost and with equipment that provides cockpit displays with capabilities and technology equivalent to new aircraft.

IS&S expects its main customers in the retrofit market will continue to be:





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- the DoD and defense contractors,
- aircraft operators, and
- aircraft modification centers.

*Department of Defense and Defense Contractors.* The Company sells its products directly to the DoD and to domestic and international defense contractors for end use on military aircraft retrofit programs. DoD programs generally take one of two forms: a subcontract with a prime government contractor, such as Boeing, Lockheed Martin, or L-3 Communications, or a direct contract with the appropriate government agency, such as the U.S. Air Force. The government's desire for cost-effective retrofit of its aircraft has led it to purchase commercial off-the-shelf equipment rather than to develop specially designed products, which are usually more costly and take longer to implement. These retrofit contracts tend to be on arms-length commercial terms, although some termination and other provisions of government contracts are typically applicable to these contracts, as described under *Government Regulation* below. Each government agency or general contractor retains the right to terminate a contract at any time at its convenience. Upon such alteration or termination, IS&S is entitled typically to be compensated for already delivered items and reimbursement for allowable costs incurred.

*Aircraft Operators.* The Company sells its products to aircraft operators, including commercial airlines, cargo carriers, and business and general aviation aircraft owners or suppliers, primarily for retrofitting of aircraft owned or operated by these customers. The Company's commercial fleet customers include or have included, among others, AAI, ABX Air, FedEx and Icelandair. IS&S sells these customers a range of products from FPDS to air data systems.

*Aircraft Modification Centers.* Aircraft modification centers, which repair and retrofit private aircraft, represent the primary retrofit market for private and corporate jets. IS&S has established relationships with a number of aircraft modification centers throughout the United States, which act as distribution outlets for the Company's products.

*OEM Market*

The Company was selected to provide the cockpit avionics suite for the new Eclipse E550 production aircraft. During the years 2006 through late 2008, the Company provided cockpit displays in support of Eclipse Aviation Inc.'s (Aviation) production of approximately 150 aircraft until late 2008 when Aviation filed for bankruptcy. Eclipse purchased the assets of Aviation in 2009. In 2011, Eclipse announced the planned production in 2013 of the E550 aircraft and selected IS&S as the system integrator. During the past six years, IS&S has been providing, through Eclipse, enhanced capability through retrofits to numerous owners of the Aviation produced aircraft. On April 15, 2015, Eclipse merged with Kestrel Aircraft to form One Aviation.

In May 2013, Pilatus announced that it had selected IS&S to develop and manufacture the Utilities Management System ( UMS ) for the recently announced Pilatus PC-24 aircraft under a multi-year production contract. The UMS integrates multiple aircraft utility functions commonly supported by multiple individual controllers and monitors. The UMS will provide integrated control of systems from within the avionics suite and automate various normal and emergency tasks to reduce crew workload and improve safety conditions. This open architecture system will allow Pilatus to design and/or refine control and monitoring algorithms internally.

IS&S also markets its products to other original equipment manufacturers including Boeing and Lockheed Martin.

### Backlog

\$000 s	September 30	
	2015	2014
Backlog, beginning of period	\$ 8,417	\$ 91,100
Plus: bookings during period, net	19,251	23,295
Less: Delta debooking		(61,883)
Less: revenue recognized during period	(20,067)	(44,095)
Backlog, end of period	\$ 7,601	\$ 8,417

Backlog represents the value of contracts and purchase orders, less the revenue recognized to date on those contracts and purchase orders. The year over year decrease of \$0.8 million was the result of booking of \$19.3 million in new business, offset by \$20.1 million in recognized revenue. In fiscal 2014 de-bookings of \$61.9 million relates to Delta's purported termination of a contract with IS&S to provide an upgraded cockpit and certain navigation capabilities for its fleet of MD88 and MD90 aircraft, (See Item 3. Legal Proceedings), and \$44.1 million of recognized revenue. Air data product backlog as of September 30, 2015 remained constant from September 30, 2014, and FPDS backlog as of September 30, 2015 decreased by \$0.8 million from September 30, 2014, reflecting decreased FPDS bookings during the 2015. The backlog excludes potential future sole-source production orders from products currently in development under the Company's EDC programs, including the Eclipse E550, the Pilatus PC-24, and the KC-46A, all of

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which the Company expects to enter into extended production phases upon completion of development. Although the Company believes that the orders included in backlog are firm, most of the backlog involves orders that can be modified or terminated by the customer. As of September 30, 2015, approximately 1% of the Company's backlog was expected to be filled beyond fiscal 2016.

**Engineering Development**

The Company invests a large percentage of its sales on engineering development, both R&D and EDC. At September 30, 2015, approximately 34% of the Company's employees were engineers engaged in various engineering development projects. Total engineering development expense is comprised of both internally funded R&D and product development and design charges related to specific customer contracts. Engineering development expense consists primarily of payroll-related expenses of employees engaged in EDC projects, engineering related product materials and equipment, and subcontracting costs. R&D charges incurred for product design, product enhancements, and future product development are expensed as incurred. Product development and design charges related to specific customer contracts are charged to cost of sales-EDC based on the method of contract accounting (either percentage-of-completion or completed contract) applicable to such contracts.

**Sales and Marketing**

IS&S focuses its sales efforts on passenger and cargo carrying aircraft operators, general aviation operators, aircraft modification centers, the DoD, DoD contractors, and OEMs. Periodically, the Company evaluates its sales and marketing efforts with respect to these focus areas and, where appropriate, makes use of third-party sales representatives who receive compensation through commissions based on performance.

The Company's ability to provide prompt and effective repair and upgrade service is critical to its marketing efforts. The Company's customer service program offers a 24-hour customer hotline. The Company services its customers utilizing either field service engineers or its in-house repair and upgrade facility. The Company may lend spare units to customers when it is repairing or overhauling their equipment. IS&S provides customers with a standard two-year warranty on new products. The Company offers customers extended warranties of varying lengths beyond the two years for additional fees.

The majority of the Company's sales, personnel and assets are within the United States. In fiscal year 2015, 2014 and 2013 net sales outside the United States amounted to \$6.6 million, \$12.0 million and \$4.8 million, respectively.

**Government Regulation**

FAA regulations govern the manufacture and installation of the Company's products in aircraft owned and operated in the United States, and the IS&S facility is FAA certified. The most significant product and installation regulations are TSO and STC, which establish the minimum product performance standards.

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Generally, sales of IS&S products to European or other non-U.S. owners of aircraft require approval of EASA, or other relevant governmental agencies. EASA certification requirements for the manufacture and installation of the Company's products in European owned aircraft mirror FAA regulations, and its process for European certification is similar to that of the FAA.

In addition to product related regulations, IS&S is subject to U.S. Government procurement regulations with respect to the sale of the Company's products to government entities or government contractors. The government agency or general contractor retains the right to terminate a contract at any time at its convenience. Upon such alteration or termination, IS&S is generally entitled to an equitable adjustment to the contract price so that the Company receives the purchase price for products or services already delivered and reimbursement for allowable costs incurred and for termination related costs.

### **Manufacturing, Assembly and Materials Acquisition**

The Company's manufacturing activities consist primarily of assembling and testing components and subassemblies, and integrating them into finished systems. Typically, the Company purchases components for products from third-party suppliers and assembles them in a clean room environment. Many of the components purchased are standard products, although certain parts are made to the Company's specifications.

When appropriate, IS&S enters into long-term supply agreements and uses its relationships with long-term suppliers to improve product quality and availability, and to reduce delivery times and product costs. In addition, the Company identifies alternative suppliers for important component parts. Generally, the introduction of component parts from new suppliers into existing products requires FAA certification of the entire finished product if the newly sourced component varies significantly from the original drawings and specifications. IS&S has not experienced significant delays in delivery of products caused by the inability to obtain either component parts or FAA approval of products incorporating new component parts.

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**Quality Assurance**

Product quality is of vital importance. The Company is ISO 9001 and AS9100C certified. These standards represent an international consensus on effective management practices with the goal of ensuring that a company can deliver its products and related services consistently in a manner that meets or exceeds customer quality requirements. IS&S's certification to these standards allows the Company to represent to customers that it maintains high quality industry standards in the education of its employees, and in the design and manufacture of its products. In addition, the Company's products undergo extensive and documented quality control testing prior to being delivered to customers.

**Competition**

The market for the Company's products is highly competitive. Competitors vary in size and resources, and substantially all of the Company's competitors are much larger than IS&S and have substantially greater resources. With respect to air data systems and related products, the Company's principal competitors include Honeywell International Inc. (Honeywell), Rockwell Collins, Inc., Thales Communications, Inc. (Thales), and Garmin Ltd. (Garmin). With respect to flat panel displays, principal competitors currently include Honeywell, Rockwell Collins, Inc., L-3 Communications, Garmin and GE Aviation Systems (GEAS). However, as the flat panel display industry evolves and the demand for flat panel displays increases, IS&S may face future competition in this area from other suppliers.

The Company believes that the principal competitive factors in its markets are cost, development cycle time, responsiveness to customer preferences, product quality, technology, and reliability. IS&S believes that its significant and long-standing customer relationships reflect the Company's ability to compete favorably with respect to these factors.

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**Intellectual Property and Proprietary Rights**

IS&S relies on patents to protect its proprietary technology. As of September 30, 2015, the Company holds 22 U.S. patents and has 8 U.S. patent applications pending relating to its technology. In addition, IS&S holds 65 international patents and has 13 international patent applications pending. Certain of these patents and patent applications cover technology relating to air data measurement systems and others cover technology relating to flat panel display systems and other aspects of the COCKPIT/IP® solution. While IS&S believes these patents have significant value in protecting its technology, it believes that the innovative skill, technical expertise, and know-how of the Company's personnel in applying the technology reflected in its patents would be difficult, costly, and time consuming to reproduce.

While IS&S is not aware of any pending lawsuits against the Company alleging patent infringement or the violation of other intellectual property rights, it cannot be certain such infringement claims will not be asserted against the Company in the future.

**Employees**

As of September 30, 2015, IS&S had 88 employees. The Company's future success depends on its ability to attract, train and retain highly qualified personnel. Competition for such qualified personnel is intense, and the Company may not be able to attract, train, and retain highly qualified personnel in the future. None of the Company's employees are currently represented by a labor union.

**Executive Officers of the Registrant**

The following is a list of the Company's executive officers, their ages and their positions in each case. Effective December 15, 2014, Ronald C. Albrecht, the Company chief financial officer during fiscal 2014 and through such date retired as the Company's chief financial officer and was succeeded by Relland M. Winand:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
Geoffrey S. M. Hedrick	73	Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer
Shahram Askarpour	58	President
Relland M. Winand	61	Chief Financial Officer

*Geoffrey S. M. Hedrick* was the Chief Executive Officer from the time he founded the Company in February 1988 through June 4, 2007, and was reappointed as Chief Executive Officer on September 8, 2008. He has been Chairman of the Board since 1997. Prior to founding IS&S, Mr. Hedrick served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Smiths Industries North American Aerospace Companies. He founded Harowe Systems, Inc. in 1971, which was subsequently acquired by Smiths Industries. Mr. Hedrick has over 40 years of experience in the avionics industry, and he holds a number of patents in the electronics, optoelectric, electromagnetic, aerospace, and contamination control

fields.

*Shahram Askarpour* has been President since April 2012. Dr. Askarpour joined the Company as a Director of Engineering in 2003, was promoted to Vice President of Engineering in 2005, and was promoted to President on April 2, 2012. Dr. Askarpour has more than 30 years of aerospace industry experience in managerial and technical positions. Prior to joining IS&S, he was employed by Smiths Aerospace (a division of Smiths Group PLC), Instrumentation Technology and Marconi Avionics. He holds a number of key patents in the aviation field. Dr. Askarpour received his engineering education in the United Kingdom, and received an undergraduate degree in Electrical Engineering from Middlesex University, a post graduate Certificate of Advanced Study in Systems Engineering, and a PhD in Automatic Control from Brunel University. He was awarded the title of Associate Research Fellow for three consecutive years by Brunel University, and has published numerous papers in leading international, peer reviewed journals. In addition, he has completed management courses at Carnegie Mellon University and finance courses at the Wharton Business School.

*Relland M. Winand* succeeded Mr. Albrecht as the Company's chief financial officer effective December 15, 2014. Mr. Winand has served in a number of executive financial capacities with public companies including Chief Financial Officer of ECC International, Corp, a manufacturer of computer controlled maintenance simulators primarily for the Department of Defense, and Vice President Finance and Administration of Traffic.com, Inc. a leading provider of accurate, real-time traffic information in the United States. Prior to joining Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc., from 2008 to 2013, Mr. Winand was Chief Financial Officer of Orbit/FR, Inc., an international developer and manufacturer of sophisticated microwave test and measurement systems for aerospace/defense, wireless, satellite and automotive industries. From January 2014 until August 2014, Mr. Winand served as a consultant for Solomon Edwards Group LLC. He has over 30 years' experience in financial management and reporting for both public domestic and international manufacturing companies. Mr. Winand received a B.S. in Accounting from Drexel University and an M.B.A. in Finance from Widener University.

*Ronald C. Albrecht* was the Chief Financial Officer from August 2010 until his retirement effective December 15, 2014. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Albrecht served in a number of executive positions, both operational and financial, with Smiths Aerospace



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(UK). Smiths Aerospace was acquired by General Electric Aviation Systems ( GEAS ) in 2007. Most recently, Mr. Albrecht served as Vice President and General Manager of Smiths Aerospace Electro Mechanical Business from 2003 to 2007 and, subsequently, of GEAS Electro Mechanical Business from 2007 to 2010. Prior to his operational roles, he served as Chief Financial Officer of Smiths Aerospace, based in London, and has substantial mergers & acquisition and strategic planning experience. Mr. Albrecht received a B.A. in Government and Economics from Dartmouth College and a M.B.A. in Finance from Stanford University. He is a Certified Public Accountant (California/Inactive). Mr. Albrecht retired as the Company's chief financial officer effective December 15, 2014.

**Other**

The public may read and copy any materials filed by IS&S with the SEC at the SEC's public reference room located at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may obtain information about the operation of the SEC's public reference rooms by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains a website at <http://www.sec.gov> that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information about issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

IS&S maintains its corporate website at <http://www.innovative-ss.com> and makes available, free of charge, on that website (under the Investor Relations tab) the Company's annual reports on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and amendments to those as reasonably practicable after it electronically files such material with, or furnishes it to, the SEC. The information on the Company's website is not incorporated as part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

**Item 1A. Risk Factors**

Each reader should carefully consider the risks, uncertainties and other factors described below, in addition to the other information set forth in this report, because they could materially and adversely affect the Company's business, operating results, financial condition, cash flows, prospects, and the value of an investment in IS&S common stock.

*Risks Related to IS&S Business*

**Growth of the Company's customer base could be limited by delays or difficulties in completing development and introduction of planned products or product enhancements. If IS&S fails to enhance existing products, or to develop and achieve market acceptance for flat panel displays, flight management systems and other new products that meet customer requirements, its business, reputation and statements of income may be affected adversely.**

Currently, IS&S spends a large portion of its R&D efforts in developing and marketing the FPDS, FMS, and complementary products. The Company's ability to grow and diversify its operations through introduction and sale of new products is dependent upon the continued success in product development and engineering activities, its sales and marketing efforts, and regulatory approvals to sell such products. Sales growth will depend in part on market acceptance of and demand for the FPDS, FMS, and future products. IS&S cannot be certain that it will be able to develop, introduce or market its FPDS, FMS, or other new products or product enhancements in a timely or cost-effective manner, or that any

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new products will receive market acceptance or necessary regulatory approval. In addition, the Company's business is dependent upon maintaining its reputation and relationships with existing customers. If the Company's performance does not meet its customers' expectations, the Company's reputation and its relationships could be damaged, which may have a material adverse impact on the Company's business and statements of income.

In seeking new customers, the Company may have difficulty in displacing the products of incumbent competitors. IS&S cannot be assured that potential customers will accept its products or that existing customers will not abandon them.

**The Company's revenue and operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter, which may cause its stock price to decline.**

The Company's revenue and operating results may vary significantly from quarter to quarter because of a number of factors, including:

- demand for products and/or delivery schedule changes by its customers;
- capital expenditure budgets of aircraft owners and operators, and appropriation cycles of the U.S. government;
- changes in the use of the Company's products, including air data systems, flat panel displays, and flight management systems;
- delays in introducing or obtaining government approval for new products;
- new product introductions by competitors;

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- changes in IS&S pricing policies or pricing policies of competitors; and
- costs related to possible acquisition of technologies or businesses.

**The loss of a key customer or a significant deterioration in the financial condition of a key customer could have a material adverse effect on the Company's results of operations.**

The Company's revenue is concentrated with a limited number of customers. During fiscal year 2015 IS&S derived 57% of revenue from the top five customers. IS&S expects a relatively small number of customers to account for a majority of its revenues for the foreseeable future. As a result of the concentrated customer base, a loss of one or more of these customers or a dispute or litigation with one of these key customers could affect adversely its revenue and results of operations. For example, in October 2014, Delta issued a cancellation notice to the Company purporting to terminate its contract with IS&S (See Item 3. Legal Proceedings). In addition, the Company monitors and evaluates the credit status of its customers and attempts to adjust sales terms as appropriate. Despite these efforts, a significant deterioration in the financial condition or bankruptcy filing of a key customer could affect adversely the Company's business, results of operations, and financial condition.

**Contracts can be terminated by customers at any time and, therefore, may not result in sales.**

The Company's retrofit projects are generally pursuant to either a direct contract with a customer or a subcontract with a general contractor to a customer (including government agencies). Each contract, including contracts with government agencies, includes various terms and conditions that impose certain requirements on IS&S, including the ability of the government agency or general contractor to alter the price, quantity or delivery schedule of the products. Additionally, each government agency or general contractor retains the right to terminate the contract at any time at its convenience. Upon alteration or termination of these contracts, IS&S is entitled typically to an equitable adjustment to the contract price so that it would be compensated for delivered items and allowable costs incurred. Accordingly, because these contracts can be terminated, the Company cannot be assured that its backlog will result in sales. For example, in October 2014, Delta issued a cancellation notice to the Company purporting to terminate its contract with IS&S resulting in \$61.9 million of debookings with respect thereto.

