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NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

May 2, 2011

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Huron Consulting Group Inc. (the Company) will be held at the Company's offices located at Six Concourse Parkway, Suite 2050, Atlanta, Georgia 30328 on May 2, 2011, at 12:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Savings Time, for the following purposes:

- 1) To elect to the board of directors the two persons nominated by the board of directors;
- 2) To hold an advisory vote on executive compensation;
- 3) To hold an advisory vote on the frequency of the advisory stockholder vote on executive compensation;
- 4) To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's auditor for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011; and
- 5) To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 4, 2011 will be entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting.

Stockholders, whether or not they expect to be present at the meeting, are requested to sign and date the enclosed proxy, which is solicited on behalf of the board of directors, and return it promptly in the envelope enclosed for that purpose. Any person giving a proxy has the power to revoke it at any time prior to the meeting, and stockholders who are present at the meeting may withdraw their proxies and vote in person.

**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of
Proxy Materials for the Stockholder Meeting to be
Held on May 2, 2011**

**The Proxy Statement and Annual Report to Stockholders are
available at www.edocumentview.com/HURN**

By Order of the Board of Directors

Natalia Delgado, *Corporate Secretary*

Chicago, Illinois

March 22, 2011

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PROXY STATEMENT

for

ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

This Proxy Statement is furnished in connection with the solicitation of proxies to be voted at the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Huron Consulting Group Inc. (the Company, Huron, we or us). The 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the Annual Meeting) will be held Monday, May 2, 2011 at 12:30 p.m., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Company's offices located at Six Concourse Parkway, Suite 2050, Atlanta, Georgia 30328. This Proxy Statement and the accompanying proxy card are first being mailed to stockholders on or about March 22, 2011.

GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT THE MEETING

Quorum and Voting Requirements

The Company has one class of common stock. Each share of common stock is entitled to one vote on each matter to be voted upon at the Annual Meeting. Stockholders do not have the right to cumulate votes in the election of directors. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 4, 2011 (the Record Date) will be entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, there were 22,266,701 shares of common stock issued and outstanding.

The accompanying proxy is solicited from the holders of record of the common stock on behalf of the board of directors of the Company and is revocable at any time by giving written notice of revocation to the Secretary of the Company prior to the Annual Meeting or by executing and delivering a later-dated proxy by mail prior to the Annual Meeting. Furthermore, the stockholders who are present at the Annual Meeting may revoke their proxies and vote in person.

If your shares are held in a bank or brokerage account, you will receive proxy materials from your bank or broker, which will include a voting instruction form. If you would like to revoke a proxy given to your bank or broker, you must follow its instructions. If you would like to attend the Annual Meeting and vote these shares in person, you must obtain a proxy from your bank or broker. You must request the proxy from your bank or broker; it will not automatically supply one to you.

All shares of the Company's common stock represented by properly executed and unrevoked proxies will be voted by the proxies in accordance with the directions given therein. Where no instructions are indicated, properly executed proxies will be voted FOR the proposals set forth in this Proxy Statement for consideration at the Annual Meeting. The directors expect shares of common stock held by executive officers and directors of the Company will be voted FOR such proposals.

A quorum, consisting of at least one-third of shares of common stock issued and outstanding, must be present at the meeting for any business to be conducted. Shares of common stock entitled to vote and represented by properly executed, returned and unrevoked proxies, including shares with respect to which votes are withheld, abstentions are cast or there are broker non-votes, will be considered present at the meeting for purposes of determining a quorum.

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PROPOSAL 1

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS

Board of Directors

The Company's third amended and restated certificate of incorporation divides the Company's board of directors into three classes, with each class being elected to a three-year term.

The board of directors has nominated H. Eugene Lockhart and George E. Massaro as Class I Directors to be voted upon at the 2011 Annual Meeting. DuBose Ausley and John S. Moody are Class II Directors serving terms ending at the 2012 Annual Meeting. James D. Edwards, John McCartney and James H. Roth are Class III Directors serving terms ending at the 2013 Annual Meeting.

