

MTS SYSTEMS CORP  
Form DEFA14A  
December 28, 2010

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A  
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(Amendment No. \_\_\_\_\_)

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MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION  
(Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

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Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the

MTS SYSTEMS CORPORATION

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: ANNUAL

For holders as of: December 15, 2010

Date: February 9, 2011 Time: 3:00 p.m., CST

Location: MTS Systems Corporation  
14000 Technology Drive  
Eden Prairie, MN 55344

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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— Before You —

How to Access the Proxy Materials

Proxy Material Available to View or RECEIVE  
NOTICE AND PROXY STATEMENT                      ANNUAL REPORT

How to View Online:

Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow "XXXX XXXX XXXX" (located on the following page) and visit: [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)

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- 1) BY INTERNET:                      [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
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- 3) BY E-MAIL\*:                      [sendmaterial@proxyvote.com](mailto:sendmaterial@proxyvote.com)

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Requests, instructions and other inquiries sent to this e-mail address will NOT be forwarded to your investment advisor. Please make the request as instructed above on or before January 26, 2011 to facilitate timely delivery.

— How To —

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

**Vote By Internet:** To vote now by Internet, go to [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com). Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow "XXXX XXXX XXXX" available and follow the instructions.

**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

Voting Items

The Board of Directors  
recommends that you vote  
FOR the following:

1. To elect eight directors:

Nominees:

01)	David J. Anderson	01)	Emily M. Liggett
02)	J e a n - L o u Chameau	02)	William V. Murray
03)	L a u r a B . Hamilton	03)	Barb J. Samardzich
04)	B r e n d a n C . Hegarty	04)	Gail P. Steinel

The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following proposals:

2. To ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2011.
3. To approve the MTS Systems Corporation 2011 Stock Incentive Plan.
4. To approve the MTS Systems Corporation 2012 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
5. To hold a non-binding, advisory vote regarding the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote for a frequency of two years:

6. To hold a non-binding, advisory vote regarding the frequency of the voting on the compensation of the Company's named executive officers.
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