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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**FORM 10-K**

(Mark One)

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

For the fiscal year ended December 31, 2010

OR

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

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

Commission File Number 000-25131

**INFOSPACE, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of

**91-1718107**  
(IRS Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

**601 108th Avenue NE, Suite 1200, Bellevue, Washington 98004**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

**(425) 201-6100**

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

Title of each class  
Common Stock, par value \$0.0001 per share

Name of each exchange on which registered  
NASDAQ Global Select Market

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

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## Series C Participating Preferred Stock

(Title of Class)

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a well-known seasoned issuer, as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act. Yes ☐ No ☒

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

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

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

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K (§229.405 of this chapter) is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of the registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. ☒

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See definitions of "large accelerated filer", "accelerated filer", and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer ☐

Accelerated filer ☒

Non-accelerated filer ☐

Smaller reporting company ☐

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

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

The aggregate market value of the Common Stock held by non-affiliates of the registrant outstanding as of June 30, 2010, based upon the closing price of Common Stock on June 30, 2010 as reported on the NASDAQ Global Select Market, was \$266.9 million. Common Stock held by each officer and director has been excluded because such persons may be deemed to be affiliates. This determination of affiliate status is not necessarily a conclusive determination for other purposes.

As of February 25, 2011, 36,425,934 shares of the registrant's Common Stock were outstanding.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Part III incorporates certain information by reference from the definitive proxy statement to be filed by the registrant in connection with the 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the ***Proxy Statement***).

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*This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. The statements in this report that are not purely historical are forward-looking statements within the meaning of Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended. Words such as anticipate, believe, plan, expect, future, intend, may, will, should, estimate, predict, potential, continue, and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, but the absence of these words does not mean that the statement is not forward looking. These forward-looking statements include, but are not limited to, statements regarding projections of our future financial performance; trends in our businesses; our future business plans and growth strategy, including our plans to expand, develop, or acquire particular operations or businesses; and the sufficiency of our cash balances and cash generated from operating, investing, and financing activities for our future liquidity and capital resource needs.*

*Forward-looking statements are subject to known and unknown risks, uncertainties, and other factors that may cause our results, levels of activity, performance, achievements and prospects, and those of the Internet industries generally, to be materially different from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements. These risks, uncertainties, and other factors include, among others, those identified under Item 1A, Risk Factors and elsewhere in this report. You should not rely on forward-looking statements, which speak only as of the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We do not undertake any obligation to update publicly any forward-looking statement to reflect new information, events or circumstances after the date of this Annual Report on Form 10-K or to reflect the occurrence of unanticipated events.*

## **ITEM 1. Business**

### **Overview**

InfoSpace, Inc. ( **InfoSpace**, our, or we ) offers applications and services that deliver differentiated and convenient benefits for the online consumer. These benefits include the discovery of information, entertainment, and products for sale. We offer a range of search and online retail solutions for consumers and extend our search solutions to our distribution partners.

We operate our business in two primary segments: Core and E-Commerce. Our Core segment is comprised of our Web search offerings to Internet users and our distribution partners. Our E-Commerce segment includes a collection of more than 200 specialty online retail stores under the Mercantila brand. We generally use the term **services** to represent search services and our Core segment and use the term **products** to represent retail products sold through our E-Commerce segment.

We were founded in 1996 and are incorporated in the state of Delaware. Our principal corporate office is located in Bellevue, Washington. We also have an office in Palo Alto, California. Our common stock is listed on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol **INSP**.

### **Core Segment**

Our Core business uses our metasearch technology to offer users a unique search experience that combines the results of several search engine content providers including Google, Yahoo!, and Bing, among others, and aggregates, filters, and prioritizes the results. This combination provides a more relevant search results page and leverages the investments made by our search customers to continually improve the user experience. Additionally, we believe the combination of results from multiple search customers is likely to yield a greater number of relevant advertisements, which in turn should result in a greater ability to generate revenue from a query, as compared to the results provided by any single search engine.

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We use our metasearch technology to provide online search results on our own branded websites and on the sites of more than 100 distribution partners. Our relationships with our largest content providers are longstanding and have been stable. Some content providers, such as Google and Yahoo!, pay us to distribute their content and we refer to those providers as our search customers.

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We offer online search services directly to consumers through our owned and operated Web properties, such as *Dogpile.com*, *WebCrawler.com*, *MetaCrawler.com*, and *WebFetch.com*, which collectively receive millions of unique visitors each month. We use the term *properties* to refer to the methods in which end users access our search services, which typically are websites and downloadable applications belonging to us or our distribution partners. In addition, we provide search services through the Web properties of distribution partners. Partner versions of our Web offerings are generally private-labeled and delivered with each distribution partner's unique requirements.

Our strategy for the Core segment is to continue to evolve our value proposition of providing multiple sources of content in a single product. We invest in technology to improve the relevancy of our search results, to extend our search services to consumers in entertaining formats, and to provide our distribution partners with valuable product, content management, and hosting services.

### *E-Commerce Segment*

In May 2010, we diversified our offerings with the acquisition of our E-Commerce business, Mercantila. Mercantila's online stores offer specialty items that are typically niche and difficult to find, fulfill a specific customer need, require a significant amount of research before the purchase decision, and are more expensive than the average online purchase. Mercantila strives to offer a convenient online shopping experience for these specialty items by providing a distinctive blend of selection, targeted Web stores, expert advice, and customer service.