This Proxy Statement relates only to the solicitation of proxies from the stockholders with respect to the election of the two nominees as Class I Directors and the other matters described herein. The board of directors knows of no reason that Mr. Lockhart or Mr. Massaro might be unavailable to serve as the Class I Directors, and each has expressed an intention to serve, if elected. If either of Mr. Lockhart or Mr. Massaro is unable to serve, the shares represented by all valid proxies will be voted **FOR** the election of such substitute nominee as the board of directors may recommend. There are no arrangements or understandings between any of the persons nominated to be a Class I Director and any other person pursuant to which any of such nominees was selected.

The election of a director requires the affirmative vote of a plurality of the shares of common stock present in person or represented by proxy at the Annual Meeting that are voted, provided that a quorum is represented at the meeting. Shares of common stock held by stockholders electing to abstain from voting and broker non-votes will be counted toward the presence of a quorum but will not be considered present and voting. Therefore, abstentions and broker non-votes will have no impact on the election of directors. Properly executed proxies submitted pursuant to this solicitation will be voted **FOR** the election of Mr. Lockhart and Mr. Massaro as Class I Directors, unless specified otherwise.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT STOCKHOLDERS VOTE **FOR THE ELECTION OF MR. LOCKHART AND MR. MASSARO AS CLASS I DIRECTORS.**

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The tables below set forth certain information regarding the directors of the Company.

Nominees to Board of Directors

Name	Age	Principal Occupation	Director Since	Class and Year in Which Term Expires
H. Eugene Lockhart	61	Partner and Chairman, Financial Institutions, Diamond Castle Holdings, LLC	2006	Class I 2011
George E. Massaro	63	Vice Chairman of the Board	2004	Class I 2011

H. Eugene Lockhart has served on our board of directors since December 5, 2006. Since 2005, Mr. Lockhart has served as a partner and chairman, Financial Institutions, Diamond Castle Holdings, LLC in New York, a private equity investment firm. On February 7, 2011, he was appointed to the board of directors of Bonds.com, a trading platform for fixed income securities. Mr. Lockhart is also a director and audit committee chairman of RadioShack Corporation, a retail seller of consumer electronic goods and services, and serves on the board of Asset Acceptance Capital Corp., a purchaser of accounts receivable portfolios from consumer credit originators. Previously, he had served on the board of IMS Health Incorporated, a global provider of information solutions to the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries, until February 2010. Since 2002, Mr. Lockhart has been a venture partner at Oak Investment Partners, a multi-billion dollar venture capital firm. Prior to that, from 2000 to 2002, he served as chairman and chief executive officer of New Power Holdings, a retail provider of energy to homes and small businesses throughout the United States. From 1999 to 2000, Mr. Lockhart was president of Consumer Services for AT&T. His prior positions include president of Global Retail Bank and Bank of America, as well as president and chief executive officer of MasterCard International. Mr. Lockhart received his B.S. in Mechanical Engineering from the University of Virginia and his MBA from The Darden Graduate School of Business at the University of Virginia. In addition, Mr. Lockhart is a CPA, licensed in the Commonwealth of Virginia.

George E. Massaro resumed the position of Vice Chairman of Huron's board on May 3, 2010, a role in which he had previously served from March 2005 until July 30, 2009. Mr. Massaro had assumed the role of Non-executive Chairman in July 2009, to assist the new management team upon the departure of the Company's former chairman. Mr. Massaro has served as a director since May 2004. Effective February 16, 2009, Mr. Massaro ceased to be an employee of the Company. He had served as our Chief Operating Officer and as Chief Operating Officer of Huron Consulting Services LLC, our principal operating subsidiary, from June 2003 until March 2005. Mr. Massaro joined Huron Consulting Services LLC in August 2002 as a managing director and subsequently became the leader of our Disputes and Investigations and Valuation Services practices. Previously, he served as the managing partner of Arthur Andersen LLP's 1,200-person New England practice from 1998 to 2002 and managing partner of the Boston office from 1995 to 1998. Mr. Massaro has served clients in the financial services and high-technology industries. Mr. Massaro serves as a director of Charles River Laboratories, a provider of research products and preclinical services for the biomedical community, and of Eastern Bank Corporation, an independent mutual bank holding company in New England. He is also a member of the board of trustees of Mount Auburn Hospital in Cambridge. In addition, Mr. Massaro is chairman of the audit committee of the Archdiocese of Boston and a member of its finance committee. Mr. Massaro received his B.A. in Accounting and Finance from Bentley College and his MBA from Babson College.