**The Company enters into fixed-price contracts or service arrangements to perform specified design and EDC services related to its products that could subject IS&S to losses in the event the Company incurs cost overruns on its projects.**

During fiscal 2015, approximately 27% percent of the Company's total sales were from fixed-price EDC arrangements with customers to perform specified design and EDC services related to its products. These arrangements allow IS&S to benefit by recovering some of its product development costs, but it carries the risk of potential cost overruns. If the Company's initial cost estimates are incorrect, it can incur potentially large one time charges and losses on these contracts. These EDC arrangements can expose the Company to potential losses because the customer may compel IS&S to complete a project or, in the event of a termination for default, pay the incremental cost of its replacement by another provider. Because some of these projects involve new technologies and applications, and can last for more than a year, unforeseen events such as technological difficulties, fluctuations in the price of raw materials, problems with subcontractors, and cost overruns can result in the contractual price becoming less favorable or even unprofitable to IS&S over time. Furthermore, if the Company does not meet project deadlines or if its products do not meet customer specifications, it may need to renegotiate contracts on less favorable terms, be forced to pay penalties or

liquidated damages, or suffer losses if the customer exercises its right to terminate. The Company's results of operations are dependent on its ability to maximize earnings from the EDC service arrangements. Lower earnings caused by cost overruns could have a negative impact on the Company's financial condition, operating results, and cash flows.

**Reductions in government expenditures could adversely affect IS&S business.**

The Budget Act of 2011 triggered substantial, automatic reductions in both defense and discretionary spending. The automatic across-the-board sequestration cuts are in addition to reductions already reflected in the defense funding over a ten-year period and could have significant consequences to the Company's business and industry. While the full impact of sequestration is undetermined, the impact of any resulting reductions in defense appropriations, and/or reductions in U.S. defense spending could result in delays in procurement of products and services due to lack of funding, and negatively affect the IS&S's revenues, financial condition and results of operations.

**Volatility and weakness in capital markets may adversely affect credit availability and related financing costs, which could adversely affect IS&S.**

Bank and capital markets can experience periods of volatility and disruption. For example, during the economic downturn of 2009 and 2010, the global uncertainty and continued concern regarding credit availability, including failures of financial institutions, produced unprecedented government intervention in the U.S., Europe and other regions of the world. During these periods of volatility and

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disruption, risks to IS&S include:

- declines in revenues and profitability from reduced orders, payment delays or other factors caused by the economic
- problems of customers;
- reprioritization of government spending away from defense programs in which IS&S participates;
- reduced access to credit sources; and
- disruptions in supplies associated with any financial constraints faced by vendors.

**A portion of IS&S sales come from government contracts, which could be adversely affected by continued high U.S. federal budget deficits.**

A portion of IS&S sales has been, and is expected to continue to be, from defense contractors or government agencies in connection with government aircraft retrofit or original equipment manufacturing contracts. Sales to government contractors and government agencies could decline as a result of DoD spending cuts and general budgetary constraints which may become more severe as the federal budget deficit remains high.

**IS&S depends on key personnel to manage its business effectively, and an inability to retain its key employees could adversely impact the Company's ability to compete.**

The Company's success depends on the efforts, abilities, and expertise of its senior management and other key personnel. There can be no assurance IS&S will be able to retain such employees, and the loss of some could damage its ability to execute its business strategy. The Company intends to continue hiring key management, engineering, and sales and marketing personnel. Competition for skilled personnel is intense, and IS&S may not be able to attract or retain additional qualified personnel.

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The Company's future success will depend in part on its ability to implement and improve its operational, administrative and financial systems and controls and to manage, train and expand its employee base. IS&S cannot provide assurance that, after giving effect to its cost containment initiatives, that current and planned personnel levels, systems, procedures, and controls will be adequate to support the current and future customer base. In such a circumstance, the Company may not be able to exploit existing and potential market opportunities. Any delays or difficulties encountered could impair the Company's ability to attract new customers or maintain its relationships with existing customers.

**IS&S relies on third party suppliers for components of its products, and any interruption in the supply of these components could hinder its ability to deliver products on a timely basis.**

The Company's manufacturing process consists primarily of assembling components purchased from its supply chain. The suppliers may not continue to be available to IS&S. If the Company is unable to maintain relationships with key third party suppliers, the development and distribution of its products could be delayed until equivalent components can be obtained and integrated into the products. In addition, substitution of certain components from other manufacturers may require product redesign, FAA or other approval, which could delay the Company's ability to ship products.

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***If the Company fails to maintain an effective system of internal control over financial reporting, it may not be able to accurately report its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows, which may adversely affect investor confidence in the Company and, as a result, the value of the Company's common stock.***

The Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, as amended (the "Sarbanes-Oxley Act") requires, among other things, that the Company maintain effective internal controls for financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. Under Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act, the Company is required to furnish a report by management on, among other things, the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. This assessment must include disclosure of any material weaknesses identified by management in the Company's internal control over financial reporting. A material weakness is a control deficiency, or combination of control deficiencies, in internal control over financial reporting that results in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of annual or interim financial statements will not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act also generally requires an attestation from the Company's independent registered public accounting firm on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Company's compliance with Section 404 requires that it compile the system and process documentation necessary to perform an appropriate evaluation. During the evaluation and testing process, if the Company identifies one or more material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting, it will be unable to assert that its internal control over financial reporting is effective. The Company cannot assure you that there will not be material weaknesses or significant deficiencies in its internal control over financial reporting in the future. Any failure to maintain internal control over financial reporting could severely inhibit the Company's ability to accurately report its financial condition, results of operations or cash flows. If the Company is unable to conclude that its internal control over financial reporting is effective, or if its independent registered public accounting firm determines the Company has a material weakness or significant deficiency in its internal control over financial reporting once that firm begins its reviews, the Company could lose investor confidence in the accuracy and completeness of its financial reports, the market price of its common stock could decline, and it could be subject to sanctions or investigations by NASDAQ, the Securities and Exchange Commission or other regulatory authorities. Failure to remedy any material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting, or to implement or maintain other effective control systems required of public companies, could also restrict the Company's future access to the capital markets.

***If the Company is unable to successfully remediate the existing material weaknesses in its internal control over financial reporting, the accuracy and timing of its financial reporting may be adversely affected.***

In connection with the audit of the Company's consolidated financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2015, the Company's management and independent registered public accounting firm identified control deficiencies in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that constitute a material weakness in the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

The Company's management and independent registered public accounting firm identified a material weakness in its control over financial reporting attributable to a lack of effective controls to evaluate whether revenue recognized using the percentage-of-completion accounting using the zero profit margin method was adequately designed and executed to support the accurate reporting of revenue and the related receivables. As such, the Company's controls over financial reporting were not designed or operating effectively, and as a result there were adjustments required in connection with closing the Company's books and records and preparing its consolidated financial statements for the year ended September 30, 2015. These control deficiencies resulted in more than a remote likelihood that a material misstatement of the Company's annual and interim financial statements would not be prevented or detected.

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In an effort to remediate the Company's material weakness, it has taken and intends to take steps to improve its controls to ensure the accurate and timely reporting of revenue and the related receivables, including (i) implementing procedures to identify and evaluate customer contracts to utilize the zero profit method of accounting only if it meets all the relevant criteria in ASC 605-35, 605-35 Revenue Recognition, Construction Type and Production-Type Contracts, (ii) strengthening quarterly review processes to ensure proper recognition of revenue and (iii) planning to utilize third-party accounting experts to assist the Company in the proper application of revenue recognition principles to percentage-of-completion customer contracts.

There can be no assurance that the Company will be successful in pursuing these measures or that these measures will significantly improve or remediate the material weakness described above. There is also no assurance that the Company has identified all of its material weaknesses or that it will not in the future have additional material weaknesses. We have not yet remediated the material weakness noted above, and the remediation measures that the Company has implemented and intend to implement may be insufficient to address its existing material weakness or to prevent additional material weaknesses. If the Company fails to remediate the material weakness, it may be unable to accurately report its financial results, or report them within the timeframes required by law or stock exchange regulations. There is no assurance that the Company will be able to remediate the material weakness in a timely manner, or at all, or that in the future, additional material weaknesses will not exist or otherwise be discovered. If the Company's efforts to remediate the material weakness identified are not successful, or if other material weaknesses or other deficiencies occur, the Company's ability to accurately and timely report its financial position could be impaired, which could result in late filings of the Company's annual and quarterly reports under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, restatements of the Company's consolidated financial statements, a decline in the Company's stock price or suspension or delisting of the Company's common stock from NASDAQ.



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**The Company's competition includes other manufacturers of air data systems and flight information displays against whom it may not be able to compete successfully.**

The markets for the Company's products are intensely competitive and subject to rapid technological change. Competitors include Honeywell, Rockwell Collins, Inc., Thales, Garmin, GEAS, and L-3 Communications. All these competitors have substantially greater financial, technical, and human resources than does IS&S. In addition, these competitors have much greater experience in and resources for marketing their products. As a result, these competitors may be able to respond more quickly to new or emerging technologies and customer preferences, or to devote greater resources to development, promotion and sale of their products than IS&S can. The Company's competitors may have greater name recognition and more extensive customer bases. Such competition could result in price reductions, fewer customer orders, reduced gross margins, and loss of market share.

**The Company's success depends on its ability to protect its proprietary rights against potential risk of infringement. If IS&S is unable to protect and enforce its intellectual property rights, it may be unable to compete effectively.**

The Company's success and ability to compete will depend in part on its ability to obtain and maintain patent or other protection for its technology and products, both in the United States and internationally. In addition, IS&S must operate without infringing the proprietary rights of others.

IS&S currently holds 22 U.S. patents and has 8 U.S. patent applications pending. In addition, the Company holds 65 international patents and has 13 international patent applications pending. IS&S cannot be certain that patents will be issued on any of its present or future applications. In addition, existing patents or future patents may not adequately protect the Company's technology if they are not broad enough and are successfully challenged, or if other entities are able to develop competing methods without violating its patents. If IS&S is not successful in protecting its intellectual property, competitors could begin to offer products that incorporate the Company's technology. Patent protection involves complex legal and factual questions, and, therefore, is highly uncertain. Litigation relating to intellectual property is often very time consuming and expensive. If a successful claim of patent infringement were made against IS&S, and if the Company were unable to develop non-infringing technology, or to license the infringed or similar technology on a timely and cost-effective basis, the Company might not be able to produce and sell some of its products. Further, IS&S has incurred, and may continue to incur, significant legal and other costs in defense of its intellectual property.

**A cyber security incident could have a negative impact.**

A cyber-attack that bypasses the Company's information technology (IT) security systems causing an IT security breach, may lead to a material disruption of its IT business systems and/or the loss of business information resulting in an adverse business impact. Risks may include:

- negative impact on future results due to the theft, destruction, loss, misappropriation, or release of confidential data or intellectual property;

- operational or business delays resulting from the disruption of IT systems and subsequent clean-up and mitigation activities; and
- negative publicity resulting in reputation or brand damage with customers, partners or industry peers.

**Tax changes could affect the Company's effective tax rate and future profitability.**

The Company's future results could be affected negatively by changes in the effective tax rate as a result of changes in the overall profitability and changes to statutory tax rates in the United States, changes in tax legislation, and the results of audits and examinations of previously filed tax returns.

**IS&S may not be able to identify or complete acquisitions, or it may consummate an acquisition that adversely affects the Company's operating results.**

One of the Company's strategies may be to acquire businesses or technologies that complement its existing operations. IS&S has limited experience in acquiring businesses or technologies. There can be no assurance IS&S will be able to acquire or profitably manage acquisitions or successfully integrate them into its operations. Furthermore, certain risks are inherent in pursuing acquisitions, such as the demands of management's time and attention and integrating disparate company cultures and facilities. Acquisitions may have an adverse effect on the Company's operating results, particularly in quarters immediately following the consummation of such transactions, as the Company integrates operations of acquired businesses into its operations. Once integrated, acquisitions may not perform as expected or be accretive to the Company's results of operations.

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*Risks Related to the Company's Industry*

**If IS&S is unable to respond to rapid technological change, its products could become obsolete and its reputation could suffer.**

Future generations of flat panel displays, air data systems, engine and fuel displays, and flight management systems which embody new technologies or new industry standards could render the Company's products obsolete. The market for aviation products is subject to rapid technological change, new product introductions, changes in customer preferences, and evolving industry standards and government regulations. The Company's future success will depend on its ability to:

- embrace rapidly changing technologies;
- adapt the Company's products to evolving industry standards and government regulations; and
- develop and introduce timely, high quality, cost effective new products, and product enhancements to address the increasingly sophisticated needs of its customers.

If IS&S fails to modify or improve its products in response to evolving industry standards and government regulations, its products could rapidly become obsolete.

The Company's products are currently subject to direct regulation by the FAA and other equivalent organizations. The Company's products, as they relate to aircraft applications, must be approved by the FAA, EASA, or other equivalent organizations before they can be installed in an aircraft. To be certified, IS&S must demonstrate that its products are accurate and able to maintain certain levels of repeatability over time. Although certification requirements of the FAA and EASA are substantially similar, no formal reciprocity exists between the two regulators. Accordingly, even though the Company's products are FAA approved, it may need to obtain approval from EASA or other appropriate organizations to have them certified for installation outside the United States.

Significant delay in receiving certification for newly developed products or enhancements to the Company's products, or the loss of certification for its existing products, could result in lost sales or delays in sales. Furthermore, new regulations or product standards, and changes to existing product standards could require IS&S to change its products and underlying technology. IS&S cannot ensure that it will receive regulatory approval on a timely basis or at all.

**Inasmuch as the Company's products utilize sophisticated technology and are deployed in complex aircraft cockpit environments, problems with these products may arise that could harm the Company's reputation for quality assurance and, consequently, its business prospects.**

The Company's products use complex system designs and components that may contain errors, omissions, or defects, particularly when the Company incorporates new technologies into its products or when it releases new versions or enhancements of its existing products. Despite the Company's quality assurance process, errors, omissions or defects could occur in its current products, in new products, or in new versions or enhancements of existing products. IS&S may be required to redesign or recall those products or pay damages. Such an event could result in the following:

- delay or loss of revenues;
- cancellation of customer contracts;
- diversion of development resources;
- damage to the Company's reputation;
- increased service and warranty costs; or
- litigation costs.

Although IS&S carries product liability insurance, this insurance may not be adequate to cover its losses in the event of a large product liability claim. In addition, IS&S may not be able to maintain such insurance in the future.

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**The Company has limited experience in marketing and distributing its products internationally.**

IS&S plans to derive increasing revenues from sales outside the United States, particularly in Europe. Risks inherent in doing business internationally include:

- differing regulatory requirements;
- legal uncertainty regarding liability;
- tariffs, trade barriers, and other regulatory barriers;
- political and economic instability;
- changes in diplomatic and trade relationships;
- potentially adverse tax consequences;
- the impact of recessions in economies outside the United States; and
- variances and unexpected changes in local laws and regulations.

Currently, all of the Company's international sales are denominated in U.S. dollars. An increase in the dollar's value compared to other currencies could render its products less competitive in the international markets. In the future, IS&S may be required to conduct sales in the foreign country's local currency, thus exposing the Company to fluctuations and volatility in exchange rates that could adversely affect its operating results.

**Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments.**

None

**Item 2. Properties.**

In fiscal 2001, IS&S purchased 7.5 acres of land in the Eagleview Corporate Park in Exton, Pennsylvania. Shortly thereafter, the Company constructed a 45,000 square foot design, manufacturing and office facility on this site. Land development approval allows for expansion of up to 20,400 square feet. Such expansion would provide for a 65,400 square foot facility which the Company believes is adequate to meet the needs of the Company for the foreseeable future.

The Company also occupies approximately 8,358 square feet of office and warehouse space in Exton, Pennsylvania under a lease expiring March, 2018. The lease contains two options to extend the lease for a total of six additional years. The Company's current annual lease expense for this property is approximately \$61,000.

The Company leases a hanger to house the Company's airplane in New Castle County, Delaware under a lease expiring March 31, 2016. The annual lease expense is \$21,000.

**Item 3. Legal Proceedings.**

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is at time subject to various legal proceedings and claims. Except as set forth below with respect to the Delta matter, IS&S does not believe any such matters that are currently pending will have a material effect on its results of operations or financial position.

The Company previously announced that Delta Airlines ( Delta ) purported to terminate its contract with the Company to develop, manufacture and install new cockpit displays and certain navigation capabilities on Delta's fleet of approximately 182 MD88 and MD90 aircraft. The Company initiated and engaged in a non-binding mediation with Delta on February 25, 2015. The mediation session did not resolve the dispute. On February 25, 2015, the Company filed a complaint against Delta in the United States District for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for breach of contract. The Company has alleged in the case, captioned Innovative Solutions & Support, Inc. v. Delta Airlines, Inc. E.D. Pa. Civ. No. 15-959, that Delta's purported termination of the contract was wrongful and in breach of the terms of the contract, and is seeking monetary damages. On March 20, 2015, Delta answered the Company's complaint and filed counterclaims against the Company for breach of contract and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing, also seeking monetary damages. The parties are presently engaged in fact discovery. The outcome of the litigation is not determinable. The Company had \$3.7 million of unbilled receivables and \$0.2 million of inventory on its balance sheet relating to the Delta program at September 30, 2014 both of which are fully reserved.

On January 17, 2007 the Company filed suit in the Court of Common Pleas for Delaware County, Pennsylvania against Strathman Associates, a former software consultant for IS&S, alleging that Strathman had improperly used IS&S trade secret and proprietary information in assisting J2 and Kollsman in developing the J2/Kollsman Air Data Computer. The case has not been resolved as of the date hereof.



