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April 3, 2013

#### Dear CoreSite Stockholder:

You are cordially invited to the CoreSite Realty Corporation 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013 at 2:30 p.m., Mountain Time. The Annual Meeting will be held at the Ritz-Carlton, Denver, 1881 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado 80202.

At the Annual Meeting, you will be asked to (i) elect seven directors to our Board of Directors, (ii) ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the 2013 fiscal year, (iii) approve an advisory resolution on executive compensation, (iv) approve the Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Award Plan and (v) transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponements or adjournments thereof.

The accompanying Notice of 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders describes these matters. We have elected to provide access to our proxy materials on the Internet under the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission's "notice and access" rules. Our proxy materials are available at www.proxyvote.com. We have sent the Notice of 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders to each of our stockholders, providing instructions on how to access our proxy materials and our 2012 Annual Report on the Internet. Please read the enclosed information carefully before submitting your proxy.

Please join us at the meeting. Whether or not you plan to attend, it is important that you authorize your proxy promptly. If you do attend the meeting, you may withdraw your proxy should you wish to vote in person.

Sincerely,

THOMAS M. RAY

President, Chief Executive Officer and Director

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#### NOTICE OF 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To the Stockholders of CoreSite Realty Corporation:

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") of CoreSite Realty Corporation, a Maryland corporation, will be held at the Ritz-Carlton, Denver, 1881 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., Mountain Time, for the following purposes:

- To elect seven directors to the Board of Directors to serve until the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their successors have been duly elected and qualify;
- To consider and vote upon the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013;
- To consider and vote upon the advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers, as described in the Proxy Statement;
- 4. To consider and vote upon the approval of the Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Award Plan; and
- 5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting and any adjournments or postponements thereof.

We know of no other matters to come before the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 22, 2013, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting or at any adjournments or postponements thereof.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 22, 2013. Our Proxy Statement and 2012 Annual Report are available at www.proxyvote.com.

Regardless of the number of shares of common stock you hold, as a stockholder your role is very important and the Board of Directors strongly encourages you to exercise your right to vote.

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

DEREK S. MCCANDLESS Secretary

Dated: April 3, 2013 Denver, Colorado

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# PROXY STATEMENT

#### GENERAL INFORMATION REGARDING SOLICITATION AND VOTING

#### General

This proxy statement will first be made available to stockholders on or about April 3, 2013. This proxy statement is furnished by the Board of Directors (the "Board") in connection with its solicitation of proxies for CoreSite Realty Corporation's 2013 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") to be held on Wednesday, May 22, 2013, at 2:30 p.m., Mountain Time, at the Ritz-Carlton, Denver, 1881 Curtis Street, Denver, Colorado 80202, and at any adjournments or postponements thereof. Unless the context requires otherwise, references in this proxy statement to "CoreSite," "we," "our," "us" and "our company" refer to CoreSite Realty Corporation, a Maryland corporation, together with its consolidated subsidiaries, including CoreSite, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership of which CoreSite Realty Corporation is the sole general partner (our "Operating Partnership"), and CoreSite Services, Inc., a Delaware corporation, our taxable REIT subsidiary.

Pursuant to rules adopted by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we have elected to provide access to our proxy materials via the Internet. Accordingly, we are sending a Notice of Internet Availability of Proxy Materials (the "Notice") to our stockholders. All stockholders will have the ability to access the proxy materials at www.proxyvote.com or request to receive a printed set of the proxy materials by mail or an electronic set of materials by email. Instructions on how to access the proxy materials over the Internet or to request a printed copy may be found in the Notice. In addition, stockholders may request to receive proxy materials in printed form by mail or electronically by email on an ongoing basis. We believe these rules allow us to provide our stockholders with the information they need, while lowering the cost of delivery and reducing the environmental impact of our Annual Meeting.

IMPORTANT NOTICE REGARDING THE AVAILABILITY OF PROXY MATERIALS FOR THE 2013 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS TO BE HELD ON MAY 22, 2013. Our Proxy Statement and 2012 Annual Report are available at www.proxyvote.com.