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Name	Age	Principal Occupation	Director Since	Class and Year in Which Term Expires
DuBose Ausley	73	Attorney, Ausley & McMullen, P.A.	2004	Class II 2012
John S. Moody	62	President, Parkside Capital	2005	Class II 2012
James D. Edwards	67	Retired Managing Partner Global Markets at Arthur Andersen LLP	2004	Class III 2013
John McCartney	58	Non-executive Chairman, Huron Consulting Group Inc.	2004	Class III 2013
James H. Roth	53	Chief Executive Officer of Huron Consulting Group Inc. and Huron Consulting Services LLC, our principal operating subsidiary	2009	Class III 2013

DuBose Ausley has served on our board of directors since October 12, 2004. He is an employee of Ausley & McMullen, P.A., a law firm in Tallahassee, Florida, where he was chairman for more than 25 years prior to June 2002. Mr. Ausley serves as a director of Capital City Bank Group, Inc., a financial services holding company; Tampa Electric Company, a public utility operating in the State of Florida, and its parent, TECO Energy, Inc.; and Capital Health Plan, an affiliate of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Florida, Inc., on whose board he served from 1982 to 2005. Mr. Ausley served on the board of regents of the State University System of Florida from 1978 to 1994 and served as its chairman in 1981 and 1982. He also served on the board of trustees of Washington and Lee University for 10 years. In addition, he served as chairman of the Capital City Bank Group, Inc. from 1982 to 2003. Mr. Ausley received his B.A. in Economics from Washington and Lee University and his J.D. from the University of Florida College of Law.

John S. Moody has served on our board of directors since November 8, 2005. He is president of Parkside Capital, formerly known as ProTerra Realty, a fund manager investing in real estate in Houston, Texas. He joined the board of directors of Potlatch Corp., a real estate investment trust, in September 2006, and on January 19, 2009 he assumed the role of Vice Chairman of Potlatch Corp. From 2001 to 2005, he served on the boards of directors of three publicly held REITs: Keystone Property Trust, CRIIMI MAE, Inc. and Equity Office Properties Trust. From 2004 until October 2005, Mr. Moody served as president and chief executive officer of HRO Asset Management, LLC, a real estate advisory business. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Moody served as president of Marsh & McLennan Real Estate Advisors, Inc., a business that directed the execution of real estate projects and transactions for Marsh & McLennan. From 1995 to 2000, Mr. Moody was president and chief executive officer of Cornerstone Properties, Inc., a REIT that acquired, developed and operated large-scale Class A office buildings in major markets throughout the United States and that merged into Equity Office Properties Trust. Mr. Moody received his B.A. in History from Stanford University and his J.D. with honors from The University of Texas School of Law.

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James D. Edwards has served on our board of directors since October 12, 2004. Mr. Edwards retired in 2002 as managing partner global markets of Arthur Andersen LLP, a position he had held since 1998. Mr. Edwards began his career with Arthur Andersen LLP in 1964 and served in several positions after that time. Mr. Edwards is also a director of Cousins Properties Incorporated, a publicly held REIT; Transcend Services, Inc., a provider of medical transcription services to the healthcare industry; and Crawford & Company, a global provider of claims adjustment and risk management solutions. Until February 2010, he had served on the board of IMS Health Incorporated, a global provider of information solutions to the pharmaceutical and healthcare industries. Mr. Edwards received his B.S. in Accounting from Bob Jones University and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