Table of Contents**Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures.**

Not applicable.

**Part II****Item 5. Market for the Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters, and Issuer Repurchases of Equity Securities.**

The Company's common stock has been traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market, LLC under the symbol "ISSC" since its initial public offering on August 4, 2000. The following table lists the high and low per share sale prices for the common stock for the periods indicated:

Period	Fiscal Year 2015		Fiscal Year 2014	
	High	Low	High	Low
First Quarter	\$ 5.31	\$ 2.38	\$ 8.07	\$ 6.57
Second Quarter	4.45	2.95	8.82	6.27
Third Quarter	4.05	2.92	7.89	6.13
Fourth Quarter	3.40	2.52	7.91	5.12

On November 30, 2015, there were 16 holders of record of the shares of outstanding common stock. This total does not reflect beneficial shareholders who hold their stock in nominee or street name through brokerage firms.

On April 15, 2015 the Company's Board of Directors approved the extension of the current share repurchase program (originally approved on April 29, 2013) which allows the Company to acquire up to 250,000 shares of its outstanding common stock until May 1, 2016. Under the share repurchase program, the Company may purchase shares of its common stock through open market transactions, in privately negotiated block purchases, or in other private transactions (either solicited or unsolicited). The timing and amount of repurchase transactions under this program will depend on market conditions, and subject to corporate and regulatory considerations. The program may be discontinued or suspended at any time. During the year ended September 30, 2015 the Company purchased 89,644 shares of the Company's common stock under the share repurchase plan. The cost of the shares purchased in fiscal 2015 was \$254,170 at an average cost per share of \$2.84. No shares were purchased during the year ended September 30, 2014.

The graph below shows the cumulative shareholder return on \$100 invested at the market close on September 30, 2010 through and including September 30, 2015, the last trading day before the end of the Company's most recently completed fiscal year, with the cumulative total return over the same time period of the same amount invested in the NASDAQ Composite Index, the Russell 2000 Index, and the Dow Jones US Aerospace & Defense Index.





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**COMPARISON OF 5 YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN\***

Among Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc., the NASDAQ Composite Index,  
the Russell 2000 Index and the Dow Jones US Aerospace & Defense Index

	9/10	9/11	9/12	9/13	9/14	9/15
<b>Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc.</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>98.77</b>	<b>81.39</b>	<b>234.18</b>	<b>153.42</b>	<b>79.73</b>
<b>NASDAQ Composite</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>103.65</b>	<b>136.22</b>	<b>168.91</b>	<b>202.57</b>	<b>208.69</b>
<b>Russell 2000</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>96.47</b>	<b>127.25</b>	<b>165.50</b>	<b>172.01</b>	<b>174.15</b>
<b>Dow Jones US Aerospace &amp; Defense</b>	<b>100.00</b>	<b>101.37</b>	<b>121.15</b>	<b>176.61</b>	<b>210.21</b>	<b>216.81</b>

\* \$100 invested on 9/30/10 in stock or index including reinvestment of dividends.

Fiscal year ending September 30.

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**Item 6. Selected Consolidated Financial Data.**

The following tables present portions of the Company's consolidated financial statements. The following selected consolidated financial data set forth below should be read together with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations and the consolidated financial statements and related notes to the consolidated financial statements appearing elsewhere herein. The selected statement of income data for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013 and the balance sheet data as at September 30, 2015 and 2014 are derived from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The selected statements of income data for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012 and 2011 and the balance sheet data as at September 30, 2013, 2012 and 2011 are extracted from the Company's audited consolidated financial statements that are not included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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	Fiscal year ended September 30,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Statement of Income Data:</b>					
Net sales	\$ 20,067,084	\$ 44,095,023	\$ 31,567,307	\$ 24,578,198	\$ 25,737,652
Cost of sales	13,135,349	30,508,823	18,942,737	14,067,933	11,945,184
Gross profit	6,931,735	13,586,200	12,624,570	10,510,265	13,792,468
Research and development	2,705,208	2,618,054	2,578,034	2,693,554	5,500,924
Selling, general and administrative	7,847,270	11,111,014	8,119,071	7,400,199	7,683,637
Total operating expenses	10,552,478	13,729,068	10,697,105	10,093,753	13,184,561
Operating income (loss)	(3,620,743)	(142,868)	1,927,465	416,512	607,907
Interest income, net	24,804	21,756	41,174	100,414	142,433
Other income	33,283	37,758	38,120	65,005	150,010
Income (loss) before income taxes	(3,562,656)	(83,354)	2,006,759	581,931	900,350
Income tax expense (benefit)	2,303,478	(283,622)	119,842	(2,397,063)	183,760
Net income	\$ (5,866,134)	\$ 200,268	\$ 1,886,917	\$ 2,978,994	\$ 716,590
Net income per common share:					
Basic	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.04
Diluted	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11	\$ 0.18	\$ 0.04
Cash dividends declared per common share					
	\$	\$	\$ 1.50	\$	\$
Weighted average shares outstanding:					
Basic	16,924,189	16,927,879	16,753,068	16,641,895	16,782,223
Diluted	16,924,189	17,149,106	16,855,854	16,641,900	16,824,621

	As of September 30,				
	2015	2014	2013	2012	2011
<b>Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,282,039	\$ 15,214,584	\$ 16,386,207	\$ 42,977,501	\$ 42,625,854
Working capital	24,588,218	29,520,030	27,944,914	49,087,538	47,332,110
Total assets	36,613,753	44,162,510	42,630,511	62,597,231	58,257,604
Total shareholders equity	31,342,486	37,011,524	35,994,247	57,080,403	54,260,787

**Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.**

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with Selected Consolidated Financial Data and the consolidated financial statements and related notes included in this report.

**Overview**

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Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. (the Company, or IS&S ) was incorporated in Pennsylvania on February 12, 1988. The Company operates in one business segment as a systems integrator that designs, develops, manufactures, sells, and services, air data equipment, engine display systems, standby equipment, primary flight guidance and cockpit display systems for retrofit applications and original equipment manufacturers ( OEMs ). The Company supplies integrated Flight Management Systems ( FMS ), Flat Panel Display Systems ( FPDS ), Integrated Standby Units ( ISU ) and advanced Global Positioning System ( GPS ) receivers that enable reduced carbon footprint navigation.

The Company has continued to position itself as a system integrator, which capability provides the Company with the potential to generate more substantive orders over a broader product base. The strategy, as both a manufacturer and integrator, is designed to leverage the latest technologies developed for the computer and telecommunications industries into advanced and cost-effective solutions for the general aviation, commercial air transport, United States Department of Defense ( DoD )/governmental, and foreign

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military markets. This approach, combined with the Company's industry experience, is designed to enable IS&S to develop high quality products and systems, to reduce product time to market and to achieve cost advantages over products offered by its competitors.

The Company sells to both the OEM and the retrofit markets. Customers include various OEMS, commercial air transport carriers and corporate/general aviation companies, DoD and its commercial contractors, aircraft operators, aircraft modification centers and foreign militaries. Occasionally, IS&S sells its products directly to DoD; however, the Company sells its products primarily to commercial customers for end use in DoD programs. Sales to defense contractors are generally made on commercial terms, although some of the termination and other provisions of government contracts are applicable to these contracts.

Cost of sales related to product sales is comprised of material, components and third party avionics purchased from suppliers, direct labor, and overhead costs. Many of the components are standard, although certain parts are manufactured to meet IS&S specifications. The overhead portion of cost of sales is comprised primarily of salaries and benefits, building occupancy costs, supplies, and outside service costs related to production, purchasing, material control, and quality control. Cost of sales includes warranty costs.

Cost of sales related to Engineering Development Contracts ( EDC ) sales is comprised of engineering labor, consulting services, and other costs associated with specific design and development projects. These costs are incurred pursuant to contractual arrangements and are accounted for typically as contract costs within cost of sales with the reimbursement accounted for as a sale in accordance with the percentage-of-completion method of accounting. Company funded research and development ( R&D ) expenditures relate to internally-funded efforts towards the development of new products and the improvement of existing products. These costs are expensed as incurred and reported as R&D expenses. The Company intends to continue investing in the development of new products that complement current product offerings and to expense associated R&D costs as they are incurred.

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of sales, marketing, business development, professional services, salaries and benefits for executive and administrative personnel, facility costs, recruiting, legal, accounting, bad debt expense and other general corporate expenses.

IS&S sells its products to agencies of the United States and foreign governments, aircraft operators, aircraft modification centers, and original equipment manufacturers. The Company's customers have been and may continue to be affected by economic conditions in the United States and abroad. Such conditions may cause the Company's customers to curtail or delay their spending on both new and existing aircraft. Factors that can impact general economic conditions and the level of spending by IS&S customers include, but are not limited to, general levels of consumer spending, increases in fuel and energy costs, conditions in the real estate and mortgage markets, labor and healthcare costs, access to credit, consumer confidence, and other macroeconomic factors which can affect spending behavior. In addition, the Budget Control Act of 2011 triggered substantial, automatic reductions in both defense and discretionary spending. The automatic across-the-board sequestration cuts are in addition to certain other reductions already reflected in defense funding. Furthermore, spending by government agencies may be reduced in the future if tax revenues decline. If the Company's customers curtail or delay their spending, or are forced to declare bankruptcy or liquidate their operations because of adverse economic conditions, IS&S's revenues and results of operations will be negatively affected. However, the Company believes that, in an uncertain economic environment, customers that may have otherwise elected to purchase newly manufactured aircraft, may be interested instead in retrofitting existing aircraft as a cost effective alternative, thereby creating market opportunity for IS&S.

The Company experienced decreases in personnel costs in fiscal year 2015 primarily in the R&D and production departments. In fiscal years 2014 and 2013 the Company experienced an increase in the R&D and production departments due to increased engineering development requirements and increased production activity.



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The following table sets forth statement of income data expressed as a percentage of total net sales for the fiscal years indicated (some items may not add due to rounding):

	Twelve Months Ending September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Net sales:			
Product	72.6%	68.0%	74.3%
Engineering development contracts	27.4%	32.0%	25.7%
Total net sales	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Cost of sales:			
Product	42.0%	34.1%	33.6%
Engineering development contracts	23.5%	35.1%	26.4%
Total cost of sales	65.5%	69.2%	60.0%
Gross profit	34.5%	30.8%	40.0%
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	13.5%	5.9%	8.2%
Selling, general and administrative	39.1%	25.2%	25.7%
Total operating expenses	52.6%	31.1%	33.9%
Operating (loss) income	(18.1)%	(0.3)%	6.1%
Interest income	0.1%	0.0%	0.1%
Interest (expense)	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other income	0.2%	0.1%	0.1%
Income (loss) before income taxes	(17.8)%	(0.1)%	6.3%
Income tax expense (benefit)	11.4%	(0.6)%	0.4%
Net (loss) income	(29.2)%	0.5%	5.9%



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**Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014**

*Net sales.* Net sales decreased \$24.0 million, or 54.5%, to \$20.1 million for fiscal 2015 from \$44.1 million for fiscal 2014. For fiscal 2015, product sales decreased \$15.4 million and EDC sales decreased \$8.6 million from fiscal 2014. The decrease in product sales was primarily the result of decreased shipments of displays for retrofit programs to commercial transport customers, the DoD, and commercial subcontractors as a result of reduced demand compared to fiscal 2014. The decrease in EDC sales was primarily the result of less revenue being recognized from EDC projects awarded in prior years as they are nearing completion and they have not been replaced by new EDC projects.

*Cost of sales.* Cost of sales was \$13.1 million, or 65.5% of net sales for fiscal 2015 compared to \$30.5 million or 69.2% of net sales in fiscal 2014. The decrease in cost of sales was primarily the result of decreased sales volume in both the Company's product and EDC programs. The Company's overall gross margin in fiscal 2015 was 34.5% as compared to 30.8% in fiscal 2014. The overall margin increase primarily reflects the effect of catch up adjustments of \$117,000 on EDC contracts for fiscal 2015 in contrast to EDC margins in fiscal 2014 that were negatively impacted by net cumulative catch-up adjustments of \$1.5 million. The improvement in EDC sales gross margin was partially offset by lower product gross margin primarily the result of reduced coverage of fixed costs due to lower sales volume.

*Research and development ( R&D ).* R&D expense was \$2.7 million for fiscal 2015 and \$2.6 million for fiscal 2014. R&D expense increased to 13.5% of net sales in fiscal 2015 compared to 5.9% in fiscal 2014, reflecting the decrease in fiscal 2015 net sales and a higher proportion of engineering hours incurred on internal R&D projects as the EDC programs are nearing completion.

*Selling, general, and administrative.* Selling, general and administrative expenses decreased \$3.3 million, or 29.4%, to \$7.8 million or 39.1% of net sales for fiscal 2015 from \$11.1 million or 25.2% of net sales, for fiscal 2014. The decrease in selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended September 30, 2015 primarily reflects bad debt expense of \$1.3 million as compared to \$3.7 million of bad debt expense in the year ended September 30, 2014, lower personnel costs and lower professional fees partially offset by higher legal fees primarily related to the Delta matter. The bad debt expense of \$1.3 million in fiscal 2015 is due to an impairment of an unbilled receivable. The Company has renegotiated and executed a new agreement in January 2016 with a customer to provide products and services with current technology. Therefore, the unbilled amount is impaired. We expect that this agreement will result in approximately \$1.2 million positive impact from a reversal of a total liability of \$1.2 million comprising of deferred revenue and contract loss accrual to the statement of operations in Q2 2016 due to the extinguishment of our obligation to deliver certain products under the original contract. The bad debt expense of \$3.7 million in fiscal 2014 related to the Delta contract, (See Item 3. Legal Proceedings.).

*Interest income, net.* Net interest income increased by \$3,000 to \$25,000 for fiscal 2015 from \$22,000 for fiscal 2014. The increase in interest was primarily the result of higher cash balances throughout the year ended September 30, 2015 as

compared to the year ended September 30, 2014.

*Other income.* Other income for fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014 were \$33,000 and \$38,000, respectively. The decrease in fiscal 2015 was primarily the result of lower royalties earned compared to fiscal 2014.

*Income taxes.* The income tax expense for fiscal year ended September 30, 2015 was \$2.3 million compared to an income tax benefit of \$0.3million or for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014. The tax benefit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 resulted from a pretax loss of \$0.1 million and the favorable impact of the Federal Research and Development Tax Credits ( Federal R&D Tax Credits ).

The effective tax rate for the year ended September 30, 2015 was (113.3%) as a result of an increase in the Company's net operating loss valuation allowance due to the uncertainty on the Company's ability to generate sufficient future taxable income to realize the majority of such deferred tax assets. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate for the year ended September 30, 2015 primarily because of a valuation allowance recorded on the majority of the federal and state tax assets, net of liabilities.

*Net income.* As a result of the factors described above, the Company's net loss for fiscal 2015 was \$5.9 million compared to net income of \$0.2 million for fiscal 2014. On a fully diluted basis, the net loss per share was \$0.35 for fiscal 2015, compared to net income of \$0.01 for fiscal 2014.

#### **Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014 Compared to Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2013**

*Net sales.* Net sales increased \$12.5 million, or 39.7%, to \$44.1 million for fiscal 2014 from \$31.6 million for fiscal 2013. For fiscal 2014, product sales increased \$6.5 million and EDC sales increased \$6.0 million from fiscal 2013. The increase in product sales was primarily the result of higher shipments of displays for retrofit programs to the DoD, military subcontractors and commercial transport customers. The increase in EDC sales was primarily the result of increased activity on EDC projects awarded in prior years and additional contract modifications received during fiscal 2014. EDC sales recognized under the Delta contract were \$2.9 million and \$0.8 million in fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013, respectively.

*Cost of sales.* Cost of sales was \$30.5 million, or 69.2% of net sales for fiscal 2014 compared to \$18.9 million or 60% of net sales in fiscal 2013. The increase in cost of sales was primarily the result of increased sales volume in both product and EDC programs. The increase in cost of sales as a percentage of net sales reflects primarily increased costs to the EDC programs. In addition, EDC margins

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were negatively impacted by net cumulative catch-up adjustments (loss contracts) of \$1.5 million and \$444,000 resulting from changes in estimated costs to complete on certain EDC programs for fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively. Margin in fiscal 2014 was 30.8% as compared to 40% in fiscal 2013. The margin decrease reflects primarily the negative margins on EDC contracts and product mix shipped during fiscal 2014.

*Research and development.* R&D expense was \$2.6 million for fiscal 2014 and fiscal 2013. R&D expense declined to 5.9% of net sales in fiscal 2014 compared to 8.2% in fiscal 2013 reflecting the increase in fiscal 2014 net sales.

*Selling, general, and administrative.* Selling, general and administrative expenses increased \$3.0 million, or 36.9%, to \$11.1 million or 25.2%, of net sales for fiscal 2014 from \$8.1 million or 25.7% of net sales, for fiscal 2013. The increase in selling, general and administrative expenses for the year ended September 30, 2014 reflects the bad debt expense of \$3.7 million related to the Delta contract, (See Item 3. Legal Proceedings.), partially offset by the expense of \$657,000 recorded in the year ended September 30, 2013 related to a previously disclosed legal matter. (See the description of the Daghigh matter in Note 14-Contingencies in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements attached).

*Interest income, net.* Net interest income decreased by \$19,000 to \$22,000 for fiscal 2014 from \$41,000 for fiscal 2013. The decrease in interest was primarily the result of lower cash balances throughout the year ended September 30, 2014 versus the year ended September 30, 2013. A special cash dividend of \$25 million was paid to shareholders in late December 2012.

*Other income.* Other miscellaneous income remained unchanged in fiscal 2014 compared to fiscal 2013.