Certain of our directors, officers and employees may solicit proxies by telephone, personal contact, or other means of communication. They will not receive any additional compensation for these activities. We have also retained Eagle Rock Proxy Advisors to assist in the solicitation of proxies for an estimated fee of \$5,500, plus reimbursement of reasonable expenses. In addition, brokers, banks and other persons holding common stock on behalf of beneficial owners will be requested to solicit proxies or authorizations from beneficial owners. We will bear all costs incurred in connection with the preparation, assembly and mailing of the proxy materials and the solicitation of proxies and will reimburse brokers, banks and other nominees, fiduciaries and custodians for reasonable expenses incurred by them in forwarding proxy materials to beneficial owners of our common stock.

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No person is authorized to give any information or to make any representation not contained in this proxy statement, and, if given or made, you should not rely on that information or representation as having been authorized by us. The delivery of this proxy statement does not imply that the information herein has remained unchanged since the date of this proxy statement.

#### **Purposes of the Annual Meeting**

The purposes of the Annual Meeting are to: (1) elect seven members to the Board until the next meeting of stockholders and until their successors are duly elected and qualify (Proposal One); (2) consider and vote upon the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2013 (Proposal Two); (3) consider and vote upon the advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers (Proposal Three); (4) consider and vote upon the approval of the Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Award Plan (Proposal Four); and (5) transact such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof. Our Board knows of no other matters to be brought before the Annual Meeting.

#### Stockholders Entitled to Vote

The close of business on March 22, 2013, has been fixed as the record date (the "Record Date") for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting. Only stockholders of record as of the close of business on the Record Date are entitled to receive notice of, to attend, and to vote at the Annual Meeting. On the Record Date, our outstanding voting securities consisted of 21,381,336 shares of common stock. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote. Votes may not be cumulated.

#### How to Vote

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, LLC, you are considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares, and the Notice was sent directly to you by us. You may authorize your proxy via the Internet by following the instructions provided in the Notice. If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you may also authorize your proxy by filling out the proxy card included with the materials or by calling the toll-free number found on the proxy card.

If your shares are held in an account at a brokerage firm, bank, broker-dealer, or other similar organization, then you are the beneficial owner of shares held in "street name," and the Notice was forwarded to you by that organization. The organization holding your account is considered the stockholder of record for purposes of voting at the Annual Meeting. As a beneficial owner, you have the right to instruct that organization on how to vote the shares held in your account. Those instructions are contained in a "vote instruction form." If you request printed copies of the proxy materials by mail, you will receive a vote instruction form. You should instruct your broker or nominee how to vote your shares by following the voting instructions provided by your broker or nominee.

#### Attending and Voting at the Annual Meeting

Only stockholders as of the Record Date, or their duly appointed proxies, may attend the Annual Meeting. Stockholders may be asked to present valid picture identification such as a driver's license or passport and proof of stock ownership as of the Record Date. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a broker or nominee (i.e., in street name), you should provide proof of beneficial ownership on the Record Date, such as your most recent account statement, a copy of the voting instruction card provided by your broker, trustee or nominee, or other similar evidence of

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ownership. The use of cell phones, smartphones, pagers, recording and photographic equipment and/or computers is not permitted in the meeting rooms at the Annual Meeting.

Shares held in your name as the stockholder of record may be voted in person at the Annual Meeting. If you are not a stockholder of record but hold shares through a broker or nominee (i.e., in street name), you may vote your shares in person only if you obtain a legal proxy from the broker, trustee or nominee that holds your shares giving you the right to vote the shares. Even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we recommend that you also submit your proxy or voting instructions prior to the meeting as described below so that your vote will be counted if you later decide not to attend the meeting.

#### **Voting Without Attending the Annual Meeting**

Whether you hold shares directly as the stockholder of record or beneficially in street name, you may direct how your shares are voted without attending the Annual Meeting. If you are a stockholder of record, you may authorize your proxy to vote your shares by submitting a proxy, either by mail or via the Internet, or by calling the toll-free number found on the Notice and the proxy card.