John McCartney was appointed Non-executive Chairman of the board effective May 3, 2010. He has served on our board since October 12, 2004. From that date until February 2010, he served as chairman of the Audit Committee. From January 2007 until April 2010, Mr. McCartney served as chairman of the board of directors of A.M. Castle & Co., a global distributor of specialty metal and plastic products, and has served on that board since 1998. From January 2001 until March 2009, he served as chairman of the board of directors of Westcon Group, Inc., a specialty distributor of networking and communications equipment, on whose board he has served since August 1998. From December 2003 until January 2007, Mr. McCartney served as chairman of the board of First Circle Medical, Inc., a privately held medical therapy company. On May 7, 2009, he was elected to the board of Covance Inc., a drug development services company. On July 16, 2007, he was appointed a non-executive director of Datatec Limited, a networking technology and services company. He had previously served as vice chairman of the board of directors of Datatec from October 1998 until May 2004. From July 2005 until April 2010, Mr. McCartney served on the board of Federal Signal Corporation, a safety and security products manufacturer. From June 1997 to March 1998, he held the position of president of 3Com Corporation's Client Access Unit. He joined the executive management team of US Robotics in March 1984 as vice president and chief financial officer and served in various executive capacities until serving as president and chief operating officer of US Robotics from January 1996 until its merger with 3Com Corporation in June 1997. Mr. McCartney received his B.A. in Philosophy from Davidson College and his MBA from The Wharton School of the University of Pennsylvania.

James H. Roth has served as Chief Executive Officer of Huron Consulting Group Inc. and Huron Consulting Services LLC, since July 30, 2009. He has served on Huron's board of directors since November 3, 2009. As previously announced, Mr. Roth will assume the role of President of Huron on March 31, 2011. Mr. Roth had served as Vice President, Health and Education Consulting for the Company from January 2007 until July 2009. Since Huron's inception in 2002, Mr. Roth has been a managing director and practice leader of the Company's Higher Education Consulting practice, which he grew organically into one of our largest practices. Mr. Roth has been a frequent speaker in national forums on matters relating to higher education and academic medical centers. He has also been instrumental in expanding our educational and healthcare practices into the Middle East and Asia. He received his B.A. in Political Science and Economics from Vanderbilt University and his MBA from Southern Methodist University.

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The Company's executive officers are as follows:

Name	Age	Position
James H. Roth	53	Chief Executive Officer and Director
David M. Shade	66	President and Chief Operating Officer
James K. Rojas	42	Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Mary M. Sawall	55	Vice President, Human Resources
Diane E. Ratekin	54	Vice President, General Counsel and Assistant Secretary

James H. Roth's biographical information is provided above under the caption "Directors Not Standing for Election."

David M. Shade was appointed President and Chief Operating Officer of Huron Consulting Group Inc. and Huron Consulting Services LLC on May 6, 2009. Before that date, he had served as Huron's Vice President, Healthcare since May 2007. As previously announced, in anticipation of his retirement from Huron on June 30, 2011, Mr. Shade will leave his position as President and Chief Operating Officer effective March 31, 2011. Prior to joining Huron, Mr. Shade was Principal, Chief Executive Officer and a founder of Wellspring Partners LTD. (Wellspring Partners), now a Huron Consulting Group practice. Previously, Mr. Shade served the healthcare consulting division of Ernst & Young in a variety of partner level roles for more than 21 years, where he moved the practice beyond healthcare finance into healthcare operations and strategy. He subsequently served as chief executive officer and principal investor of a firm specializing in healthcare valuation services. Before starting his professional career, Mr. Shade served as a combat officer with the 101st Airborne Division in the Republic of Vietnam, where he was decorated for valor. Mr. Shade is a Member of the Healthcare Financial Management Association and the American Hospital Association. Mr. Shade received his B.A. in Accounting from Miami University, Ohio, and his MBA from Northwestern University's Kellogg School of Management.