*Income taxes.* The income tax benefit for fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 was \$0.3 million compared to an income tax expense of \$0.1 million or for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The tax benefit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 resulted from a pretax loss of \$0.1 million and the favorable impact of the Federal Research and Development Tax Credits ( Federal R&D Tax Credits ). The tax expense for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013 was attributable to the pretax income offset in part by Federal R&D Tax Credits. On January 1, 2013, Congress enacted the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 which retroactively reinstated and extended the Federal R&D Tax Credit from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. The 2013 fiscal year income tax provision reflects the benefit of the retroactive application of the Federal R&D Tax Credit for nine months from the 2012 fiscal year plus a full year benefit for the current fiscal year in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740 *Income Taxes* ( ASC Topic 740 ).

The effective tax rate for the year ended September 30, 2013 was 6.0%. The effective tax rate differs from the statutory rate for the year ended September 30, 2013 primarily because of the benefit of the retroactive application of the Federal R&D Tax Credit.

*Net income.* As a result of the factors described above, the Company's net income for fiscal 2014 was \$0.2 million compared to net income of \$1.9 million for fiscal 2013. On a fully diluted basis, the net income per share was \$0.01 for fiscal 2014, compared to \$0.11 for fiscal 2013.

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The following table highlights key financial measurements of the Company:

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,282,039	\$ 15,214,584
Accounts receivable	\$ 2,394,695	\$ 4,419,863
Current assets	\$ 29,349,475	\$ 36,526,292
Current liabilities	\$ 4,761,257	\$ 7,006,262
Deferred revenue	\$ 756,745	\$ 526,320
Other non-current liabilities (1)	\$ 510,010	\$ 144,724
Quick ratio (2)	3.92	2.80
Current ratio (3)	6.16	5.21

	Twelve Months Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Cash flow activities:</b>			
Net cash (used in) provided by operating activities	\$ 1,401,589	\$ (712,206)	\$ (2,152,317)
Net cash used in investing activities	(118,964)	(718,922)	(586,801)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	(215,170)	259,505	(23,852,176)

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- (1) Excludes deferred revenue
- (2) Calculated as: the sum of cash and cash equivalents plus accounts receivable, net, divided by current liabilities
- (3) Calculated as: current assets divided by current liabilities

The Company's principal source of liquidity has been cash flows from current year operations and cash accumulated from prior years' operations. Cash is used principally to finance inventory, accounts receivable, unbilled receivables, and payroll.

***Operating Activities***

The Company generated \$1.4 million of cash during fiscal 2015 as compared to a use of \$0.7 million of cash in operating activities during fiscal 2014. The cash provided by operating activities for the year ended September 30, 2015 resulted primarily from a decrease in accounts receivable and net unbilled receivables of \$2.0 million and \$2.3 million respectively, partially offset by the decrease in accounts payable, accrued expenses and taxes payable of \$1.0 million, \$1.3 million and \$0.4 million, respectively. Unbilled receivables represent principally sales recorded under the percentage-of-completion method of accounting that have not been billed to customers in accordance with applicable contract terms on engineering development projects. The decrease in unbilled receivables reflects the billing of milestones achieved in the engineering development contract as they near completion in fiscal 2015.

The Company used \$0.7 million in operating activities during the year ended September 30, 2014, primarily the result of increases in net unbilled receivables of \$0.9 million, inventory of \$1.3 million and deferred income taxes of \$0.6 million, partially offset by cash provided from increases in accrued expenses of \$0.6 million, share-based compensation of \$0.6 million and depreciation and amortization of \$0.6 million.

The Company used \$2.2 million of cash in operating activities during fiscal 2013. The cash used in operating activities for the year ended September 30, 2013 resulted primarily from an increase in unbilled receivables of \$4.9 million, partially offset by cash provided from increases in accounts payable and accrued expenses of \$2.0 million.

*Investing Activities*

Cash used in investing activities was \$0.1 million, \$0.7 million and \$0.6 million for fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013 respectively, and consisted of spending for production equipment and laboratory test equipment. The Company plans to continue investing in capital equipment to support engineering development efforts and operations.

Table of Contents**Financing Activities**

Cash used by financing activities was \$0.2 million for fiscal year 2015 and consisted primarily from the purchase of treasury stock.

Cash provided by financing activities was \$0.3 million for fiscal year 2014 and consisted of the proceeds from the exercise of stock options by employees.

On December 7, 2012, the Company's Board of Directors declared a special cash dividend in the amount of \$1.50 per share which was paid to shareholders on December 27, 2012. The aggregate amount of the dividend payment was approximately \$25 million. For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, the Company received \$1.2 million from the exercise of options to acquire shares of common stock. The Company used \$696 to purchase 175 shares of the Company's common stock under the share repurchase program on the first day of fiscal 2013.

**Summary**

Future capital requirements depend upon numerous factors, including market acceptance of the Company's products, the timing and rate of expansion of business, acquisitions, joint ventures, and other factors. IS&S has experienced increases in expenditures since its inception and anticipates that expenditures will return to levels experienced prior to fiscal 2014 in the foreseeable future. The Company believes that its cash and cash equivalents will provide sufficient capital to fund operations for at least the next twelve months. Further, IS&S may need to develop and introduce new or enhanced products, to respond to competitive pressures, to invest in or acquire businesses or technologies, or to respond to unanticipated requirements or developments. If additional funds are raised through the issuance of equity securities, dilution to existing shareholders may result. If insufficient funds are available, the Company may not be able to introduce new products or to compete effectively.

**Contractual Obligations**

The Company's contractual obligations as of September 30, 2015 mature as follows:

Contractual Obligations	Total	Payments Due by Period			
		Less than 1 Year	1-3 Years	4-5 Years	After 5 Years
Operating leases	\$ 201,780	\$ 84,968	\$ 116,812	\$	\$
Purchase obligations (1)	498,769	496,512			2,257
Other liabilities	2,826		2,826		
	\$ 703,375	\$ 581,480	\$ 119,638	\$	\$ 2,257

(1) A purchase obligation is defined as an agreement to purchase goods or services that is enforceable and legally

binding on the Company and that specifies all significant terms, including fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased; fixed, minimum or variable price provisions; and the approximate timing of the transaction. These amounts are primarily comprised of open purchase order commitments entered in the ordinary course of business with vendors and subcontractors pertaining to fulfillment of the Company's current order backlog.

**Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements**

The Company has no off-balance sheet arrangements.

**Inflation**

IS&S does not believe inflation had a material effect on its financial position or results of operations during the past three years; however, it cannot predict future effects of inflation.



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**Critical Accounting Policies**

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( GAAP ) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect reported amounts of assets and liabilities, disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amount of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. The Company s most critical accounting policies are revenue recognition, income taxes, inventory valuation, share based compensation and warranty reserves.

*Revenue recognition*

The Company enters into sales arrangements with customers that, in general, provide for the Company to design, develop, manufacture and deliver air data equipment, large flat-panel display systems, and advanced monitoring systems that measure and display critical flight information, including data relative to aircraft separation, airspeed, altitude, and engine and fuel data measurements. The Company s sales arrangements may include multiple deliverables as defined in FASB ASC Topic 605-25 *Multiple-Element Arrangements* ( ASC Topic 605-25 ), which typically include design and engineering services and the production and delivery of the flat panel display and related components. The Company includes any design and engineering services elements in EDC sales and any functional upgrade and product elements in product sales on the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

To the extent that an arrangement contains software elements that are essential to the functionality of tangible products sold in the arrangement, the Company recognizes revenue for the deliverables in accordance with the guidance included in FASB Accounting Update 2009-14, *Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements* ( ASU 2009-14 ); and FASB Accounting Standards Update 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements*-a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force ( ASU 2009-13 ); and FASB ASC Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition* ( ASC Topic 605 ).

To the extent that an arrangement contains software components, which include functional upgrades that are sold on a standalone basis and which the Company has deemed outside the scope of the exception defined by ASU 2009-14, the Company recognizes software revenue in accordance with ASC Topic 985, *Software* ( ASC Topic 985 ).

**Multiple Element Arrangements**

The Company identifies all goods and/or services that are to be delivered separately under such a sales arrangement and allocates sales to each deliverable (if more than one) based on that deliverable s selling price. The Company considers the appropriate recognition method for each deliverable. The Company s multiple element arrangements can include defined design and development activities, functional upgrades, and product sales.

The Company utilizes the selling price hierarchy that has been established by FASB ASU 2009-13, which requires that the selling price for each deliverable be based on vendor-specific objective evidence if available, third-party evidence if vendor-specific objective evidence is not available, or estimated selling price if neither vendor-specific objective evidence nor third-party evidence is available. To the extent that an

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arrangement includes a deliverable for which estimated selling price is used, the Company determines the best estimate of selling price by applying the same pricing policies and methodologies that would be used to determine the price to sell the deliverable on a standalone basis.

To the extent that an arrangement contains defined design and EDC activities as an identified deliverable in addition to products (resulting in a multiple element arrangement), the Company recognizes as EDC sales amounts earned during the design and development phase of the contract following the guidance included in FASB ASC Topic 605-35, *Construction-Type and Production-Type Contracts* ( *ASC Topic 605-35* ). To the extent that multiple element arrangements include product sales, sales are generally recognized once revenue recognition criteria for the product deliverables have been met based on the provisions of ASC Topic 605. The Company includes any design and engineering services elements in EDC sales and any functional upgrade and product elements in product sales on the accompanying consolidated statements of income.

### Single Element Arrangements

#### *Products*

To the extent that a single element arrangement provides for product sales and repairs, the Company recognizes revenue when revenue recognition criteria for the product deliverable have been met based on the provisions of ASC Topic 605. In addition, the Company receives orders for equipment and parts, and in general, recognizes revenue upon shipment to the customer.

The Company offers its customers extended warranties for additional fees, which it records as deferred revenue and recognizes as sales on a straight-line basis over the warranty periods.

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*Engineering development contract services*

The Company may enter into contracts to perform specified design and EDC services related to its products. The Company recognizes revenue from these arrangements as EDC revenue, following the guidance included in ASC Topic 605-35, and considers the nature of these contracts (including term, size of contract, and level of effort) when determining the appropriate accounting treatment for a particular contract. For contracts that are long-term in nature the Company believes that the use of the percentage-of-completion method is appropriate as the Company has the ability to make reasonably dependable estimates of the extent of progress towards completion, contract revenues, and contract costs. In certain circumstances, the Company uses the completed contract method for all others contracts. Sales and profit margins under the percentage-of-completion method are recorded based on the ratio of actual costs incurred to total estimated costs expected to be incurred related to the contract under the cost-to-cost method.

The percentage-of-completion method of accounting requires the Company to estimate the profit margin for each individual contract, and to apply that profit margin on a uniform basis as sales are recorded under the contract. The estimation of profit margins requires the Company to make projections of the total sales to be generated and the total costs that will be incurred under a contract. The projections require the Company to make numerous assumptions and estimates relating to items such as the complexity of design and related development costs, performance of subcontractors, availability and cost of materials, engineering productivity and cost, overhead, and capital costs. Contracts sometimes include purchase options for additional quantities and customer change orders for additional or revised product functionality. Sales and costs related to profitable purchase options are included in the Company's estimates only when the options are exercised, while sales and costs related to unprofitable purchase options are included in the Company's estimates when exercise is determined to be probable. Sales related to change orders are included in profit estimates only if they can be estimated reliably and collectability is reasonably assured. Purchase options and change orders are accounted for either as an integral part of the original contract or separately, depending upon the nature and value of the item. Anticipated losses on contracts are recognized in full in the period in which losses become probable and estimable.

The Company reviews estimates of profit margins for contracts on a quarterly basis. Changes in these underlying estimates because of either revisions in sales and cost estimates or the exercise of contract options may result in profit margins being recognized unevenly over a contract because such changes are accounted for on a cumulative basis in the period in which estimates are revised. Significant changes in estimates related to accounting for long-term contracts may have a material effect on the Company's results of income in the period in which the revised estimate is made. Cumulative catch-up adjustments (loss contracts) resulting from changes in estimates are disclosed in the notes to the consolidated financial statements of the Company.

*Income taxes*

Income taxes are recorded in accordance with ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes* (ASC Topic 740), which utilizes a balance sheet approach to provide for income taxes. Under this method, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of the Company's assets, liabilities, and expected benefits of utilizing NOL and tax credit carry-forwards. The impact on deferred taxes of changes in tax rates and laws, if any, are applied to the years during which temporary differences are expected to be settled, and are reflected in the consolidated financial statements in the period of enactment. At the end of each interim and year-end reporting period, the Company prepares an estimate of the annual effective income tax rate and applies that annual effective income tax rate to ordinary year-to-date pre-tax income for the interim period. Specific tax items discrete to a particular quarter are recorded in income tax expense for that quarter. The estimated annual effective tax rate used in providing for income taxes on a year-to-date basis may change in subsequent periods.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by valuation allowances if, based on the consideration of all available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Significant weight is given to evidence that can be objectively verified, and significant management judgment is required in determining any valuation allowances recorded against net deferred tax assets. The Company evaluates deferred income taxes on a quarterly basis to determine if valuation allowances are required by considering available evidence. Deferred tax assets are recognized when expected future taxable income is sufficient to allow the related tax benefits to reduce taxes that would otherwise be payable. The sources of taxable income that may be available to realize the benefit of deferred tax assets are future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, future taxable income exclusive of reversing temporary differences and credit carry-forwards, taxable income in carry-back years, and tax planning strategies which are both prudent and feasible. The Company's current balance of the deferred tax valuation allowance is recorded against the majority of the its federal and state deferred tax assets. The remaining amount of the deferred tax assets recognized are attributable to tax planning strategies and the ability to carry-back federal tax losses to claim a tax refund. The Company will continue to assess all available evidence during future periods to evaluate any changes to the realization of its deferred tax assets. If the Company were to determine that it would be able to realize additional federal or state deferred tax assets in the future, it would make an adjustment to the valuation allowance which would reduce the provision for income taxes.

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The accounting for uncertainty in income taxes requires a more likely than not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The Company records a liability for the difference between the (i) benefit recognized and measured for financial statement purposes and (ii) the tax position taken or expected to be taken on the Company's tax return. To the extent that the Company's assessment of such tax positions changes, the change in estimate is recorded in the period in which the determination is made. The Company has elected to record any interest or penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as income tax expense.

*Inventory valuation*

The Company values inventory at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market. Inventories are written down for estimated obsolescence equal to the difference between inventory cost and estimated net realizable value based on a combination of historical usage and assumptions based on expected usage related to estimated future customer and market demands. The Company's method of valuing inventory contains uncertainties because the calculation requires management to consider inventory aging, to make assumptions regarding expected usage, and to apply judgments on forecasted future demand, market conditions, and technological obsolescence. If actual future demand or market conditions are less favorable than those projected by management, additional inventory write-down may be required.

*Stock-based compensation*

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation under FASB ASC Topic 505-50, *Equity-Based Payments to Non-Employees* (ASC Topic 505-50) and FASB ASC Topic 718, *Stock Compensation* (ASC Topic 718), which require the Company to measure the cost of employee or non-employee director services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award using an option pricing model. That cost is recognized over the period during which an employee or non-employee director is required to provide service in exchange for the award.

Accordingly, adoption of ASC Topic 505-50's and ASC Topic 718's fair value method results in recording compensation costs under the Company's stock based compensation plans. The Company determined the fair value of its stock option awards at the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Option pricing models and generally accepted valuation techniques require management to make assumptions and to apply judgment to determine the fair value of its awards. These assumptions and judgments include estimating future volatility of the Company's stock price, expected dividend yield, future employee turnover rates, and future employee stock option exercise behaviors. Changes in these assumptions can materially affect fair value estimates. The Company does not believe that a reasonable likelihood exists that there will be a material change in future estimates or assumptions used to determine stock-based compensation expense. However, if actual results are not consistent with the Company's estimates or assumptions, the Company would adjust its estimates. Such adjustments could have a material impact on the Company's financial position.

*Warranty reserves*

The Company offers warranties on some products of various lengths. At the time of shipment, the Company establishes a reserve estimated for costs of warranties based on its best estimate of the amounts necessary to settle future and existing claims using historical data on products sold as of the balance sheet date. The length of the warranty period, the product's failure rates, and the customer's usage affect warranty cost. If actual warranty costs differ from the Company's estimated amounts, future results of operations could be affected adversely. Warranty cost is recorded

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as cost of sales, and the reserve balance is recorded as an accrued expense. While the Company maintains product quality programs and processes, its warranty obligation is affected by product failure rates and the related corrective costs. If actual product failure rates and/or corrective costs differ from the estimates, the Company revises estimated warranty liability.

### *Self-insurance reserves*

Since January 1, 2014, the Company has self-insured a significant portion of its employee medical insurance. The Company maintains a stop-loss insurance policy that limits its losses both on a per employee basis and an aggregate basis. Liabilities associated with the risks that are retained by the Company are estimated based upon actuarial assumptions such as historical claims experience, demographic factors and other actuarial assumptions. The Company estimated the total medical claims incurred but not reported and the Company believes that it has adequate reserves for these claims at September 30, 2015. However, the actual value of such claims could be significantly affected if future occurrences and claims differ from these assumptions. At September 30, 2015, the estimated liability for medical claims incurred but not reported was \$80,000. The Company has recorded the excess of funded premiums over estimated claims incurred but not reported of \$119,000 as a current asset in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the Company has used the excess of funded premiums to reduce amounts payable for claims incurred.

### *Treasury Stock*

We account for treasury stock purchased under the cost method and include treasury stock as a component of stockholder's equity. Treasury stock purchased with intent to retire (whether or not the retirement is actually accomplished) is charged to common stock.

