

# Fourth Quarter and Full Year 2010 Financial Results

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## **SOLID OUTCOMES IN 2010**

- Delivered on our financial commitments and enter 2011 with improved momentum
- Laid the foundation for healthy, sustainable growth
- 2011 plan balances profit growth with select investments to create long-term value

## FINANCIAL SUMMARY

#### \$ in Millions, Except Earnings per Share

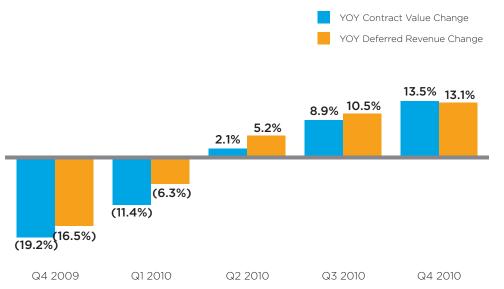
	Q4 2010	Q4 2009	% Change	2010	2009	% Change
Contract Value	\$447.1	\$393.7	13.5%			
Revenues	\$117.0	\$108.0	8.4%	\$438.9	\$442.9	(0.9%)
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	19.7%	24.5%	n/m	22.8%	25.8%	n/m
Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings per Share	\$0.31	\$0.40	(22.5%)	\$1.40	\$1.68	(16.7%)
Deferred Revenues, Current	\$251.2	\$222.1	13.1%			
Cash Flows from Operations				\$85.1	\$28.6	197.8%

- Solid year-over-year growth in contract value and quarterly revenues
- Encouraging progress in key operating statistics
- As we had indicated, Q4 expense lift drove anticipated reduction in Adjusted EBITDA margin and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share

n/m = not meaningful.

# FOUNDATION FOR HEALTHY, SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

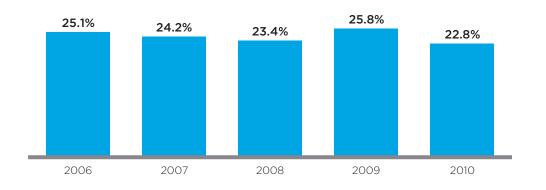




#### Looking Forward, Expect

- Majority of growth to come from existing subscription products
- Additional opportunity to extend platform to new markets
- Increased contribution from new products

#### Adjusted EBITDA Margin



# Still Managing to Attractive Margins While Enabling Growth



 Existing business scales to high incremental contribution



- Continuing investment in technology and service
- New product development
- Geographic and market expansion

# 2011 PLAN BALANCES PROFIT GROWTH WITH SELECT INVESTMENTS TO CREATE LONG-TERM VALUE

#### **Guiding to Solid Growth**

Revenues \$475 M to \$495 M

Adjusted EBITDA Margin 22.0% to 23.5%

Non-GAAP Diluted Earnings per Share \$1.45 to \$1.65

Depreciation and Amortization \$17 M to \$18 M

Capital Expenditures \$8 M to \$10 M

#### Providing Appropriate Current Cash Returns and Maintaining Financial Flexibility

- Increasing quarterly dividend by 36% to reflect renewed growth profile
- Retaining ample liquidity to further strengthen balance sheet and preserve capacity for opportunistic investments

## **FOCUS IN 2011 ON FOUR PRIORITIES**

- Create uniquely valuable insights into corporate performance
- Drive loyalty, growth, and brand strength through high value member engagement
- Invest globally in key markets
- Leverage technology and service to deliver innovative products

# CREATE UNIQUELY VALUABLE INSIGHTS INTO CORPORATE PERFORMANCE

#### 2010 Highlights

- Produced great research, data, and tools across all practice areas, including:
  - **HR:** Managing employee productivity and performance by creating engagement capital
  - Sales and Marketing: Changing the selling process to better match customer needs
  - **Corporate Integrity:** Using employee analysis to spotlight risk areas and factors
  - **Corporate Finance:** Achieving "Intelligent Growth" through cost and capital management
  - **Financial Services:** Reestablishing consumer trust
  - **IT:** Managing the evolving Corporate IT function
  - **R&D:** Effectively seeding innovation pipelines for growth

- Continue to create powerful research, data, and tools that support key performance levers
- Globalize research asset with additional investments in emerging markets coverage
- Continue building data assets that support research and serve member workflows

# DRIVE LOYALTY, GROWTH, AND BRAND STRENGTH THROUGH HIGH VALUE MEMBER ENGAGEMENT

#### 2010 Highlights

- Completed global rollout of new commercial model
- Improved large corporate cross-sell ratio to 3.41
- Step function increase in public thought leadership, including multiple tier one media features

- Selectively add capacity in new sales teams
- Support development and productivity of all commercial teams
- Leverage member impact to grow awareness and reach of our brand

### **INVEST GLOBALLY IN KEY MARKETS**

#### 2010 Highlights

- Market-based teams in middle market and government contributed to strong growth
- Investments in Asia Pacific presence, including opening of Singapore office, drove growth in the region

- Continue to add capacity in existing growth markets (middle market, government, Asia Pacific)
- Place one or two market-based teams to target key Continental Europe markets