James K. Rojas was appointed Vice President and Chief Financial Officer (CFO) of Huron Consulting Group Inc. and Huron Consulting Services LLC on July 30, 2009 and subsequently appointed Treasurer on November 3, 2009. As previously announced, Mr. Rojas will assume the role of Chief Operating Officer of Huron effective March 31, 2011. He will continue as CFO until a permanent replacement is found. Before returning to Huron, from 2007 to 2009, Mr. Rojas was the executive vice president and chief financial officer of Stop & Shop and Giant Supermarket Company, a subsidiary of Ahold USA, Inc., a grocery retailer. Prior thereto, he was the executive vice president shared services of Ahold USA, Inc. from January 2007 to June 2007. Previously, from January 2006 to December 2006, he was the executive vice president and chief administration officer of U.S. Foodservice, a broadline foodservice distributor. Prior to that, from March 2005 through December 2005, Mr. Rojas served as Vice President of Corporate Development for Huron, as well as a managing director of Huron Consulting Services LLC, from May 2002 through March 2005. Mr. Rojas received his B.B.A., with a concentration in Accounting, from the University of Notre Dame.

Mary M. Sawall has served as our Vice President, Human Resources since May 2004; as Vice President, Human Resources of Huron Consulting Services LLC since January 2004; and as managing director and head of Human Resources of Huron Consulting Services LLC since May 2002. Ms. Sawall, who previously announced her departure, will resign her position as Vice President, Human Resources on April 1, 2011 and leave the Company. Prior to joining Huron, she was executive vice president of human resources at Encore Development, a technology solutions provider, from 2000 to 2002 and at marchFIRST Inc., a global business and technology solutions provider, from 1998 to 2000. She has also served as director of human resources for the Illinois practice of Deloitte & Touche LLP and has held financial and administrative management positions at Booz Allen Hamilton Inc., a global strategy and technology consulting firm, and Cambridge Associates, a provider of investment and financial research and consulting services to nonprofit institutions. Ms. Sawall received her B.A. in the Program of Liberal Studies from the University of Notre Dame, her M.A. in Anthropology from Yale University and her MBA from Cornell University.

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Diane E. Ratekin was appointed Vice President and General Counsel of Huron Consulting Group Inc. and Huron Consulting Services LLC on February 22, 2011, and has served as Assistant Secretary since May 6, 2009. Ms. Ratekin has been employed in Huron's legal department since January 2005, most recently as Deputy General Counsel and managing director. Prior to joining Huron, from January 2003 to December 2004, Ms. Ratekin was a partner in the Corporate Department of McGuireWoods LLP, where she focused on corporate governance issues and provided business advice to public companies. Previously, she spent 16 years in the legal department of Deutsche Investment Management Americas Inc., formerly known as Zurich Scudder Investments, Inc., and Kemper Financial Services, Inc., an asset management subsidiary of Deutsche Bank, where she was a Director and Team Leader of the Corporate and Investments Team. Before that, Ms. Ratekin was a litigator at Jenner & Block. She started her career as a law clerk for the Honorable Charles Wolle on the Iowa Supreme Court. She received her B.A. in English and her J.D. from the University of Iowa.

Director Independence

Our Corporate Governance Guidelines require that the board of directors make an annual determination regarding the independence of each of our directors. The board of directors has determined that Messrs. Ausley, Edwards, Lockhart, McCartney and Moody are independent as defined in the applicable listing standards of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. (NASDAQ). In making its determination, the board of directors considered the standards of independence set forth in the NASDAQ Corporate Governance Listing Standards and all relevant facts and circumstances to ascertain whether there was any relationship between a director and the Company that, in the opinion of the board of directors, would interfere with the exercise of independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of the director or any material relationship with the Company (either directly, or as a partner, stockholder or officer of an organization that has a relationship with the Company).