### **New Accounting Pronouncements**

In November 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. Current guidance requires an entity to separate deferred income tax liabilities and assets into current and noncurrent amounts in a classified statement of financial

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position; however, the new guidance requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement of financial position. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning October 1, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In July 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. This guidance requires entities to measure most inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value, thereby simplifying the current guidance under which an entity must measure inventory at the lower of cost or market (market in this context is defined as one of three different measures). The guidance will not apply to inventories that are measured by using either the last-in, first-out ( LIFO ) method or the retail inventory method ( RIM ). The guidance is effective for the Company beginning October 1, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40) (ASU 2014-15). The objective of ASU 2014-15 is to define management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an organization's ability to continue as a going concern and provide related disclosures. Currently, GAAP does not provide guidance to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt regarding an organization's ability to continue as a going concern. This ASU provides guidance to an organization's management, with principles and definitions to reduce diversity in the timing and content of financial statement disclosures commonly provided by organizations. ASU 2014-15 is effective for periods ending after December 15, 2016 and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is permitted.

Management does not believe that the recently issued, but not yet effective, accounting standards noted above could have a material effect on the accompanying financial statements. As new accounting pronouncements are issued, we will adopt those that are applicable under the circumstances

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC Topic 606)* . The comprehensive new standard will supersede existing revenue recognition guidance and require revenue to be recognized when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding Revenue from Contracts with Customers, Deferral of the Effective Date. This guidance defers the required implementation date specified in Revenue from Contracts with Customers for the Company to October 1, 2018. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

**Business Segments**

The Company operates in one business segment as a systems integrator that designs, develops, manufactures, sells, and services flight guidance and cockpit display systems for OEMs and retrofit applications. Customers include commercial air transport carriers and corporate/general aviation companies, DoD and its commercial contractors, aircraft operators, aircraft modification centers, foreign militaries, and various OEMs. The Company currently derives the majority of its revenues from the sale of this equipment and related EDC services. Almost all of the Company's sales, operating results and identifiable assets are in the United States. In fiscal year 2015, 2014, and 2013 net sales outside the United States amounted to \$6.6 million, \$12.0 million and \$4.8 million, respectively.

**Item 7A. Quantitative and qualitative disclosures about market risk.**

The Company's operations are exposed to market risks primarily as a result of changes in interest rates. The Company does not use derivative financial instruments for speculative or trading purposes. The Company's exposure to market risk for changes in interest rates relates to its cash equivalents. The Company's cash equivalents consist of funds invested in money market funds, which bear interest at a variable rate. The Company does not participate in interest rate hedging. A change in interest rates earned on the Company's cash equivalents would impact interest income and cash flows, but would not impact the fair market value of the underlying instruments. Assuming that the balances during fiscal 2015 were to remain constant and that the Company did not act to alter the existing interest rate sensitivity, a hypothetical 1% increase in variable interest rates would have affected interest income by approximately \$0.1 million. This would result in a net impact on cash of approximately \$0.1 million for fiscal 2015.

**Item 8. Financial statements and supplementary data.**

The financial statements of Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. listed in the index appearing under Item 8 herein are filed as part of this Report.



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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

Board of Directors and Shareholders

Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc.

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. (a Pennsylvania corporation) and subsidiaries (the Company) as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the related consolidated statements of income, shareholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended September 30, 2015. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements, assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. and subsidiaries as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended September 30, 2015 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ GRANT THORNTON LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

January 14, 2016

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Shareholders of

Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc.

Exton, Pennsylvania

We have audited the accompanying consolidated statements of income, cash flows, and shareholders' equity of Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. and subsidiaries (the "Company") for the year ended September 30, 2013. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the results of the Company's operations and cash flows for the year ended September 30, 2013, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Philadelphia, Pennsylvania  
December 20, 2013

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## INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
<i>ASSETS</i>		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 16,282,039	\$ 15,214,584
Accounts receivable	2,394,695	4,419,863
Unbilled receivables, net	3,920,209	7,425,728
Inventories	4,597,316	5,470,786
Deferred income taxes	933,499	3,245,223
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	1,221,717	750,108
Total current assets	29,349,475	36,526,292
Property and equipment, net	7,095,330	7,467,663
Non-current deferred income taxes		57,707
Other assets	168,948	110,848
Total assets	\$ 36,613,753	\$ 44,162,510
<i>LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY</i>		
Current liabilities		
Accounts payable	\$ 1,435,981	\$ 2,402,652
Accrued expenses	2,568,531	4,077,290
Deferred revenue	756,745	526,320
Total current liabilities	4,761,257	7,006,262
Non-current deferred income taxes	507,184	132,999
Other liabilities	2,826	11,725
Total liabilities	5,271,267	7,150,986
Commitments and contingencies (See Note 14)		
Shareholders' equity		
Preferred stock, 10,000,000 shares authorized, \$.001 par value, of which 200,000 shares are authorized as Class A Convertible stock. No shares issued and outstanding at September 30, 2015 and 2014		
Common stock, \$.001 par value: 75,000,000 shares authorized, 18,756,089 and 18,714,449 issued at September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively	18,756	18,715
Additional paid-in capital	51,148,722	50,697,497
Retained earnings	818,768	6,684,902

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Treasury stock, at cost, 1,846,451 shares at September 30, 2015 and 1,756,807 at September 30, 2014		(20,643,760)		(20,389,590)
Total shareholders equity		31,342,486		37,011,524
Total liabilities and shareholders equity	\$	36,613,753	\$	44,162,510

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Net sales:			
Product	\$ 14,573,475	\$ 29,975,410	\$ 23,459,034
Engineering development contracts	5,493,609	14,119,613	8,108,273
Total net sales	20,067,084	44,095,023	31,567,307
Cost of sales:			
Product	8,417,571	15,050,608	10,601,057
Engineering development contracts	4,717,778	15,458,215	8,341,680
Total cost of sales	13,135,349	30,508,823	18,942,737
Gross profit	6,931,735	13,586,200	12,624,570
Operating expenses:			
Research and development	2,705,208	2,618,054	2,578,034
Selling, general and administrative	7,847,270	11,111,014	8,119,071
Total operating expenses	10,552,478	13,729,068	10,697,105
Operating income (loss)	(3,620,743)	(142,868)	1,927,465
Interest income	24,804	21,756	41,174
Other income	33,283	37,758	38,120
Income (loss) before income taxes	(3,562,656)	(83,354)	2,006,759
Income tax (benefit) expense	2,303,478	(283,622)	119,842
Net (loss) income	\$ (5,866,134)	\$ 200,268	\$ 1,886,917
Net (loss) income per common share:			
Basic	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11
Diluted	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11
Cash dividend per share	\$	\$	\$ 1.50
Weighted average shares outstanding:			
Basic	16,924,189	16,927,879	16,753,068
Diluted	16,924,189	17,149,106	16,855,854

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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## INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

	Common Stock	Additional Paid-In Capital	Retained Earnings	Treasury Stock	Total
<b>Balance, September 30, 2012</b>	\$ 18,329	\$ 47,845,732	\$ 29,605,236	\$ (20,388,894)	\$ 57,080,403
Share-based compensation		678,840			678,840
Exercise of stock options	255	1,156,039			1,156,294
Issuance of stock to directors	48	199,960			200,008
Purchase of treasury stock				(696)	(696)
Dividends			(25,007,519)		(25,007,519)
Net Income			1,886,917		1,886,917
<b>Balance, September 30, 2013</b>	\$ 18,632	\$ 49,880,571	\$ 6,484,634	\$ (20,389,590)	\$ 35,994,247
Share-based compensation		407,391			407,391
Exercise of stock options	58	259,505			259,563
Issuance of stock to directors	25	150,030			150,055
Purchase of treasury stock					
Dividends					
Net income			200,268		200,268
<b>Balance, September 30, 2014</b>	\$ 18,715	\$ 50,697,497	\$ 6,684,902	\$ (20,389,590)	\$ 37,011,524
Share-based compensation		262,314			262,314
Exercise of stock options	20	38,980			39,000
Issuance of stock to directors	21	149,931			149,952
Purchase of treasury stock				(254,170)	(254,170)
Net (loss) income			(5,866,134)		(5,866,134)
<b>Balance, September 30, 2015</b>	\$ 18,756	\$ 51,148,722	\$ 818,768	\$ (20,643,760)	\$ 31,342,486

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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## INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT, INC.

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Net income	\$ (5,866,134)	\$ 200,268	\$ 1,886,917
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:			
Depreciation and amortization	570,314	576,478	545,620
Share-based compensation expense			
Stock options	316,369	660,136	712,395
Stock awards	149,952	150,055	200,008
Tax adjustment from share-based compensation	(54,055)	(252,688)	(33,301)
Provision for loss on unbilled receivables, net of recovery	1,237,841	3,680,679	
(Gain) loss on disposal of property and equipment	(61,817)	78	(11,536)
Excess and obsolete inventory cost	225,742	196,205	48,450
Deferred income taxes	2,743,616	(648,456)	(215,424)
(Increase) decrease in:			
Accounts receivable	2,025,168	69,571	(510,922)
Unbilled receivables	2,267,678	(4,566,965)	(4,944,006)
Inventories	647,728	(1,289,478)	(624,416)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	(250,331)	(107,899)	(206,002)
Other non-current assets	(75,300)	105,886	(116,333)
Increase (decrease) in:			
Accounts payable	(966,671)	30,515	1,232,673
Accrued expenses	(1,323,609)	557,222	744,085
Income taxes payable	(415,328)	(152,608)	118,502
Deferred revenue	230,426	78,795	(979,027)
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	1,401,589	(712,206)	(2,152,317)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Purchases of property and equipment	(188,509)	(719,523)	(605,301)
Proceeds from the sale of property and equipment	69,545	601	18,500
Net cash (used in) investing activities	(118,964)	(718,922)	(586,801)
<b>CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:</b>			
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	39,000	259,505	1,156,039
Purchases of treasury stock	(254,170)		(696)
Dividend paid			(25,007,519)
Net cash (provided by used in) financing activities	(215,170)	259,505	(23,852,176)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	1,067,455	(1,171,623)	(26,591,294)
Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of year	15,214,584	16,386,207	42,977,501
Cash and cash equivalents, end of year	\$ 16,282,039	\$ 15,214,584	\$ 16,386,207
<b>SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION</b>			
Cash paid for income tax	\$	\$ 770,000	\$ 250,000



The accompanying notes are an integral part of these statements.

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**INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT, INC.**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS**

**1. Background:**

Innovative Solutions and Support, Inc. (the Company or IS&S) was incorporated in Pennsylvania on February 12, 1988. The Company operates in one business segment as a systems integrator that designs, manufactures, sells and services air data equipment, engine display systems, standby equipment, primary flight guidance and cockpit display systems for retrofit applications and original equipment manufacturers (OEMs) and retrofit applications. The Company supplies integrated Flight Management Systems (FMS) and advanced Global Positioning System (GPS) receivers that enable reduced carbon footprint navigation. The Company continues to position itself as a system integrator, which capability provides the Company with the potential to generate more substantive orders over a broader product base. This strategy, as both a manufacturer and integrator, is to leverage the latest technologies developed for the computer and telecommunications industries into advanced and cost-effective solutions for the general aviation, commercial, commercial air transport, the United States Department of Defense (DoD)/governmental, and foreign military markets. This approach, combined with the Company's industry experience, is designed to enable IS&S to develop high-quality products and systems, to reduce product time to market, and to achieve cost advantages over products offered by its competitors. Customers include commercial air transport carriers and corporate/general aviation companies, the DoD and its commercial contractors, aircraft operators, aircraft modification centers, and various OEMs.

**2. Concentrations:**

*Major Customers and Products*

In fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company derived 57%, 59% and 64%, respectively, of total sales from five customers, although not all the same customers in each year. Accounts receivable and unbilled receivables related to those top five customers was \$3.5 million, \$7.9 million, and \$5.9 million as at September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

In fiscal 2015, the two largest customers, Pilatus and Eclipse accounted for 20% and 15% of total revenue, respectively. In fiscal 2014, three of the Company's customers, Pilatus, Eclipse and FedEx, accounted for 17%, 14% and 12% of total sales, respectively. In fiscal 2013, two of the Company's customers, Eclipse and American Airlines Inc. (AAI), accounted for 24% and 14% of total sales, respectively.

Flat panel sales were 98%, 88% and 88% of total sales in the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Sales of air data systems and components were 2%, 12% and 12% of total sales for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Sales to government contractors and agencies accounted for approximately 20%, 39% and 28% of total sales during fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The government agency or general contractor typically retains the right to terminate the contract at any time at its convenience. Upon alteration or termination of these contracts, IS&S is typically entitled to an equitable adjustment to the contract price so that it would be

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compensated for delivered items and allowable costs incurred. Accordingly, because these contracts can be terminated, the Company cannot be assured that its backlog will result in sales.

### *Major Suppliers*

The Company buys several of its components from sole source suppliers. Although there are a limited number of suppliers of particular components, management believes other suppliers could provide similar components on comparable terms.

During fiscal 2015 the Company had one supplier that accounted for 43% of the Company's total inventory related purchases. During fiscal 2014 the Company had one supplier that accounted for 15% of the Company's total inventory related purchases.

### *Concentration of Credit Risk*

Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentration of credit risk consist principally of cash balances and accounts receivable. The Company invests its excess cash where preservation of principal is the major consideration. Cash balances are maintained with two major banks. Balances on deposit with certain money market accounts and operating accounts may exceed the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ( FDIC ) limits. The Company's customer base consists principally of companies within the aviation industry. The Company requests advance payments and/or letters of credit from customers that it considers to be credit risks.

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The Company recorded a charge for impairment for unbilled receivables in the amount of \$1.3 million in fiscal 2015 and \$3.7 million related to the Delta contract as of September 30, 2014, (See Note 5. Unbilled Receivable in Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements).

**3. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies:**

*Principles of Consolidation*

The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

*Use of Estimates*

The financial statements of the Company have been prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, which require management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the amounts reported in the financial statements. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Estimates are used in accounting for, among other items, long term contracts, allowances for doubtful accounts, inventory obsolescence, product warranty cost liabilities, income taxes, engineering and material costs on EDC programs, percentage of completion on EDC contracts, recoverability of long-lived assets and contingencies. Estimates and assumptions are reviewed periodically and the effects of changes, if any, are reflected in the Consolidated Statement of Income in the period they are determined.

*Cash and Cash Equivalents*

Highly liquid investments purchased with an original maturity of three months or less are classified as cash equivalents. Cash equivalents at September 30, 2015 and 2014 consist of cash on deposit and cash invested in money market funds with financial institutions.

*Inventory valuation*

Inventories are stated at the lower of cost (first-in, first-out) or market and consist of the following:

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Raw materials	\$ 3,346,778	\$ 4,389,334
Work-in-process	745,311	905,529

Finished goods	505,227	175,923
	\$ 4,597,316	\$ 5,470,786

### ***Property and Equipment***

Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is provided using an accelerated method over estimated useful lives of the assets (the lesser of three to seven years or over the lease term), except for the manufacturing facility and the corporate airplane. The building is being depreciated on a straight-line basis over 39 years. During fiscal 2015, no depreciation was provided for the airplane because it had been depreciated to its estimated salvage value. Major additions and improvements are capitalized, while maintenance and repairs that do not improve or extend the life of assets are charged to expense as incurred.

### ***Long-Lived Assets***

The Company assesses the impairment of long-lived assets in accordance with Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) Accounting Standards Codification ( ASC ) Topic 360-10, *Property, Plant and Equipment* . This statement requires that long-lived assets be reviewed for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable. In addition, long-lived assets to be disposed of should be reported at the lower of the carrying amount or fair value less cost to sell. The Company considers historical performance and future estimated results in its evaluation of potential impairment and then compares the carrying amount of the asset to estimated future cash flows expected to result from use of the asset. If the carrying amount of the asset exceeds the estimated expected undiscounted future cash flows, the Company measures the amount of the impairment by comparing the carrying amount of the asset to its fair value. The estimation of fair value is generally measured by discounting expected future cash flows. No impairment charges were recorded in fiscal years 2015, 2014 or 2013.

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***Revenue Recognition***

The Company enters into sales arrangements with customers that, in general, provide for the Company to design, develop, manufacture, and deliver large flat-panel display systems, flight information computers, and advanced monitoring systems that measure and display critical flight information, including data relative to aircraft separation, airspeed, altitude, and engine and fuel data measurements. The Company's sales arrangements may include multiple deliverables as defined in FASB ASC Topic 605-25 *Multiple-Element Arrangements* (ASC Topic 605-25), which typically include design and engineering services, and the production and delivery of the flat panel display and related components. The Company includes any design and engineering development services elements in EDC sales and any functional upgrade and product elements in product sales in the accompanying Consolidated Statement of Income.

To the extent that an arrangement contains software elements that are essential to the functionality of tangible products sold in the arrangement, the Company recognizes revenue for the deliverables in accordance with the guidance included in FASB Accounting Standards Update 2009-14, *Revenue Arrangements That Include Software Elements* (ASU 2009-14); FASB ASU 2009-13, *Multiple-Deliverable Revenue Arrangements* a consensus of the FASB Emerging Issues Task Force (ASU 2009-13); and FASB ASC Topic 605, *Revenue Recognition* (ASC Topic 605).

To the extent that an arrangement contains software components, which include functional upgrades that the Company sells on a standalone basis and which it has deemed outside the scope of the exception defined by ASU 2009-14, the Company recognizes software revenue in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 985, *Software* (ASC Topic 985).

Multiple Element Arrangements

The Company identifies all goods and/or services that are to be delivered separately under a sales arrangement and allocates sales to each deliverable (if more than one) based on that deliverable's fair value. The Company then considers the appropriate recognition method for each deliverable. The Company's multiple element arrangements can include defined design and development activities and/or functional upgrades, and product sales.

The Company utilizes the selling price hierarchy that has been established by ASU 2009-13, which requires that the selling price for each deliverable be based on vendor-specific objective evidence if available, third-party evidence if vendor-specific objective evidence is not available, or estimated selling price if neither vendor-specific objective evidence nor third-party evidence is available. To the extent that an arrangement includes a deliverable for which estimated selling price is used, the Company determines the best estimate of selling price by applying the same pricing policies and methodologies that it would use to determine the price to sell the deliverable on a standalone basis.