# LEVERAGE TECHNOLOGY AND SERVICE TO DELIVER INNOVATIVE PRODUCTS

#### 2010 Highlights

- Completed acquisition of Iconoculture
- Launched corporate integrity offerings:
  - Legal Leadership Academy
  - Risk Integration Strategy Council
- Began rollout of new member Web portals
- Continued investment in online functional anatomies

- Connect proprietary insights to member workflows using new tools, services, and products
- Complete rollout of Web portals and continue investment in technologybacked services
- Selectively acquire uniquely valuable assets to strengthen current businesses

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#### **APPENDIX**

This appendix and the accompanying tables include a discussion of EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted net income, and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share, which are non-GAAP financial measures provided as a complement to the results provided in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP"). The term "EBITDA" refers to a financial measure that we define as earnings before interest income, net, depreciation and amortization, and provision for income taxes. The term "Adjusted EBITDA" refers to a financial measure that we define as earnings before interest income, net, depreciation and amortization, provision for income taxes, impairment loss, costs associated with exit activities, restructuring costs, and gain on acquisition. The term "Adjusted net income" refers to net income excluding the after tax effects of impairment loss, costs associated with exit activities, restructuring costs, and gain on acquisition. "Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share" refers to net income excluding the after tax per share effects of impairment loss, costs associated with exit activities, restructuring costs, and gain on acquisition.

These non-GAAP measures may be considered in addition to results prepared in accordance with GAAP, but they should not be considered a substitute for, or superior to, GAAP results. We intend to continue to provide these non-GAAP financial measures as part of our future earnings discussions and, therefore, the inclusion of these non-GAAP financial measures will provide consistency in our financial reporting. A reconciliation of these non-GAAP measures to GAAP results is provided below.

We believe that EBITDA, Adjusted EBITDA, Adjusted net income, and Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share are relevant and useful supplemental information for our investors. We use these non-GAAP financial measures for internal budgeting and other managerial purposes, when publicly providing the Company's business outlook and as a measurement for potential acquisitions. A limitation associated with EBITDA and Adjusted EBITDA is that they do not reflect the periodic costs of certain capitalized tangible and intangible assets used in generating revenues in our business. Management evaluates the costs of such tangible and intangible assets through other financial measures such as capital expenditures. Management compensates for these limitations by also relying on the comparable GAAP financial measure of income from operations, which includes depreciation and amortization.

With respect to the Company's 2011 annual guidance, reconciliations of Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share to GAAP diluted earnings per share, Adjusted net income to net income and Adjusted EBITDA to net income as projected for 2011 are not provided because CEB cannot, without unreasonable effort, determine the components of GAAP diluted earnings per share and net income to provide reconciliations to Non-GAAP diluted earnings per share and Adjusted EBITDA for its 2011 fiscal year with certainty at this time.

# **APPENDIX**

(In thousands, except per share amounts)

		2007	2008	2009	2010	Three Months Ended	
	2006					31 December 2009	31 December 2010
Revenues	\$460,623	\$532,716	\$558,352	\$442,906	\$438,907	\$107,952	\$117,042
EBITDA AND ADJUSTED EBITDA							
Net Income	\$79,171	\$80,587	\$44,797	\$45,629	\$40,363	\$13,434	\$10,761
Interest Income, Net	(23,566)	(14,937)	(4,268)	(1,787)	(1,526)	(389)	(410)
Depreciation and Amortization	10,381	15,573	21,631	22,991	20,462	5,642	5,172
Provision for Income Taxes	49,561	47,501	33,291	27,989	28,047	7,405	7,479
EBITDA	115,547	128,724	95,451	94,822	\$87,346	\$26,092	\$23,002
Impairment Loss	=	-	27,449	=	12,645	-	=
Costs Associated with Exit Activities	=	-	=	11,518	=	-	_
Restructuring Costs	=	-	8,006	8,568	=	1,053	=
Gain on Acquisition	-	-		(680)	-	(680)	-
Adjusted EBITDA	\$115,547	\$128,724	\$130,906	\$114,228	\$99,991	\$26,465	\$23,002
Adjusted EBITDA Margin	25.1%	24.2%	23.4%	25.8%	22.8%	24.5%	19.7%
	ADJUSTED	NET INCOME					
		Net Income	\$44,797	\$45,629	\$40,363	\$13,434	\$10,761
	Adjustme	nts, Net of Tax					
Impairment Loss		17,073	_	7,789	-	-	
Costs Associated with Exit Activities			=	7,141	=	-	-
Restructuring Costs			4,804	5,312	=	653	=
Gain on Acquisition			=	(422)	=	(422)	-
	Adjust	ed Net Income	\$66,674	\$57,660	\$48,152	\$13,665	\$10,761
NON-GAAP	EARNINGS PER DII	LUTED SHARE					
GAAP Earnings per Diluted Share			\$1.30	\$1.33	\$1.17	\$0.39	\$0.31
Adjustments, Net of Tax							
Impairment Loss			0.50	=	0.23	=	-
C	Costs Associated with Exit Activities			0.20	-	=	=
Restructuring Costs			0.14	0.16	-	0.02	-
Gain on Acquisition			-	(0.01)	-	(0.01)	
Non-GAAP Earnings per Diluted Share			\$1.94	\$1.68	\$1.40	\$0.40	\$0.31



WHAT THE BEST COMPANIES DO