Board Leadership Structure and Risk Oversight

Board Leadership. In 2010, we separated the roles of chairman of the board and chief executive officer. Our Non-executive Chairman is John McCartney and our Chief Executive Officer is James H. Roth. As Non-executive Chairman, Mr. McCartney, in consultation with Mr. Roth, among other things: develops the agenda for board meetings, determines the appropriate scheduling for board meetings, assesses the quality, quantity and timeliness of information provided from management to the board, assists the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee in monitoring and implementing our Corporate Governance Guidelines and otherwise takes steps to ensure that the board is acting in the long-term best interests of the Company. Mr. McCartney also chairs executive sessions of the board. In May 2010, Mr. George E. Massaro, who has served as a director since May 2004 and served as the Chief Operating Officer of the Company from 2003 to 2005, resumed his prior position on the board as Vice Chairman. In that role he will continue to devote his energies to addressing the remaining restatement related matters with the objective of allowing our management team to devote necessary time and attention to our clients, our people and the markets we serve.

The board, after extended discussion, has concluded that our current board leadership structure is appropriate for the Company, as it believes the separation of powers is healthy for our organization at this time in its history.

Risk Oversight. One of the board's responsibilities is to review the adequacy of the Company's systems for compliance with all applicable laws and regulations for safeguarding the Company's assets and for managing the major risks it faces. The board executes its responsibility for risk management directly and through its committees. The committees oversee risk matters associated with their respective areas of responsibility. For example, the Audit Committee requires direct reporting to it:

By the General Counsel of matters raised through the whistleblower hotline and other legal developments;

By Crowe Horwath LLP, Huron's internal auditors, of reports of internal audit; and

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By the Chief Compliance Officer of compliance efforts and issues raised in implementing and monitoring our compliance program. The committees advise the full board of their risk oversight activities. In addition, the full board regularly considers risks relating to quality assurance, legal compliance and other potential business risks facing the Company.

In 2011, we reviewed our material compensation policies and practices and reported to the Compensation Committee that we concluded that these policies and practices do not entail risks reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on the Company. A committee comprised of the Chief Compliance Officer, the CFO, the General Counsel, the Vice President, Human Resources and the Director of Compensation reviewed the plan elements, potential risks, and various controls in place with respect to Huron's executive, managing director, employee and business developer compensation plans. We concluded that our compensation programs contain many controls and design features that mitigate excessive risk-taking behavior.

These features include, for all managing directors and executives:

A balance of fixed and variable compensation;

Variable compensation comprised of cash incentives tied to short-term individual, team and Company-wide achievements and equity incentives to focus leaders on long-term financial success;

Payouts modified based upon individual performance; and

Multiple controls, including Compensation Committee oversight and approval of (i) annual Company-wide bonus pools based on the achievement of Company and practice plans, and (ii) all equity grants.

In addition, our executive compensation plan includes the following features:

Executive incentives based on performance metrics that balance revenue growth, profitability and strategic measures;

Payouts capped at 125% of target;

Share ownership and retention requirements; and

Use of independent compensation consultants to the Compensation Committee.

Both the Compensation Committee and the Audit Committee report to the board matters that present risks for the organization as a whole, and they are addressed by the board.

Board Meetings and Committees

The board of directors conducts its business through meetings of the full board, actions taken by written consent in lieu of meetings and by the actions of its committees. During 2010, the board of directors held eight meetings.

During 2010, each board member attended in excess of 92% of the board meetings and their respective committee meetings. Although the Company does not have a formal policy regarding director attendance at our annual meetings, we encourage directors to attend. All directors attended the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

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The board of directors operates in part through its three committees: Audit, Compensation, and Nominating and Corporate Governance. All committee members are independent as defined in the applicable listing standards of NASDAQ, non-employee directors within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the 1934 Act) and outside directors within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code). Each of the committee charters is available on the Company s web site at www.huronconsultinggroup.com.