To the extent that an arrangement contains defined design and EDC activities as identified deliverables in addition to products (resulting in a multiple element arrangement), the Company recognizes as EDC sales amounts earned during the design and development phase of the contract following the guidance included in FASB ASC Topic 605-35, *Construction-Type and Production-Type Contracts* (ASC Topic 605-35) under the percentage of completion method. To the extent that multiple element arrangements include product sales, sales are generally recognized once revenue recognition criteria for the product deliverables have been met based on the provisions of ASC Topic 605.

Single Element Arrangements

*Products*

To the extent that a single element arrangement provides for product sales and repairs, the Company recognizes sales when revenue recognition criteria for the product deliverables have been met based on the provisions of ASC Topic 605. In addition, the Company also receives orders for equipment and parts, and in general, recognizes revenue upon shipment to customers.

The Company may offer its customers extended warranties for additional fees, which it records as deferred revenue and recognizes as sales on a straight-line basis over the warranty periods.

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*Engineering Development Contracts*

The Company may enter into contracts to perform specified design and EDC services related to its products. The Company recognizes revenue from these arrangements as EDC sales, following the guidance included in ASC Topic 605-35, and considers the nature of these contracts (including term, size of contract, and level of effort) when determining the appropriate accounting treatment for a particular contract. Certain of these contracts are accounted for under the percentage-of-completion method of accounting when the Company determines that progress toward completion is reasonably and reliably estimable, and the contract is long-term in nature. The Company uses the completed contract method for all other contracts. Sales and profit margins under the percentage-of-completion method are recorded based on the ratio of actual costs incurred to total estimated costs expected to be incurred related to the contract under the cost-to-cost method.

The percentage-of-completion method of accounting requires the Company to estimate the profit margin for each individual contract or contract segment and to apply that profit margin on a uniform basis as sales are recorded under the contract. The estimation of profit margin requires the Company to make projections of the total sales to be generated and the total costs that will be incurred under a contract. These projections require the Company to make numerous assumptions and estimates relating to items such as the complexity of design and related development costs, performance of subcontractors, availability and cost of materials, engineering productivity, prototype costs, overhead costs, and capital costs. These contracts sometimes include purchase options for additional quantities and for customer change orders for additional or revised product functionality. Revenues and costs related to profitable purchase options are included in the Company's estimates only when the options are exercised, while revenues and costs related to unprofitable purchase options are included in the Company's estimates when exercise is determined to be probable. Revenues related to change orders are included in profit estimates only if they can be estimated reliably and collectability is reasonably assured. Purchase options and change orders are accounted for either as an integral part of the original contract, or separately, depending upon the nature and value of the item, in the period in which any change order or purchase option becomes effective. Anticipated losses on contracts are recognized in full in the period in which losses become probable and estimable.

Estimates of profit margins for contracts are reviewed by the Company on a quarterly basis. Assuming the initial estimates of revenues and costs under a contract are accurate, the percentage-of-completion method results in the profit margin being recorded evenly as revenue is recognized under the contracts. Changes in these underlying estimates due to revisions in revenue and cost estimates or the exercise of contract options may result in profit margins being recognized unevenly over a contract as such changes are accounted for on a cumulative basis in the period in which the estimates are revised. Significant changes in estimates related to accounting for long-term contracts may have a material effect on the Company's results of operations in the period in which the revised estimates are made. Cumulative catch-up adjustments (loss contracts) if any, resulting from changes in estimates, are included in results of operations and disclosed in the notes to consolidated financial statements.

*Customer Service Revenue*

The Company enters into sales arrangement with customers for the repair or upgrade of its various products that are not under warranty. The Company's customer service revenue and cost of sales for the fiscal years ended fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014 are as follows:

	<b>For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,</b>	
	<b>2015</b>	<b>2014</b>
Customer Service Sales	\$ 2,612,626	\$ 2,432,675
Customer Service Cost of Sales	1,096,332	1,152,549
Gross Profit	\$ 1,516,294	\$ 1,280,126



*Income Taxes*

Income taxes are recorded in accordance with FASB ASC Topic 740, *Income Taxes* ( ASC Topic 740 ), which utilizes a balance sheet approach to provide for income taxes. Under this method, the Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for temporary differences between the financial reporting basis and the tax basis of the Company's assets, liabilities, and expected benefits of utilizing net operating loss ( NOL ) and tax credit carry-forwards. The impact on deferred taxes of changes in tax rates and laws, if any, are applied to the years during which temporary differences are expected to be settled and are reflected in the consolidated financial statements in the period of enactment.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by valuation allowances if, based on the consideration of all available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Significant weight is given to evidence that can be verified objectively, and significant management judgment is required in determining any valuation allowances recorded against net deferred tax assets. The Company evaluates deferred income taxes on a quarterly basis to determine if valuation allowances are required by considering available evidence. Deferred tax assets are recognized when expected future taxable income is sufficient to allow the related tax benefits to reduce taxes that would otherwise be payable. The sources of taxable income that may be available to realize the benefit of deferred tax assets are future reversals of existing taxable temporary differences, future taxable income exclusive of reversing temporary differences and credit carry-forwards, taxable income in carry-back years, and tax planning strategies which are both prudent and feasible. The Company's current balance of the deferred tax valuation allowance is recorded against the majority of its federal and state deferred tax assets. The remaining amount of the deferred tax assets recognized are attributable to tax planning strategies and the ability to carry-back federal tax losses to claim a tax refund. The Company will continue to assess all available evidence during future periods to evaluate any changes to the realization of its deferred tax assets. If the Company were to determine that it would be able to realize additional federal or state deferred tax assets in the future, it would make an adjustment to the valuation allowance which would reduce the provision for income taxes.

The accounting for uncertainty in income taxes requires a more likely than not threshold for financial statement recognition and measurement of tax positions taken or expected to be taken in a tax return. The Company records a liability for the difference between

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the (i) benefit recognized and measured for financial statement purposes and (ii) the tax position taken or expected to be taken on the Company's tax return. To the extent that the Company's assessment of such tax positions changes, the change in estimate is recorded in the period in which the determination is made. The Company has elected to record any interest or penalties associated with uncertain tax positions as income tax expense.

The Company files a consolidated United States federal income tax return. The Company prepares and files tax returns based on the interpretation of tax laws and regulations, and records estimates based on these judgments and interpretations. In the normal course of business, the tax returns are subject to examination by various taxing authorities. Such examinations may result in future tax and interest assessments by these taxing authorities, and the Company records a liability when it is probable that there will be an assessment. The Company adjusts the estimates periodically as a result of ongoing examinations by and settlements with the various taxing authorities, and changes in tax laws, regulations and precedent. The consolidated tax provision of any given year includes adjustments to prior years' income tax accruals that are considered appropriate, and any related estimated interest. Management believes that it has made adequate accruals for income taxes. Differences between estimated and actual amounts determined upon ultimate resolution, individually or in the aggregate, are not expected to have a material effect on the Company's consolidated financial position, but could possibly be material to its consolidated results of operations or cash flow of any one period.

***Engineering Development***

Total engineering development expense is comprised of both internally funded research and development ( R&D ) and product development and design charges related to specific customer EDC. Engineering development expense consists primarily of payroll-related expenses of employees engaged in EDC, engineering related product materials and equipment, and subcontracting costs. R&D charges incurred for product design, product enhancements and future product development are expensed as incurred. Product development and design charges related to specific customer EDC are charged to cost of sales.

***Comprehensive Income***

Pursuant to FASB ASC Topic 220, *Comprehensive Income* ( ASC Topic 220 ), the Company is required to classify items of other comprehensive income by their nature in a financial statement and display the accumulated balance of other comprehensive income separately from retained earnings and additional paid-in capital in the equity section of its condensed consolidated balance sheets. For fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013 comprehensive income consisted of net income only, and there were no items of other comprehensive income for any of the periods presented.

***Fair Value of Financial Instruments***

The net carrying amounts of cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, accounts payable and short-term debt approximate their fair value because of the short-term nature of these instruments. For financial assets and liabilities measured at fair value on a recurring basis, fair value is the price the Company would receive to sell an asset or pay to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction with a market participant at the measurement date. A three-level fair value hierarchy prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value as follows:

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Level 1 Unadjusted quoted prices that are available in active markets for the identical assets or liabilities at the measurement date.

Level 2 Other observable inputs available at the measurement date, other than quoted prices included in Level 1, either directly or indirectly, including:

- Quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets;
- Quoted prices for identical or similar assets in non-active markets;
- Inputs other than quoted prices that are observable for the asset or liability; and
- Inputs that are derived principally from or corroborated by other observable market data.

Level 3 Unobservable inputs that cannot be corroborated by observable market data and reflect the use of significant management judgment. These values are generally determined using pricing models for which the assumptions utilize management's estimates of market participant assumptions.

The following table sets forth by level within the fair value hierarchy the Company's financial assets and liabilities that were accounted for at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2015 and 2014, according to the valuation techniques the Company used to determine their fair values.

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	Fair Value Measurement on September 30, 2015		
	Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Money market funds	\$ 14,410,806	\$	\$

	Fair Value Measurement on September 30, 2014		
	Quoted Price in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1)	Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2)	Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3)
Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents:			
Money market funds	\$ 13,397,547	\$	\$

**Share-Based Compensation**

The Company accounts for share-based compensation under FASB ASC Topic 505-50, *Equity-Based Payments to Non-Employees* (ASC Topic 505-50) and ASC Topic 718, *Stock Compensation* (ASC Topic 718), which require the Company to measure the cost of employee or non-employee director services received in exchange for an award of equity instruments based on the grant-date fair value of the award using an option pricing model. The Company recognizes that cost recognized over the period during which an employee or non-employee director is required to provide service in exchange for the award.

**Warranty**

The Company offers warranties on some products of various lengths. At the time of shipment, the Company establishes a reserve for estimated costs of warranties based on its best estimate of the amounts necessary to settle future and existing claims using historical data on products sold as of the balance sheet date. The length of the warranty period, the product's failure rates, and the customer's usage affect warranty cost. If actual warranty costs differ from the Company's estimated amounts, future results of operations could be affected adversely. Warranty cost is recorded as cost of sales, and the reserve balance recorded as an accrued expense. While the Company maintains product quality programs and processes, its warranty obligation is affected by product failure rates and the related corrective costs. If actual product failure rates and/or corrective costs differ from the estimates, the Company revises estimated warranty liability accordingly.

**Self-Insurance Reserves**

Since January 1, 2014, the Company has self-insured a significant portion of its employee medical insurance. The Company maintains a stop-loss insurance policy that limits its losses both on a per employee basis and an aggregate basis. Liabilities associated with the risks that are retained by the Company are estimated based upon actuarial assumptions such as historical claims experience, demographic factors and other actuarial assumptions. The Company estimated the total medical claims incurred but not reported and the Company believes that it has adequate reserves for these claims at September 30, 2015. However, the actual value of such claims could be significantly affected if future occurrences

and claims differ from these assumptions. At September 30, 2015, the estimated liability for medical claims incurred but not reported was \$80,000. The Company has recorded the excess of funded premiums over estimated claims incurred but not reported of \$119,000 as a current asset in the accompanying consolidated balance sheet. During the year ended September 30, 2015, the Company has used the excess of funded premiums to reduce amounts payable for claims incurred.

*Treasury Stock*

We account for treasury stock purchased under the cost method and include treasury stock as a component of stockholder's equity. Treasury stock purchased with intent to retire (whether or not the retirement is actually accomplished) is charged to common stock.

*New Accounting Pronouncements*

In November 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding Balance Sheet Classification of Deferred Taxes. Current guidance requires an entity to separate deferred income tax liabilities and assets into current and noncurrent amounts in a classified statement of financial position; however, the new guidance requires that deferred tax liabilities and assets be classified as noncurrent in a classified statement

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of financial position. The guidance is effective for the Company beginning October 1, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In July 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding Simplifying the Measurement of Inventory. This guidance requires entities to measure most inventory at the lower of cost and net realizable value, thereby simplifying the current guidance under which an entity must measure inventory at the lower of cost or market (market in this context is defined as one of three different measures). The guidance will not apply to inventories that are measured by using either the last-in, first-out ( LIFO ) method or the retail inventory method ( RIM ). The guidance is effective for the Company beginning October 1, 2017. Early adoption is permitted. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

In August 2014, the FASB issued ASU No. 2014-15, Presentation of Financial Statements - Going Concern (Subtopic 205-40) (ASU 2014-15). The objective of ASU 2014-15 is to define management's responsibility to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt about an organization's ability to continue as a going concern and provide related disclosures. Currently, GAAP does not provide guidance to evaluate whether there is substantial doubt regarding an organization's ability to continue as a going concern. This ASU provides guidance to an organization's management, with principles and definitions to reduce diversity in the timing and content of financial statement disclosures commonly provided by organizations. ASU 2014-15 is effective for periods ending after December 15, 2016 and interim periods within annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016. Early adoption is permitted.

As new accounting pronouncements are issued, we will adopt those that are applicable under the circumstances.

In May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ( FASB ) issued ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (ASC Topic 606)* . The comprehensive new standard will supersede existing revenue recognition guidance and require revenue to be recognized when promised goods or services are transferred to customers in amounts that reflect the consideration to which the company expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. In August 2015, the FASB issued guidance regarding Revenue from Contracts with Customers, Deferral of the Effective Date. This guidance defers the required implementation date specified in Revenue from Contracts with Customers for the Company to October 1, 2018. The Company is currently assessing the impact of this guidance on its financial statements disclosure.

The guidance permits two implementation approaches, one requiring retrospective application of the new standard with restatement of prior years and one requiring retrospective application of the new standard with the cumulative effect of applying the new standard as of the date of initial application recognized and disclosure of results under old standards. The Company is currently evaluating the impacts of adoption and the implementation approach to be used.

**4. Net Income Per Share:**

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Numerator:			
Net income	\$ (5,866,134)	\$ 200,268	\$ 1,886,917
Denominator:			

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Basic weighted average shares	16,924,189	16,927,879	16,753,068
Dilutive effect of share-based awards		221,227	102,786
Diluted weighted average shares	16,924,189	17,149,106	16,855,854
Net income per common share:			
Basic	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11
Diluted	\$ (0.35)	\$ 0.01	\$ 0.11

Net income per share is calculated pursuant to ASC Topic 260, *Earnings per Share* ( ASC Topic 260 ). Basic earnings per share ( EPS ) excludes potentially dilutive securities and is computed by dividing net income by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted EPS is computed assuming the conversion or exercise of all dilutive securities such as employee stock options.

The number of incremental shares from the assumed exercise of stock options is calculated by using the treasury stock method. As of September 30, 2015 and 2014, there were 645,168 and 687,168 options to purchase common stock outstanding, respectively. The

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average outstanding diluted shares calculation excludes options with an exercise price that exceeds the average market price of shares during the period. For fiscal 2015, all options to purchase common stock were excluded from the calculation of earnings per share as their effect would be anti-dilutive. For fiscal years 2014 and 2013, 55,666, and 445,472 options to purchase common stock, respectively, were excluded from the computation of diluted earnings per share because the effect would be anti-dilutive.

**5. Unbilled Receivables:**

Unbilled receivables principally represent sales recorded under the percentage-of-completion method of accounting that have not been billed to customers in accordance with applicable contract terms. Unbilled receivables are \$3.9 million and \$7.4 million at September 30, 2015 and 2014, respectively and are net of an impairment of \$1.3 million in fiscal 2015 and \$3.7 million in fiscal 2014. The fiscal 2014 impairment is related to the Delta contract. (See Note 14. Commitments and Contingencies). The Company has negotiated and executed a new agreement in January, 2016 with a customer to provide products and services with current technology. Therefore, the fiscal 2015 unbilled receivable is impaired. We expect that this agreement will also result in the extinguishment of our obligation to deliver certain products under the original contract.

The percentage-of-completion method of accounting for EDC revenue, requires estimates of profit margins for contracts be reviewed by the Company on a quarterly basis. If the initial estimates of revenues and costs under a contract are accurate, the percentage-of-completion method results in the profit margin being recorded evenly as revenue is recognized under the contract. Changes in these underlying estimates because of revisions in revenue and cost estimates or the exercise of contract options may result in profit margins being recognized unevenly over a contract because such changes are accounted for on a cumulative basis in the period in which the estimates are revised. Significant changes in estimates related to accounting for long-term contracts may have a material effect on the Company's results of operations in the period in which the revised estimates are made. Net cumulative catch-up adjustments resulting from changes in estimates reduced operating income by \$117,000, \$1.5 million and \$444,000 during fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**6. Prepaid Expenses and Other Current Assets:**

Prepaid expenses and other current assets consist of the following:

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Prepaid insurance	\$ 290,543	\$ 398,090
Income tax refund receivable	386,869	
Other	544,305	352,018
	\$ 1,221,717	\$ 750,108

**7. Property and Equipment:**



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Property and equipment, net consists of the following balances:

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Computer equipment	\$ 2,270,799	\$ 2,292,548
Corporate airplane	3,128,504	3,128,504
Furniture and office equipment	1,056,486	1,063,254
Manufacturing facility	5,733,313	5,728,437
Equipment	5,165,190	5,047,737
Land	1,021,245	1,021,245
	18,375,537	18,281,725
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization	(11,280,207)	(10,814,062)
	\$ 7,095,330	\$ 7,467,663

Depreciation related to property and equipment was approximately \$0.6 million in fiscal years 2015 and 2014, and \$0.5 million in fiscal 2013.

**8. Other Assets:**

Other assets consist of the following:

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	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization of \$517,037 and \$499,837 at September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014	\$ 83,200	\$ 100,400
Other non-current assets	85,748	10,448
	\$ 168,948	\$ 110,848

Intangible assets consist of licensing and certification rights which are amortized over a defined number of units. No impairment charges were recorded in fiscal 2015, 2014 or 2013.