Proxies submitted properly via one of the methods discussed above will be voted in accordance with the instructions contained therein. If the proxy is submitted but voting directions are not made, the proxy will be voted "FOR" each of the seven director nominees, "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, "FOR" the advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers as described in this proxy statement, "FOR" the approval of the Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Award Plan and in such manner as the proxy holders named on the proxy (the "Proxy Agents"), in their discretion, determine upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or postponement thereof.

If your shares of common stock are held through a broker, bank or other nominee (collectively referred to as "brokers"), under applicable rules of the New York Stock Exchange (the "NYSE") (the exchange on which our common stock is traded), the brokers will vote your shares according to the specific instructions they receive from you. If brokers that hold shares of our common stock for a beneficial owner do not receive voting instructions from that owner, the broker may vote on the proposal if it is considered a "routine" matter under the NYSE's rules, including this year's ratification of the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for 2013, or leave your shares unvoted. Pursuant to the rules of the NYSE, the election of directors, the vote on the advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers and the vote to approve the Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Award Plan are not "routine" matters as to which brokerage firms may vote in their discretion on behalf of clients who have not furnished voting instructions.

The proposals set forth in this proxy statement constitute the only business that the Board intends to present at the Annual Meeting. The proxy does, however, confer discretionary authority upon the Proxy Agents or their substitutes, to vote on any other business that may properly come before the meeting. If the Annual Meeting is postponed or adjourned, the Proxy Agents can vote your shares on the new meeting date as well, unless you have revoked your proxy.

#### Quorum

Holders of a majority of our outstanding common stock entitled to vote must be present, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting for a quorum to exist. If the shares present in person or by proxy at the Annual Meeting do not constitute a quorum, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned to a subsequent time. Shares that are voted "FOR," "AGAINST," "ABSTAIN," or, with respect to the election of directors, "WITHHOLD," will be treated as being present at the Annual Meeting for

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purposes of establishing a quorum. Accordingly, if you have returned a valid proxy or attend the Annual Meeting in person, your shares will be counted for the purpose of determining whether there is a quorum, even if you wish to abstain from voting on some or all matters at the Annual Meeting. "Broker non-votes" will also be counted as present for purposes of determining the presence of a quorum. A broker non-vote occurs when a bank, broker or other person holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because that holder does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received voting instructions from the beneficial owner.

#### **Required Vote**

With respect to Proposal One, you may vote "FOR" all nominees, "WITHHOLD" your vote as to all nominees, or "FOR" all nominees except those specific nominees from whom you "WITHHOLD" your vote. A properly executed proxy marked "WITHHOLD" with respect to the election of one or more directors will not be voted with respect to the director or directors indicated. Members of the Board are elected by a plurality of votes cast. This means that the seven nominees who receive the greatest number of "FOR" votes cast will be elected. Cumulative voting is not permitted. Neither broker non-votes nor votes marked "WITHHOLD" will have an effect with respect to the election of any nominee.

You may vote "FOR," "AGAINST" or "ABSTAIN" on Proposals Two, Three and Four. To be approved, each of Proposals Two and Three must receive the affirmative vote of a majority of the votes cast, in person or by proxy, at the Annual Meeting on the proposal. Abstentions and broker non-votes will not be counted as votes cast on Proposals Two and Three and will have no effect on the result of this vote. To be approved, Proposal Four must receive a majority of all the votes cast, in person or by proxy, provided that the total vote cast on Proposal 4 represents over 50% in interest of all securities entitled to vote on the proposal. For purposes of the vote on Proposal 4, abstentions and broker non-votes will have the same effect as votes against the proposal, unless holders of more than 50% in interest of all securities entitled to vote on the proposal cast votes, in which event abstentions and broker non-votes will not have any effect on the result of the vote.