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Audit Committee. The Audit Committee responsibilities include overseeing our accounting and financial reporting processes, overseeing the audits of our financial statements and internal control over financial reporting, and retaining and discharging our auditors. The Audit Committee met six times in 2010. The members of the Audit Committee are Messrs. Lockhart (Chairman), McCartney and Moody. The board of directors has determined that each Audit Committee member has sufficient knowledge in financial and auditing matters to serve on the Audit Committee. The board of directors has also determined that each of Messrs. Lockhart and McCartney is an audit committee financial expert, as defined by the applicable securities regulations.

The Report of the Audit Committee for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010 appears below under the caption
PROPOSAL 4 RATIFICATION OF APPOINTMENT OF AUDITOR Report of the Audit Committee.

Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee responsibilities include overseeing our compensation and benefit plans, including all compensation arrangements for executive officers and directors. The Compensation Committee met seven times in 2010. The members of the Compensation Committee are Messrs. Moody (Chairman), Ausley and Lockhart.

Management assists the Compensation Committee in the performance of its duties. Each year, the CEO reviews the performance and compensation of each of the executive officers and makes recommendations to the Compensation Committee with respect to base pay, annual cash incentives and long-term equity incentives. The Compensation Committee may exercise its discretion in modifying any recommended awards to executive officers. During 2010, the CEO participated in all of the Compensation Committee's general meetings, in the majority of the telephonic meetings and in all of the executive sessions, except for those in which the Compensation Committee considered the CEO's performance, compensation and incentives. The Report of the Compensation Committee on Executive Compensation appears below under the caption EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION Compensation Committee Report.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee responsibilities include identifying and recommending to the board of directors appropriate director nominee candidates and providing oversight with respect to corporate governance matters. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met three times in 2010. The members of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee are Messrs. Edwards (Chairman), Ausley and Moody.

Directors may be nominated by the board of directors or by stockholders in accordance with the bylaws of the Company. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will review all candidates for nomination to the board of directors, including those proposed by stockholders as provided below. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee reviews the person's judgment, experience, independence, understanding of the Company's business or other related industries, and such other factors as the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee determines are relevant in light of the needs of the board of directors and the Company. The board of directors believes that its nominees should reflect over time a diversity of experience, gender, race, ethnicity and age. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee selects qualified candidates and reviews its recommendations with the board of directors, which will decide whether to invite the candidate to be a nominee for election to the board of directors.

If the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receives a nominee recommendation from a stockholder or group of stockholders that has beneficially owned more than 5% of the Company's voting common stock for at least one year as of the date of the recommendation, the name of the candidate, the name(s) of the stockholder(s) who recommended the candidate, and whether the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee chose to nominate the candidate will be disclosed in the proxy statement, if the consent of both the stockholder and the candidate has been received.

For a stockholder to submit a candidate for consideration by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, a stockholder must notify the Company's Corporate Secretary. In addition, the Company's bylaws

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permit stockholders to nominate directors at a stockholders' meeting. To make a director nomination at the Annual Meeting, a stockholder must notify the Company's Corporate Secretary within the time periods specified under "SUBMISSION OF STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS" below in the Proxy Statement. Notices should be sent to: Corporate Secretary, Huron Consulting Group, 550 West Van Buren Street, 17th Floor, Chicago, Illinois 60607, or *corporatesecretary@huronconsultinggroup.com*. In either case, the notice must meet all of the requirements contained in the bylaws.

The notice must set forth:

the name, age, business address and residence address of the proposed nominee;

the principal occupation or employment of the proposed nominee;

the class or series and number of shares of capital stock of the Company that are owned beneficially or of record by the proposed nominee and any Stockholder Associated Person (as defined below);

any other information relating to the proposed nominee that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

any other information the stockholder believes is relevant concerning the proposed nominee;

a written consent of the proposed nominee(s) to being named as a nominee and to serve as a director if elected;

the name and record address of the stockholder who is submitting the notice; and any Stockholder Associated Person, or a nominee holder for a stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person who owns shares of capital stock of the Company beneficially but not of record, as they appear on the Company stock ledger and current name and address, if different;