Total intangible amortization expense was approximately \$17,000 in fiscal year 2015, \$5,000 in fiscal year 2014 and \$0.1 million in fiscal year 2013. The timing of future amortization expense is not determinable because the intangible assets are being amortized over a defined number of units.

Other non-current assets as of September 30, 2015 include the security deposit and advance payment of the last month's rent due under an operating lease for the property located at 180 Gordon Drive, Exton, PA, and a deposit for medical claims required under the Company's medical plan. As of September 30, 2014, the other non-current assets consisted of the security deposit and advance payment of the last month's rent due under an operating lease for the property located at 180 Gordon Drive, Exton, PA.

**9. Accrued Expenses:**

Accrued expenses consist of the following:

	September 30, 2015	September 30, 2014
Warranty	\$ 878,901	\$ 777,599
Salary, benefits and payroll taxes	537,451	787,277
Professional fees	353,012	431,612
Income taxes payable		185,151
Other	799,167	1,895,651
	\$ 2,568,531	\$ 4,077,290

Other accrued expense at September 30, 2015 and 2014 includes \$0.6 million and \$1.5 million of EDC program costs, respectively.

**10. Warranty:**

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The Company provides for the estimated cost of product warranties at the time revenue is recognized. Warranty cost is recorded as cost of sales and the reserve balance is recorded as an accrued expense in the financial statements. While the Company engages in extensive product quality programs and processes, the Company's warranty obligation is affected by product failure rates and by the related material, labor, and delivery costs incurred in correcting a product failure. If actual product failure rates, material, or labor costs differ from the Company's estimates, further revisions to the estimated warranty liability would be recorded.

Warranty cost and accrual information for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015 and 2014:

	2015		2014	
Warranty accrual as of October 1,	\$	777,599	\$	701,456
Accrued expense for fiscal year		290,910		265,362
Warranty cost incurred for fiscal year		(189,608)		(189,219)
Warranty accrual as of September 30,	\$	878,901	\$	777,599

### 11. Income Taxes:

The components of income taxes are as follows:

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	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
<b>Current provision (benefit):</b>			
Federal	\$ (375,936)	\$ 614,729	\$ 432,211
State	(10,146)	363	(2,731)
<b>Total current provision (benefit)</b>	<b>(386,082)</b>	<b>615,092</b>	<b>429,480</b>
<b>Deferred provision (benefit):</b>			
Federal	2,598,050	(857,049)	(255,154)
State	91,510	(41,665)	(54,484)
<b>Total deferred provision (benefit)</b>	<b>2,689,560</b>	<b>(898,714)</b>	<b>(309,638)</b>
<b>Total current and deferred provision (benefit)</b>	<b>\$ 2,303,478</b>	<b>\$ (283,622)</b>	<b>\$ 119,842</b>

Following is a reconciliation of the statutory federal rate to the Company's effective income tax rate:

	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
U.S. Federal statutory tax rate	34.0%	34.0%	34.0%
State income taxes, net of federal benefit	0.0%	29.6%	(1.3)%
Permanent items	(2.5)%	123.9%	(2.9)%
Research and development tax credits	17.4%	190.4%	(27.4)%
Valuation allowance	(111.0)%	3.9%	(0.8)%
Change in unrecognized tax benefits	(2.6)%	(41.5)%	4.4%
<b>Effective income tax rate</b>	<b>(64.7)%</b>	<b>340.3%</b>	<b>6.0%</b>

On January 1, 2013, Congress enacted the American Taxpayer Relief Act of 2012 which retroactively reinstated and extended the Research and Development Tax Credit ( R&D Tax Credit ) from January 1, 2012 to December 31, 2013. The Company's effective income tax rate in fiscal 2014 reflects an R&D Tax Credit for the three months ended December 31, 2013. The fiscal year 2013 effective income tax rate reflects the benefit of the retroactive application of the R&D Tax Credit for nine months from the fiscal year ended September 30, 2012, plus a full year benefit for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013, as required by ASC Topic 740.

On December 19, 2014, the Tax Increase Prevention Act of 2014 was enacted, which retroactively extended the U.S. R&D Tax Credit through December 31, 2014. As a result, the Company's effective income tax rate in fiscal year 2015 reflects an R&D Tax Credit for nine months from the fiscal year ended September 30, 2014 and three months ended December 31, 2014.

The deferred tax effect of temporary differences giving rise to the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities consists of the components below:



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	As of September 30,			
	2015		2014	
	Current	Non Current	Current	Non Current
<b>Deferred tax assets:</b>				
Reserves and accruals	\$ 3,181,540	\$ 139,717	\$ 2,880,747	\$ 170,562
Research and development credit		1,472,421	396,276	208,384
NOL carryforwards - state		1,200,156	5,500	1,237,553
Depreciation		(741,736)		(795,050)
Stock options		678,316		630,160
Other		897		4,105
	3,181,540	2,749,771	3,282,523	1,455,714
Less: Valuation allowance	(2,248,041)	(3,123,487)	(37,300)	(1,398,007)
Total deferred tax assets	933,499	(373,716)	3,245,223	57,707
<b>Deferred tax liabilities:</b>				
Depreciation		(133,468)		(132,999)
Other				
Total deferred tax liabilities		(133,468)		(132,999)
Net deferred tax asset (liability)	\$ 933,499	\$ (507,184)	\$ 3,245,223	\$ (75,292)

At September 30, 2015, the Company had state NOL carryforwards of \$20.1 million, which begin to expire in varying amounts after the fiscal year ending September 30, 2021. In addition, the Company has federal R&D Tax Credit carryforwards of approximately \$1,185,000, which begin to expire in varying amounts after fiscal year ending September 30, 2029, and state R&D Tax Credit carryforwards of \$288,000 (net of federal impact), which begin to expire in varying amounts after the fiscal year ending September 30, 2023.

Deferred tax assets are reduced by valuation allowances if, based on the consideration of all available evidence, it is more likely than not that some portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Significant weight is given to evidence that can be verified objectively, and significant management judgment is required in determining any valuation allowances recorded against net deferred tax assets. The Company evaluates deferred income taxes on a quarterly basis to determine if valuation allowances are required by considering available evidence, including historical and projected taxable income and tax planning strategies which are both prudent and feasible. ASC Topic 740 requires the consideration of a valuation allowance to reflect the likelihood of realization of deferred tax assets. Significant management judgment is required in determining any valuation allowance recorded against net deferred tax assets.

At September 30, 2014, the Company had a valuation allowance of \$1,435,000 related principally to NOLs of certain state taxing jurisdictions. At September 30, 2015, the valuation allowance increased by \$3,936,000 due to the uncertainty on the Company's ability to generate sufficient future taxable income to realize the majority of its federal and state deferred tax assets. The remaining amount of the deferred tax assets recognized are attributable to tax planning strategies and the ability to carry-back federal tax losses to claim a tax refund. The Company will continue to assess all available evidence during future periods to evaluate any changes to the realization of its deferred tax assets. If the Company were to determine that it would be able to realize additional federal or state deferred tax assets in the future, it would make an adjustment to the valuation allowance which would reduce the provision for income taxes.

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The Company will continue to maintain the balance of the valuation allowance until an appropriate level of profitability is sustained to warrant a conclusion that it is no longer more likely than not that a portion of these net deferred tax assets will not be realized in future periods. There is currently no assurance of such future income before taxes. The Company believes that its estimate of future taxable income is inherently uncertain, and if its current or future operations generate losses, further adjustments to the valuation allowance are possible.

Following is a reconciliation of beginning and ending balances of total amounts of gross unrecognized tax benefits:

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	For the Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015	2014	2013
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 526,000	\$ 492,000	\$ 403,000
Unrecognized tax benefits related to prior years		1,500	
Unrecognized tax benefits related to current year	125,000	32,500	120,000
Decrease in unrecognized tax benefits due to the lapse of applicable statute of limitations	(36,000)		(31,000)
Balance at end of year	\$ 615,000	\$ 526,000	\$ 492,000

The total liabilities associated with the unrecognized tax benefits that, if recognized, would impact the Company's effective tax rate were \$615,000, \$526,000 and \$492,000 at September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. It is not anticipated that the balance of unrecognized tax benefits at September 30, 2015 will change significantly over the next twelve months. The balance of unrecognized tax benefits as reflected in the table above at September 30, 2015 are recorded on the balance sheet as a reduction to deferred tax assets, except for approximately \$2,000 which is included in Other Liabilities at September 30, 2015.

The Company's policy is to recognize interest accrued and, if applicable, penalties related to unrecognized tax benefits in income tax expense for all periods presented. At September 30, 2015 and 2014, the Company accrued approximately \$300 and \$1,000, respectively, for the payment of interest, net of tax benefits. There is no accrual recorded for penalties.

For the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company recognized expense (benefit) of \$(2,000), \$0 and \$(3,000), respectively, for interest (net of federal impact) within income tax expense.

The Company is subject to income taxes in the U.S. federal and various state jurisdictions. Tax regulations within each jurisdiction are subject to the interpretation of related tax laws and regulations and require significant judgment to apply. The Company's federal income tax returns for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2012 and thereafter are open years subject to examination by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS). The Company files income tax returns in various state jurisdictions, as appropriate, with varying statutes of limitation. During fiscal year 2012, the IRS examined the Company's income tax return for the year ended September 30, 2010, and no adjustments resulted from this examination. There are no state income tax examinations in process at this time.

On September 13, 2013, the U.S. Treasury Department and the IRS issued final regulations that address costs incurred in acquiring, producing, or improving tangible property (the tangible property regulations). The tangible property regulations are generally effective for tax years beginning on or after January 1, 2014 and required the Company to make additional tax accounting method changes as of October 1, 2014. However, the impact of these changes were determined to be immaterial to the Company's consolidated financial statements for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2015.



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**12. Savings Plan:**

The Company sponsors a voluntary defined contribution savings plan covering all employees. The Company made contributions of \$104,000, \$163,000 and \$128,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

**13. Share-Based Compensation:**

The Company accounts for share-based compensation under the provisions of ASC Topic 505-50 and ASC Topic 718 by using the fair value method for expensing stock options and stock awards.

Total share-based compensation expense was \$447,000, \$810,000 and \$912,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. The income tax impact recognized as a (charge) credit to additional paid in capital in the statement of shareholders' equity related to share-based compensation arrangements was \$(35,000), \$(253,000) and \$(33,000) for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Compensation expense related to share-based awards is recorded as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses.

By unanimous consent of the Company's Board of Directors on January 25, 2013, the applicable option exercise price of each outstanding option to purchase common stock was reduced by \$1.50 per share pursuant to the terms of the 1998 Plan or the 2009 Plan (each as defined below), as applicable, to offset the dilutive impact of the special cash dividend paid by the Company on December 27, 2012 to common shareholders of record on December 17, 2012. As required by ASC Topic 718, the Company recorded an expense of \$22,000 related to the vested outstanding options as a result of this one-time reduction to the option exercise price in the quarter ended March 31, 2013. For non-vested options, the Company added the additional compensation cost of \$59,000 to the remaining unrecognized compensation cost for the original share options, granted under the 2009 Plan, and will expense the total amount ratably over the remaining vesting period of the options in accordance with the guidance provided by ASC Topic 718.

The Company has three share-based compensation plans, the 1998 Stock Option Plan (the "1998 Plan"), the 2003 Restricted Stock Plan (the "Restricted Plan") and the 2009 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (the "2009 Plan"), each of which the shareholders approved. The 1998 Plan expired on November 13, 2008. The last awards under the Restricted Plan were made in 2010, and no further shares remain to be awarded under the Restricted Plan.

**1998 Stock Option Plan**

The 1998 Plan allowed the granting of incentive and nonqualified stock options to employees, officers, directors and independent contractors, and consultants. No stock options were granted to independent contractors or consultants under this plan. Incentive stock options granted under

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the 1998 Plan have exercise prices that are at least equal to the fair value of the common stock on grant date. Nonqualified stock options granted under the plan have exercise prices that are less than, equal to or greater than the fair value of the common stock on the date of grant. The Company reserved 3,389,000 shares of common stock for awards under the plan. On November 13, 2008, the 1998 Plan expired and no additional shares were granted under the 1998 Plan after that date.

Following is a summary of option activity under the 1998 Plan for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014, and 2013 and changes during the periods then ended:

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	Options		Weighted Average Exercise Price		Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at September 30, 2012	376,200	\$	8.62	\$	
Granted					
Exercised	(226,800)		4.63		174,112
Cancelled	(4,900)		11.42		
Outstanding at September 30, 2013	144,500	\$	12.79	\$	
Granted					
Exercised	(12,000)		7.40		8,604
Cancelled	(70,500)		16.25		
Outstanding at September 30, 2014	62,000	\$	9.91	\$	
Granted					
Exercised					
Cancelled	(9,000)		16.25		
Outstanding at September 30, 2015	53,000	\$	8.83	\$	
Vested	53,000	\$	8.83	\$	
Options exercisable at September 30, 2015	53,000	\$	8.83	\$	

In fiscal 2015 and 2014 and 2013, no options were granted under the 1998 Plan. Therefore, there is no weighted-average grant date fair value and no intrinsic value attributable to individual options granted. 12,000 and 226,800 options under the 1998 Plan were exercised in fiscal 2014 and 2013, respectively, and no options were exercised during fiscal 2015.

The following table summarizes information about stock options under the 1998 Plan at September 30, 2015:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding			Options Exercisable		
	Outstanding As of September 30, 2015	Weighted- Average Remaining Contractual Life	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	As of September 30, 2015	Weighted- Average Exercise Price	
\$ 0.00 - \$ 5.00			\$		\$	
\$ 5.01 - \$ 10.00	30,000	2.396	6.270	30,000	6.270	
\$ 10.01 - \$ 15.00	23,000	0.333	12.166	23,000	12.166	
	53,000	1.501	\$ 8.83	53,000	\$ 8.83	

Fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Options are exercisable over a maximum term of ten years from date of grant and vest typically over periods of three to five years from the grant date. The expected term of options represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding and is based on historical experience. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's stock price. The risk free interest rate is based on U.S. Treasuries with maturities consistent with the expected life of the options in effect at the time of grant. Compensation expense for employee stock options includes an estimate for forfeitures, and is recognized ratably over the vesting term. Because no options were granted from the 1998 Plan in fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, the data for expected dividend, expected volatility, weighted average risk-free interest rate and expected lives is not applicable.

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Total compensation expense associated with stock option awards to employees under the 1998 Plan was \$0, \$0 and \$34,000 for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

At September 30, 2015, there is no unrecognized compensation expense related to non-vested stock options under the 1998 Plan that is expected to be recognized during fiscal 2016.

### **Restricted Plan**

The Restricted Plan for non-employee directors was approved by shareholders at the Company's February 26, 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. It provided for an annual award of non-vested stock having a fair market value of \$40,000 at the close of business on October 1 of each year for all eligible non-employee directors. The stock awards vested and were issued in four quarterly installments during the fiscal year provided the director continued to serve on the board on the quarterly issue date. The last awards under the

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Restricted Plan were made in 2010, and no further shares remain to be awarded under this Plan. However, the Company continued to make an annual grant of non-vested stock under the 2009 Plan. There were no expenses associated with the grant of non-vested stock to non-employee directors under the Restricted Plan for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Table of Contents**2009 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan**

The 2009 Plan authorizes the grant of stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, options and other equity-based awards (collectively referred to as Awards). Options granted under the 2009 Plan may be either incentive stock options as defined in section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), or nonqualified stock options, as determined by the Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors (the Compensation Committee).

Subject to an adjustment necessary upon a stock dividend, recapitalization, forward split or reverse split, reorganization, merger, consolidation, spin-off, combination, repurchase or share exchange, extraordinary or unusual cash distribution, or other similar corporate transaction or event, the maximum number of shares of common stock available for Awards under the 2009 Plan shall be 1,200,000, all of which may be issued pursuant to Awards of incentive stock options. In addition, the Plan provides that no more than 300,000 shares of common stock per year may be awarded to any employee as a performance-based Award under Section 162(m) of the Code. At September 30, 2015 there were 347,755 shares of common stock available for awards under the plan.

If any Award is forfeited, or if any option terminates, expires or lapses without being exercised, the related shares of common stock subject to such Award will again be available for future grant. Any shares tendered by a participant in payment of the exercise price of an option or the tax liability with respect to an Award (including, in any case, shares withheld from any such Award) will not be available for future grant under the 2009 Plan. If there is any change in the Company's corporate capitalization, the Compensation Committee must proportionately and equitably adjust the number and kind of shares of common stock which may be issued in connection with future Awards, the number and type of shares of common stock covered by Awards then outstanding under the 2009 Plan, the number and type of shares of common stock available under the 2009 Plan, the exercise or grant price of any Award, or if deemed appropriate, make provision for a cash payment with respect to any outstanding Award, provided that no adjustment may be made that would adversely affect the status of any Award that is intended to be a performance-based Award under Section 162(m) of the Code, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee. In addition, the Compensation Committee may make adjustments in the terms and conditions of any Awards, including any performance goals, in recognition of unusual or nonrecurring events affecting the Company or any subsidiary, or in response to changes in applicable laws, regulations or accounting principles, provided that no adjustment may be made that would adversely affect the status of any Award that is intended to be a performance-based Award under Section 162(m) of the Code, unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee.