#### **Board Recommendation**

The Board recommends that you vote as follows:

"FOR" each of the seven director nominees set forth in Proposal One;

"FOR" Proposal Two, relating to the ratification of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2013;

"FOR" Proposal Three, relating to the advisory resolution to approve the compensation of our named executive officers; and

"FOR" Proposal Four, relating to the approval of the Amended and Restated 2010 Equity Incentive Award Plan.

Any proxy as to which no instructions are given will be voted in accordance with the foregoing recommendations.

### **Revocation of Proxies**

You may revoke your proxy at any time prior to its use by (i) delivering a written notice of revocation to our Secretary, (ii) filing a duly executed proxy bearing a later date with us or (iii) attending the Annual Meeting and voting in person.

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# **Voting Results**

The voting results will be tallied by the inspector of election appointed for the meeting and filed with the SEC in a Current Report on Form 8-K within four business days following the Annual Meeting.

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#### PROPOSAL ONE: ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

The Board has fixed the number of directors at seven. The seven persons named below, each of whom currently serves on our Board, have been recommended by our Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee and nominated by our Board to serve on the Board until our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders and until their respective successors are elected and qualify. The Board has no reason to believe that any of the persons named below as a nominee for our Board will be unable, or will decline, to serve as a member of the Board if elected. In addition, the Board has determined that all of our directors, other than Mr. Ray, are independent under applicable SEC and NYSE rules. A plurality of votes cast is necessary for the election of a director. There is no cumulative voting in the election of directors.

The Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee has not set forth minimum qualifications for Board nominees. However, pursuant to its charter, in identifying candidates to recommend for election to the Board, the Nominating/Corporate Governance Committee considers the following criteria:

experience in corporate governance, including as an officer, board member or senior executive or as a former officer, board member or senior executive of a publicly held company, and a general understanding of finance, marketing and other elements relevant to the success of a publicly traded company in today's business environment;

experience in our industry;

experience as a board member of another publicly held company;

academic expertise in an area of our operations;

diversity of experience, profession, skill and background, both on an individual level and in relation to the Board as a whole;

practical and mature business judgment, including ability to make independent analytical inquiries; and

the nature of and time involved in a director's service on other boards of directors and/or committees.

The Board does not have a formal policy specifying how diversity of background and personal experience should be applied in identifying or evaluating director candidates. A director candidate's background and personal experience, however, will be significant in the Board's candidate identification and evaluation process to help ensure that the Board remains aware of and responsive to the needs and interests of our customers, stockholders, employees and other stakeholders.

Under the partnership agreement governing our Operating Partnership (the "Operating Partnership Agreement"), The Carlyle Group ("Carlyle"), which directly or indirectly holds 54.1% ownership of our Operating Partnership, is currently entitled to nominate up to two directors for election to our Board. (See "Information about our Board of Directors and its Committees" for more information about the circumstances under which Carlyle is entitled to appoint nominees to our Board.) Carlyle has exercised this right by nominating James A. Attwood, Jr. and Robert G. Stuckey for election at the Annual Meeting.

#### **Nominees for Election as Directors**

The table below sets forth the names and biographical information of each of the directors nominated for election at the Annual Meeting.

Name	Position With the Company	Age as of the Annual Meeting	Director Since
Robert G. Stuckey	Director and Chairman of the Board	51	2010
	Director and President and Chief Executive		
Thomas M. Ray	Officer	50	2010
James A. Attwood, Jr.	Director	55	2010
Michael Koehler	Director	46	2010
Paul E. Szurek	Director	52	2010
J. David Thompson	Director	46	2010
David A. Wilson	Director	71	2010

#### **Directors**

Robert G. Stuckey has served as a director since September 2010. Mr. Stuckey is a Managing Director and Fund Head, US Real Estate, at The Carlyle Group. Prior to joining Carlyle Realty in 1998, Mr. Stuckey was Chief Investment Officer at CarrAmerica Realty Corporation ("CarrAmerica"), a REIT. Prior to that, he was Senior Vice President of ProLogis, Inc. ("ProLogis"), an owner, operator and developer of industrial real estate, and Chief Financial Officer for Trammel Crow Company, N.E., a developer of, and investor in, commercial real estate. Mr. Stuckey was twice an Academic All-American in football at the University of Nebraska and received an M.B.A. from Harvard University. In determining Mr. Stuckey's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Stuckey's significant experience concerning the acquisition, disposition, financing, operations and market opportunities of data center properties and private and publicly traded REITs, which provides us with valuable insight into commercial real estate, REIT and data center industry trends that affect our business.