the class or series and number of shares of voting stock of the Company that are owned of record or beneficially by the stockholder who is submitting the notice and any Stockholder Associated Person and the date such shares were acquired and the investment intent of such acquisition;

a description of all arrangements or understanding between the stockholder who is submitting the notice and any other person (naming such person) pursuant to which the nomination is being made by the stockholder who is submitting the notice;

if the stockholder who is submitting the notice intends to nominate the proposed nominee at the annual meeting of stockholders, a representation that the stockholder is a holder of record of Company stock entitled to vote at the meeting and intends to appear in person or by proxy at the annual meeting to nominate the proposed nominee named in the notice;

any other information relating to the stockholder that would be required to be disclosed in a proxy statement or other filings required to be made in connection with solicitations of proxies for election of directors pursuant to Section 14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations promulgated thereunder;

to the extent known to the stockholder giving notice, the name and address of any other stockholder supporting the nominee for election or reelection as a director on the date of such stockholder's notice; and

as to the stockholder giving notice and any Stockholder Associated Person, whether and to the extent which any hedging or any other transaction or series of transactions has been entered into by or on behalf of, or any other agreement, arrangement or understanding (including any short position or any borrowing or lending of shares) has been made, the effect or intent of which is to increase or decrease the voting power of such stockholder or any Stockholder Associated Person with respect to any shares of capital stock of the Company.

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A Stockholder Associated Person of any stockholder is any person controlling, directly or indirectly, or acting in concert with, such stockholder; any beneficial owner of shares of capital stock of the Company owned of record or beneficially by such stockholder and any person controlling, controlled by, or under common control with, such Stockholder Associated Person.

Stockholder Communications Policy

The Company's board of directors has established a process for stockholders to send communications to the board of directors. Stockholders may communicate with any member of the board of directors, including the chairperson of any committee, an entire committee or the independent directors or all directors as a group, by sending written communications to:

Corporate Secretary

Huron Consulting Group Inc.

550 West Van Buren Street

17th Floor

Chicago, Illinois 60607

E-mail messages should be sent to *corporatesecretary@huronconsultinggroup.com*.

A stockholder must include his or her name and address in any such written or e-mail communication. The communication must indicate that the sender is a Company stockholder.

Each communication intended for the board of directors and received by the Corporate Secretary that is related to the operation of the Company and is not otherwise commercial in nature will be forwarded to the specified party following its clearance through normal security procedures. If the communication is mailed as personal, it will not be opened, but rather will be forwarded unopened to the intended recipient.

Diversity of Board Skills and Experience

Huron does not have a formal policy on diversity; however, its board believes that board nominees should reflect over time a diversity of experience, gender, race, ethnicity and age. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, in discussing board composition, has focused on diversity of experience in relation to the development of the business. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee seeks candidates from regions where Huron offices are located, with prior management experience, experience on public company boards and regulated industries, particularly in higher education and healthcare, as Huron's consulting work for those industries has grown rapidly.

Individual Contributions of Board Members

John McCartney, Huron's Non-executive Chairman, has served as chairman and vice chairman of the boards of several public and private companies, as well as of an institution of higher education. His deep knowledge of accounting and his prior experience as chief financial officer and chief operating officer of a public company have prepared Mr. McCartney, while serving as a member of the Audit Committee, to successfully guide Huron through its recent challenges, and to enable him to lead us through the resolution of our regulatory and legal proceedings. Mr. McCartney is based in Chicago, the location of Huron's principal business offices.

George Massaro, Vice Chairman of Huron, has been uniquely able to contribute to the board deliberations on a multitude of issues because of his former experience as leader of our Disputes and Investigations practice and Chief Operating Officer of Huron from 2003 to 2005. Moreover, his 30 plus years of experience in public accounting and management of a professional services practice with Arthur Andersen enables him to provide a broad range of business insights as well as contacts in the business community. Beginning in early 2005 through March of 2006, he devoted his efforts to client matters and led our efforts in the Special Investigation of Fannie

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