Following is a summary of option activity under the 2009 Plan for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, and changes during the periods then ended:

	Options	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Aggregate Intrinsic Value
Outstanding at September 30, 2012	460,000	\$ 4.45	\$
Granted	250,000	4.06	
Exercised	(27,999)	3.78	118,802
Cancelled	(1,667)	3.78	
Outstanding at September 30, 2013	680,334	\$ 3.32	\$
Granted			
Exercised	(44,666)	3.78	178,823
Cancelled	(10,500)	3.78	

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Outstanding at September 30, 2014	625,168	\$	3.28	\$	3,153,696
Granted					
Exercised	(20,000)		1.95		15,200
Cancelled	(13,000)		2.37		
Outstanding at September 30, 2015	592,168	\$	3.35	\$	
Vested and expected to vest	592,168	\$	3.35	\$	
Options exercisable at September 30, 2015	508,834	\$	3.23	\$	

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The following table summarizes information about stock options under the 2009 Plan at September 30, 2015:

Range of Exercise Prices	Options Outstanding		Weighted-Average Exercise Price	Options Exercisable	
	Outstanding As of September 30, 2015	Weighted-Average Remaining Contractual Life		As of September 30, 2015	Weighted-Average Exercise Price
\$ 0.00 - \$ 5.00	592,168	6.7	\$ 3.35	508,834	\$ 3.23

Fair value of each option grant is estimated on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes option pricing model. Options are exercisable over a maximum term of ten years from date of grant and vest typically over periods of three to five years from the grant date. The expected term of options represents the period of time that options granted are expected to be outstanding and is based on historical experience and the expected turnover rate of the employees receiving the options. Expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's stock. The risk free interest rate is based on U.S. Treasuries with maturities consistent with the expected life of the options in effect at the time of grant. Compensation expense for employee stock options includes an estimate for forfeitures and is recognized ratably over the vesting term.

Below are the fair value assumptions used to record compensation expense, related to the 2009 Plan, for the following periods identified:

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30,		
	2015 (1)	2014 (1)	2013
Expected dividend rate			
Expected volatility	%	%	64.6%
Weighted average risk-free interest rate	%	%	1.0%
Expected lives (years)			7.6

(1) The Company did not grant any options in fiscal 2015 and fiscal 2014.

Total compensation expense associated with stock option awards to employees under the 2009 Plan was \$316,000, \$660,000 and \$678,000 for fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

Total share-based compensation expense associated with the annual grant of stock awards to non-employee directors under the 2009 Plan was \$191,847, \$200,000 and \$200,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

At September 30, 2015, unrecognized compensation expense of approximately \$68,000, net of forfeitures, related to non-vested stock options under the 2009 Plan, is expected to be recognized over a period of approximately two years.



**14. Commitments and Contingencies:**

*Operating Leases*

Rent expense under operating leases totaled \$73,000, \$69,000 and \$39,000 for the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. Future minimum lease payments under non-cancelable operating leases are \$85,000, \$77,000 and \$40,000 for the years ended September 30, 2016, 2017 and 2018, respectively.

*Purchase Obligations*

A purchase obligation is defined as an agreement to purchase goods or services that is enforceable and legally binding on the Company and that specifies all significant terms, including fixed or minimum quantities to be purchased, fixed, minimum or variable price provisions, and the approximate timing of the transaction. These amounts are comprised primarily of open purchase order commitments entered in the ordinary course of business with vendors and subcontractors pertaining to fulfillment of the Company's current order backlog. The purchase obligations on open purchase orders were \$0.5 million, \$2.1 million and \$3.8 million as of September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively.

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*Product Liability*

The Company has product liability insurance of \$50,000,000. The Company has not experienced any material product liability claims.

*Legal Proceedings*

In the ordinary course of business, the Company is at times subject to various legal proceedings and claims. Except as set forth below with respect to the Delta matter, IS&S does not believe any such matters that are currently pending will have a material effect on its results of operations or financial position.

The Company previously announced that Delta Airlines ( Delta ) purported to terminate its contract with the Company to develop, manufacture and install new cockpit displays and certain navigation capabilities on Delta s fleet of approximately 182 MD88 and MD90 aircraft. The Company initiated and engaged in a non-binding mediation with Delta on February 25, 2015. The mediation session did not resolve the dispute. On February 25, 2015, the Company filed a complaint against Delta in the United States District for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania for breach of contract. The Company has alleged in the case, captioned Innovative Solutions & Support, Inc. v. Delta Airlines, Inc. E.D. Pa. Civ. No. 15-959, that Delta s purported termination of the contract was wrongful and in breach of the terms of the contract, and is seeking monetary damages. On March 20, 2015, Delta answered the Company s complaint and filed counterclaims against the Company for breach of contract and breach of the duty of good faith and fair dealing, also seeking monetary damages. The parties are presently engaged in fact discovery. The outcome of the litigation is not determinable. The Company had \$3.7 million of unbilled receivables and \$0.2 million of inventory on its balance sheet relating to the Delta program at September 30, 2014 both of which are fully reserved.

On September 26, 2011, Farhad Daghigh, a former employee of the Company, filed a lawsuit against the Company in the Court of Common Pleas of Chester County ( the Court ) alleging breach of contract and violation of the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law and claimed unpaid sales commissions, prejudgment interest, and liquidated damages totaling approximately \$583,000 for the fiscal years ended 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010, plus attorneys fees and costs. In June 2013, the Court found in favor of the plaintiff awarding him damages for breach of contract, violation of the Pennsylvania Wage Payment and Collection Law, prejudgment interest, and plaintiff s reasonable attorneys fees. The Company recorded an estimated total liability of \$657,000, ( which includes the plaintiff s estimated attorney s fees), in selling, general and administrative expenses for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2013. The Company settled the matter with the plaintiff in December 2013.

On January 17, 2007 the Company filed suit in the Court of Common Pleas for Delaware County, Pennsylvania against Strathman Associates, a former software consultant for IS&S, alleging that Strathman had improperly used IS&S trade secret and proprietary information in assisting J2 and Kollsman in developing the J2/Kollsman Air Data Computer. The case has not been resolved as of the date hereof.

**15. Related Party Transactions:**

The Company incurred legal fees of \$114,000, \$99,000 and \$45,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively with a law firm which is a shareholder of the Company.

For the years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively, the Company incurred service fees of \$11,000, \$6,000, and \$4,000 with a commercial graphics firm controlled by an individual who is married to a shareholder and a daughter of the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

**16. Quarterly Financial Data (unaudited):**

Summarized quarterly results of operations of the Company for the years ended September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2014 are presented below:

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	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2015			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Net sales	\$ 6,724,255	\$ 5,286,050	\$ 4,919,690	\$ 3,137,089
Cost of sales	3,962,450	3,702,654	2,988,045	2,482,200
Gross profit	2,761,805	1,583,396	1,931,645	654,889
Operating income (loss)	166,315	(637,965)	(264,862)	(2,884,231)
Net income (loss)	593,742	(364,091)	(3,531,973)	(2,563,812)
Net income (loss) per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.04	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.15)
Diluted	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.02)	\$ (0.21)	\$ (0.15)

	Fiscal Year Ended September 30, 2014			
	First Quarter	Second Quarter	Third Quarter	Fourth Quarter
Net sales	\$ 11,105,811	\$ 12,495,016	\$ 10,575,976	\$ 9,918,221
Cost of sales	7,325,375	8,709,891	7,413,849	7,059,709
Gross profit	3,780,436	3,785,125	3,162,127	2,858,512
Operating income	1,408,624	1,089,640	659,901	(3,301,032)
Net income	1,008,596	784,217	497,030	(2,089,575)
Net income per common share				
Basic	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.12)
Diluted	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.03	\$ (0.12)

Quarterly and full fiscal year EPS are calculated independently based on the weighted average number of shares outstanding during each period. As a result, the sum of each quarter's per share amount may not equal the total per share amount for the respective year.

**17. Business Segments:**

The Company operates in one business segment which designs, manufactures and sells flat panel displays, flight information computers, and advanced monitoring systems to the DoD, the Department of Interior ( DOI ), other government agencies, commercial air transport carriers, and corporate/general aviation markets. The Company currently derives virtually all of its revenues from the sale of this equipment and related EDC. Most of the Company's sales, operating results, and identifiable assets are in the United States. During fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, IS&S derived 98%, 88% and 88%, respectively, of its total revenues from the sale of FPDS. During fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company derived 2%, 12% and 12%, respectively, of total revenues from the sale of air data systems related products. During fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company derived 27%, 32% and 26%, respectively, of total revenues from the sale of EDC services.

*Geographic Data*

Most of the Company's sales, operating results and identifiable assets are in the United States. In fiscal years 2015, 2014 and 2013, net sales outside the United States amounted to \$6.6 million, \$12.0 million and \$4.8 million, respectively.

*Product Data*

The Company's current product line includes FPDS, flight management systems, and air data systems and components. During fiscal 2015, 2014 and 2013, the Company derived 98%, 88% and 88%, respectively, of its revenue from sales of FPDS. The remaining revenue for each of the fiscal years was from sales of air data systems and components.

**18. Subsequent Events:**

In January 2016 the Company negotiated changes to its arrangement with a customer whereby \$1.3 million of unbilled receivables and our obligations associated with certain product deliverables were cancelled.

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**Item 9. Changes in and disagreements with accountants on accounting and financial disclosure.**

None

**Item 9A. Controls and procedures**

(a) An evaluation was performed under supervision and with participation of the Company's management, including its Chief Executive Officer ( CEO ), and Chief Financial Officer ( CFO ), of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures, as such term is defined under Rule 13a-15(e) promulgated under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act ) as of September 30, 2015. Based on that evaluation and in light of the material weakness described below, the Company and its management, including the CEO and CFO concluded that disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of September 30, 2015. In response management, performed additional analyses and other procedures to ensure that the Company's financial statements included herein were prepared in accordance with GAAP. These measures included, among other things, the remediation steps with respect to the material weakness identified as described below under Management's report on internal control over financial reporting. As a result of these and other expanded procedures, the Company concluded that the financial statements included herein present fairly, in all material respects, the Company's financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with GAAP.

(b) Management's annual report on internal control over financial reporting are set forth below on this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

(c) Except as described below under Management's report on internal control over financial reporting, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the evaluation of such controls that occurred during the Company's most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**Management's report on internal control over financial reporting**

Management of Innovative Solutions & Support, Inc. and its subsidiaries (the Company ) is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. The Company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed under the supervision of the Company's principal executive officer and principal financial officer and intended to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and preparation of the Company's financial statements for external purposes in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

The Company's internal control over financial reporting includes policies and procedures that are intended to (1) pertain to maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect transactions and dispositions of the assets of the Company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the Company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the Company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of Company assets that could have a material effect on financial statements.

Due to its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements and, even when determined to be effective, can only provide reasonable, not absolute, assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to risk that controls may become inadequate as a result of changes in conditions or deterioration in the degree of compliance.

Management assessed the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2015. This assessment was based on criteria for effective internal control over financial reporting described in *Internal Control-Integrated Framework (2013)*, issued by the Committee on Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. Based on this assessment, management identified, as of September 30, 2015, deficiencies in the design and operation of the Company's internal control over financial reporting that constituted a material weakness in its internal control over financial reporting. As a result of the material weakness identified, management concluded that internal control over financial reporting was not effective as of September 30, 2015. The material weakness identified was that the Company did not maintain adequate controls over percentage-of-completion accounting of fixed-price contracts and allocation of related costs. Specifically, the Company did not maintain effective controls to evaluate whether revenue recognized using the percentage-of-completion accounting was adequately designed and executed to support the accurate reporting of revenue, receivables and project related costs.

In response to this material weakness, the Company has improved and intends to improve its controls to ensure the accurate and timely reporting of revenue receivables and related project costs, including (i) implementing procedures to identify and evaluate customer contracts and utilize the correct revenue recognition method in a timely fashion. (ii) strengthening quarterly review processes to ensure proper recognition of revenue and related cost and (iii) utilize third-party accounting experts to assist the Company in the proper application of accounting principles to percentage-of-completion customer contracts. However, the Company cannot assure you that it will be successful in pursuing these measures or that these measures will significantly improve or remediate the material weaknesses described above. The Company also cannot assure you that it has identified all of its existing material weaknesses, or that it will not in the future have additional material weaknesses.

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**PART III**

**Item 10. Directors, executive officers and corporate governance.**

This information (other than information relating to executive officers included in Part I Item 1.) will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed within 120 days after the close of the Company's fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and is hereby incorporated by reference to such Proxy Statement. IS&S has adopted a written code of business conduct and ethics, known as the Company's code of conduct, which applies to all of its directors, officers, and employees, including its chief executive officer, its president, and its chief financial officer. The Company's code of conduct is available on its Internet website, [www.innovative-ss.com](http://www.innovative-ss.com). The code of conduct may also be obtained by contacting investor relations at (610) 646-9800. Any amendments to the Company's code of conduct or waivers from provisions of the code for its directors and officers will be disclosed on the Company's Internet website promptly following the date of such amendment or waiver.

**Item 11. Executive compensation.**

This information will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed within 120 days after close of the Company's fiscal year covered by this Report, and is hereby incorporated by reference to such Proxy Statement.

**Item 12. Security ownership of certain beneficial owners and management and related stockholder matters.**

This information will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed within 120 days after close of the Company's fiscal year covered by this Report, and is hereby incorporated by reference to such Proxy Statement.

**Equity Compensation Plan Information**

The following table gives information about the Company's common stock that may be issued upon the exercise of options and rights under all of its existing equity compensation plans and arrangements as of September 30, 2015.

Plan Category	Number of Securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options and rights	Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options and rights	Number of Securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in second column)



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Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	645,168	\$	3.80	347,755
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders		\$		

The Restricted Stock Plan for non-employee directors was approved by shareholders at the Company's February 26, 2004 Annual Meeting of Shareholders. The Plan called for an annual award of restricted stock having a fair market value of \$25,000 as of the close of business on October 1 of the current fiscal year for all eligible non-employee directors. In fiscal year 2005 the annual award was increased to \$40,000 effective the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. The stock was awarded in four installments quarterly during the fiscal year provided the director was still serving on the board on the quarterly issue date. The last awards under the Restricted Plan were made in 2010, and there are no further shares to award under this Plan. However, the Company continued to make an annual grant of restricted shares under the 2009 Plan. Total share-based compensation expense for non-employee directors was \$200,000, \$200,000 and \$200,000 for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, respectively. In the fiscal years ended September 30, 2015, 2014 and 2013, awards to the Company's non-employee directors under the Plan were 21,640, 12,890 and 48,215 shares respectively.

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**Item 13. Certain relationships and related transactions and director independence.**

**Related Party Transactions**

This information will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed within 120 days after close of the Company's fiscal year covered by this Report, and is hereby incorporated by reference to such Proxy Statement.

**Item 14. Principal accounting fees and services**

This information will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement relating to its Annual Meeting of Shareholders, which will be filed within 120 days after close of the Company's fiscal year covered by this Report, and is hereby incorporated by reference to such Proxy Statement.

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**PART IV**

**Item 15. Exhibits, financial statement schedules.**

(a) The following documents are filed as part of this report:

1. *Financial Statements*

See index to Financial Statements at Item 8 on page 31 of this report.

2. *Financial Statement Schedules*

Schedules have been omitted because they are not applicable or are not required or the information required to be set forth therein is included in the financial statements or notes thereto.

3. The following exhibits are filed as part of, or incorporated by reference into this report:

<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Title</b>
3.1	Articles of Incorporation of IS&S. (2)
3.2	Bylaws of IS&S. (7)
10.1	IS&S 1988 Incentive Stock Option Plan. (1) (3)
10.2	IS&S 1998 Stock Option Plan. (1) (4)
10.3	IS&S 2003 Restricted Stock Plan (1) (6)
10.4	IS&S 2009 Stock-Based Incentive Compensation Plan (5)
10.5	Employment Agreement, dated February 14, 2012, between IS&S and Shahram Askarpour (10)
21	Subsidiaries of IS&S.
23.1	Consent of Grant Thornton LLP
23.2	Consent of Deloitte & Touche
31.1	Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to Rule 13a-14(a)
32.1	Certification Pursuant to U.S.C. Section 1350, as Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.
99.1	Amendment to the IS&S 1998 Stock Option Plan. (1) (8)
101	XBRL Instance Document (9)

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101.INS	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Scheme Document (9)
101.SCH	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document (9)
101.CAL	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document (9)
101.DEF.	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document (9)
101.LAB.	XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document (9)
101.PRE.	

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- (1) Constitutes a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement required to be filed as an exhibit to this form.
  - (2) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on September 19, 2007.
  - (3) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Registration Statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-96584) filed with the Commission on May 9, 2000, as amended.
  - (4) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on March 1, 2005.
  - (5) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on January 28, 2009.
  - (6) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Proxy Statement filed with the Commission on January 26, 2004.
  - (7) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q filed with the Commission on August 6, 2010.
  - (8) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Annual Report on Form 10-K filed with the Commission for the fiscal year 2008.
  - (9) Pursuant to Regulation S-T, these interactive data files are deemed not filed or incorporated in any registration statement or prospectus for purposes of Sections 11 or 12 of the Securities Act of 1933 or Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and otherwise are not subject to liability under those sections.
  - (10) Incorporated by reference from the Registrant's Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Commission on April 2, 2012.

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**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.

INNOVATIVE SOLUTIONS AND SUPPORT, INC.

By: /s/ GEOFFREY S. M HEDRICK  
**Geoffrey S. M. Hedrick**  
*Chairman & Chief Executive Officer*

Dated: January 14, 2016

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed by the following persons on behalf of the Registrant and in the capacities and on the dates indicated.

Signature	Title	Date
/s/ GEOFFREY S. M HEDRICK <b>Geoffrey S. M. Hedrick</b>	Chairman & Chief Executive Officer	January 14, 2016
/s/ SHAHRAM ASKARPOUR <b>Shahram Askarpour</b>	President	January 14, 2016
/s/ RELLAND WINAND <b>Relland Winand</b>	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)	January 14, 2016
/s/ GLEN R. BRESSNER <b>Glen R. Bressner</b>	Director	January 14, 2016
/s/ WINSTON J. CHURCHILL <b>Winston J. Churchill</b>	Director	January 14, 2016
/s/ ROBERT E. MITTELSTAEDT, JR. <b>Robert E. Mittelstaedt, Jr.</b>	Director	January 14, 2016
/s/ ROBERT H. RAU <b>Robert H. Rau</b>	Director	January 14, 2016