Thomas M. Ray is our President and Chief Executive Officer and a member of our Board since September 2010. Mr. Ray has been responsible for our company's activities since its founding in 2001. From 1998 to September 2010, Mr. Ray served in roles of increasing responsibility, including Managing Director, of The Carlyle Group, focusing upon opportunities for the firm's real estate funds and leading those funds' activities in the data center sector. He brings over 20 years of experience making and managing investments and businesses throughout the U.S., Europe and Asia. Prior to joining Carlyle, Mr. Ray held management-level roles at companies such as ProLogis, CarrAmerica and predecessors to Archstone-Smith. Prior thereto, he practiced real estate and transactional law. Mr. Ray received his M.B.A. from the University of Texas at Austin Graduate School of Business, where he was a Longhorn Scholar. He also received a J.D. from the University of Colorado at Boulder School of Law and a B.S. in Business Administration with emphasis in Finance from the University of Denver, where he was a Hornbeck Scholar. In determining Mr. Ray's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Ray's significant experience with publicly traded REITs and in the acquisition, finance and operation of commercial real estate, as well as over a decade of experience in the data center industry, which provide us with insight into commercial real estate, REIT and data center trends that affect our business.

James A. Attwood, Jr. has served as a director since September 2010. Mr. Attwood is a Managing Director and Head of the Global Telecommunications and Media Group at The Carlyle Group. Prior to joining Carlyle in 2000, Mr. Attwood served as Executive Vice President for Strategy, Development and Planning at Verizon Communications, Inc. ("Verizon"), a telecommunications provider, and GTE Corporation (prior to its merger with Bell Atlantic to form Verizon). Prior to his four years at Verizon

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and GTE Corporation, Mr. Attwood served as an investment banker at Goldman, Sachs & Co. for 11 years. Mr. Attwood graduated summa cum laude from Yale University in 1980 with a B.A. in applied mathematics and an M.A. in statistics. In 1985, he received both J.D. and M.B.A. degrees from Harvard University. Mr. Attwood currently serves as a member of the boards of directors of Syniverse Holdings, Inc., a provider of business and technology services for the mobile telecommunications industry, Nielsen Holdings N.V., a global information and measurement company, and Getty Images Inc., a global creator and distributor of still imagery, video and multimedia products, which is privately held. Mr. Attwood has gained significant knowledge of the telecommunications industry through his work with Verizon and The Carlyle Group. In determining Mr. Attwood's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Attwood's private equity experience, together with the experience gained by having served as an officer and on the boards of directors of various telecommunications companies, which provide us with a valuable perspective in monitoring and evaluating our business.

Michael Koehler has served as a director since September 2010. Mr. Koehler currently serves as Senior Vice President, Global Services of EMC Corporation, a provider of IT consulting services and hardware, a position he has held since August 2011. During 2008 and 2009, Mr. Koehler served as Senior Vice President, Americas Region, of Electronic Data Systems Corporation ("EDS"), a division of the Hewlett-Packard Company ("HP"). EDS, a global provider of information technology and business processing outsourcing services, was acquired by HP in 2008. Prior to HP's acquisition of EDS, Mr. Koehler served as Executive Vice President, Global ITO Services and as Senior Vice President, Infrastructure Technology and Business Process Outsourcing at EDS. During 2007, Mr. Koehler served as Regional Senior Vice President, Europe, Middle East and Africa Operations at EDS, and, from 2006 to 2008, as Enterprise Client Executive, Navy Marine Corps Intranet Account at EDS. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Koehler served as Chief Operating Officer of The Feld Group, a management information technology consulting firm that was acquired by EDS in 2004. From 1994 to 2001, he held management positions of increasingly greater responsibility at The Feld Group. Mr. Koehler received his B.S. in Industrial Engineering from Texas Tech University. In determining Mr. Koehler's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Koehler's significant experience in the technology consulting and outsourcing industries and extensive operational and strategic planning experience in complex, global companies, which provide us with valuable insight into the technology trends that affect our business.

Paul E. Szurek has served as a director since September 2010. Mr. Szurek has been Chief Financial Officer of Biltmore Farms, LLC, a residential and commercial real estate development and operating company, since 2003. Prior to joining Biltmore Farms, LLC, Mr. Szurek served as Chief Financial Officer of Security Capital Group Incorporated, a real estate investment, development and operating company. Mr. Szurek is currently a director of the Charlotte, North Carolina branch of the Federal Reserve Bank of Richmond. He has also previously served as a director to two publicly traded real estate companies, Regency Centers and Security Capital U.S. Realty. Mr. Szurek received a J.D. with honors from Harvard Law School and a B.A. in Government, magna cum laude, from the University of Texas at Austin. In determining Mr. Szurek's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Szurek's significant experience concerning the acquisition, disposition, financing, operations and market opportunities of private and publicly traded REITs, which provide us with valuable insight into REIT-industry trends that affect our business.

J. David Thompson has served as a director since September 2010. Mr. Thompson has been the Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer of The Western Union Company, a global payment services company, since April 2012. From 2006 to April 2012, Mr. Thompson was Group President of the Symantec Services Group and Chief Information Officer of Symantec Corporation, a global provider of security, storage, and systems management solutions. From 2004 to 2006, Mr. Thompson served as Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer for Oracle Corporation.

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Mr. Thompson was Senior Vice President and Chief Information Officer at PeopleSoft, Inc. from 1998 to 2005, prior to its acquisition by Oracle Corporation. Mr. Thompson began his career as an officer in the U.S. Air Force as an Intelligence Systems Officer. Mr. Thompson studied computer science at American University. In determining Mr. Thompson's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Thompson's significant experience in the technology industry and extensive operational experience in information technology systems optimization, which provide us with valuable insights into the information technology trends that affect our business.

David A. Wilson has served as a director since September 2010. Mr. Wilson has been the President and Chief Executive Officer of the Graduate Management Admission Council (the "Council") since 1995. The Council is a \$100.0 million enterprise that is the owner of the Graduate Management Admission Test, the GMAT. Prior to 1995, he was a Managing Partner and National Director for Professional Development at Ernst & Young LLP, a public accounting firm. From 1968 to 1978, Mr. Wilson held faculty positions at the University of Texas at Austin, where he was awarded tenure, and at Harvard Business School. Mr. Wilson completed his undergraduate studies at Queen's University in Canada, received his M.B.A. at the University of California, Berkeley, and received his doctorate at the University of Illinois. He is a Chartered Accountant in Canada and a Certified Public Accountant in the United States. From 2002 to 2007, he has served on the board of directors of Laureate Education, Inc. ("Laureate"), a company which provides access to high-quality, innovative institutions of higher education, and of Terra Industries, Inc. ("Terra"), a producer and marketer of nitrogen products for the agricultural and industrial markets, from 2009 to 2010. At Laureate, he chaired the Audit Committee and served as a member of the Nominating and Governance Committee and the Conflicts Committee. He served on the Audit Committee of Terra. He has served on the Worldwide Board of Junior Achievement, the Conseil d'Administration de la Confrérie de la Chaîne des Rôtisseurs (Paris) and The Wolf Trap Foundation. He presently serves on the board of directors of Barnes and Noble, Inc., a book retailer and content, commerce and technology company, and as chair of its Audit Committee, and also serves as a member of the board of directors of The Atlantic Council, a non-profit organization. In determining Mr. Wilson's qualifications to serve on our Board, the Board considered, among other things, Mr. Wilson's significant industry experience in the areas of accounting policy, internal controls and risk management.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" ELECTION OF EACH OF MESSRS. STUCKEY, RAY, ATTWOOD, KOEHLER, SZUREK, THOMPSON AND WILSON.

# PROPOSAL TWO: RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee of our Board, which is composed entirely of independent directors, has appointed KPMG LLP as our company's independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013. Although stockholder approval is not required, we desire to obtain from our stockholders an indication of their approval or disapproval of the Audit Committee's action in appointing KPMG LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of our company for 2013. If our stockholders do not ratify and approve this appointment, the appointment will be reconsidered by the Audit Committee and our Board.

A representative of KPMG LLP will be present at our Annual Meeting, where the representative will be afforded an opportunity to make a statement and to respond to appropriate questions.

The affirmative vote of a majority of all votes cast on the proposal is necessary to ratify the appointment of KPMG LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2013.

#### **Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

The following table summarizes the fees billed by KPMG LLP for professional services rendered to us for fiscal years 2012 and 2011.

	2012	2011
Audit Fees	\$ 690,000	\$ 750,000
Audit-Related Fees	71,750	35,380
Tax Fees		
All Other Fees		
Total	\$ 761,750	\$ 785,380

<u>Audit Fees</u>. Audit fees consisted of aggregate fees billed for professional services rendered for the audit of our consolidated annual financial statements, review of interim consolidated financial statements, consultations on accounting matters directly related to the audit, or services that are normally provided by the independent registered public accounting firm in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

<u>Audit-Related Fees</u>. Audit-related fees consists of aggregate fees billed for accounting consultations and other services that were reasonably related to the performance of audits or reviews of our financial statements and were not reported above under "Audit Fees." The amount for 2011 of \$35,380 relates to assistance with the preparation and filing of our Registration Statements on Form S-3 during 2011. The amount for 2012 of \$71,750 primarily related to services provided in connection with our 2012 preferred stock offering.

#### **Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures**

The Audit Committee pre-approves all audit and non-audit services provided by our independent registered public accounting firm. Requests to provide services requiring pre-approval by the Audit Committee are submitted to the Audit Committee with a description of the services to be provided and an estimate of the fees to be charged in connection with such services. The Audit Committee pre-approved all services to be performed by our independent registered accounting firm during fiscal years 2011 and 2012.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS A VOTE "FOR" THE RATIFICATION OF THE APPOINTMENT OF KPMG LLP AS
OUR INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING
FIRM FOR THE YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 2013.

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#### AUDIT COMMITTEE REPORT

The Audit Committee assists the Board with its oversight responsibilities regarding the Company's financial reporting process. The Company's management is responsible for the preparation, presentation and integrity of the Company's financial statements and the reporting process, including the Company's accounting policies, internal audit function, internal control over financial reporting and disclosure controls and procedures. KPMG LLP, the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, is responsible for performing an audit of the Company's financial statements.

With regard to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, the Audit Committee (i) reviewed and discussed with management our audited consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2012, and for the year then ended; (ii) discussed with KPMG LLP, the independent auditors, the matters required by PCAOB AU Section 380, *Communications with Audit Committees*; (iii) received the written disclosures and the letter from KPMG LLP required by applicable requirements of the PCAOB regarding KPMG LLP's communications with the Audit Committee regarding independence; and (iv) discussed with KPMG their independence.

Based on the review and discussions described above, the Audit Committee recommended to our Board that our audited financial statements be included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2012, for filing with the SEC.

The Audit Committee:

David A. Wilson Paul E. Szurek Michael Koehler

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# PROPOSAL THREE: THE ADVISORY RESOLUTION TO APPROVE THE COMPENSATION OF OUR NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Pursuant to Section 14A of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"), our stockholders are entitled to cast an advisory vote at the Annual Meeting to approve the compensation of our named executive officers, as disclosed pursuant to the SEC's compensation disclosure rules, including the "Compensation Discussion and Analysis" section of this proxy statement, or "CD&A," the compensation tables and accompanying narrative disclosures. While this