Mercantila operates a collection of more than 200 specialty online retail stores, each with its own branded storefront. Mercantila's drop-ship supplier platform enables it to partner with thousands of active vendors who supply its products. Mercantila provides interactive tools and information on its websites to help consumers make informed purchasing decisions. Such information services include detailed product information pages, personalized product recommendations, customer reviews, and other editorial content. Mercantila's customer care representatives are available by phone or email to provide personal guidance and answer customers' questions.

Mercantila's strategy for the E-Commerce segment is to provide a more compelling shopping experience to consumers through ongoing development of its online catalogs and expansion into new categories while providing an expanding assortment within its current categories. Mercantila strives to continue to improve our operating efficiency by investing in and leveraging our technology and relationships with vendors and partners.

See Note 10: Segment Information of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8, of Part II of this report) for detailed information on revenue and gross margin by segment.

### **Revenue Sources**

Our search services revenue is primarily derived from search content providers who provide paid search links for display as part of our search services. From these content providers, whom we refer to as our search customers, we license rights to certain search products and services, including both non-paid and paid search links. We receive revenues from our search customers when an end user of our Web search services clicks on a paid search link that is provided by that search customer and displayed on one of our owned and operated Web properties or displayed on the Web property of one of our search distribution partners. Revenues are recognized in the period in which such paid clicks occur and are based on the amounts earned and remitted to us by our search customers for such clicks. In addition, we earn revenue from certain distribution partners, such as a fixed monthly fee in exchange for portal infrastructure services.

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We derive a significant portion of our Core revenue from a small number of search customers and we expect that this concentration will continue in the foreseeable future. Google and Yahoo! each accounted for more than

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10% of our total revenues in 2010 and jointly accounted for more than 80% of our total revenues in 2010 and more than 95% in 2009 and 2008. If either of these search customers reduces or eliminates the services they provide to us or our distribution partners, or if either of these search customers is unwilling to pay us amounts they owe us, it could materially harm our business and financial results.

Our main search customer agreements are with Google and Yahoo!. We renewed our principal Yahoo! agreement in January 2011 and it expires in December 2013. Our principal agreement with Google expires in April 2011 and we plan to negotiate its renewal before it expires. Both Google and Yahoo! have requirements and guidelines regarding, and reserve certain rights of approval over, the use and distribution of their respective search products and services. The requirements and guidelines are frequently subject to differing interpretations by the parties and both Google and Yahoo! may modify certain requirements and guidelines of their agreements with us at their discretion. If Google or Yahoo! believe that we or our search distribution partners have failed to meet the requirements and guidelines promulgated under these search customer agreements, they may suspend or terminate our or our distribution partners' use and distribution of such search customer's search products and services, with or without notice, and in the event of certain violations, may terminate their agreements with us. We and our distribution partners have limited rights to cure breaches of the requirements and guidelines.

Google and Yahoo! each make certain representations and warranties to us in the agreements regarding the content and operation of their search services, and we make certain representations and warranties in the agreements regarding our use and distribution of their search services. Under these agreements, the parties also provide for some indemnification relating to these representations and warranties; Google and Yahoo! provide certain indemnification with respect to ownership of the content and technology provided by their search services, and we provide certain indemnification with respect to our, and our distribution partners', use and distribution of Google and Yahoo!'s search services.

Our partners for distribution of our online search services include Internet service providers, Web portals, and software application providers. We generated approximately 35%, 42%, and 23% of our online search revenues through relationships with our top five distribution partners in 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. Our agreements with most of our distribution partners come up for renewal in 2011 and 2012, and we plan to negotiate renewals for many of these agreements. In addition, some of our distributors have the right to terminate their agreements immediately in the event of certain breaches. We anticipate that our content and distribution costs for our relationships with our distribution partners will increase as revenues grow, and may increase as a percentage of revenues to the extent that there are changes to existing arrangements or we enter into new arrangements on less favorable terms. Recently, we have experienced increased competition from our search customers seeking to enter into content provider agreements directly with our existing or potential distribution partners, making it increasingly difficult for us to renew agreements with existing major distribution partners or to enter into distribution agreements with new partners on favorable terms.

We generate revenues for our E-Commerce segment by serving customers of Mercantila's collection of online specialty retail stores that feature items that are typically difficult to find online and are more expensive than the average online purchase. We design Mercantila's websites to provide interactive tools and in-depth information about our products to help consumers make informed purchase decisions. We provide customer care representatives that are available by phone or email to provide service and guidance or to answer questions. We strive to offer our customers the lowest prices possible for our products including free shipping on a majority of Mercantila's product catalog. Through the drop-ship supplier platform technology developed by us and licensed from others, we partner with our product vendors and logistic providers to provide fulfillment.

## **Research and Development**

We believe that our technology is essential to expand and enhance our products and services and maintain their attractiveness and competitiveness. Research and development expenses were \$6.8 million in 2010, \$5.6 million in 2009, and \$9.9 million in 2008.





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### **Intellectual Property**

Our success depends significantly upon our technology and intellectual property rights. To protect our rights and the value of our corporate brands and reputation, we rely on a combination of domain name registrations, confidentiality agreements with employees and third parties, protective contractual provisions, and laws regarding copyrights, patents, trademarks, and trade secrets. It is our policy to require employees and contractors to execute confidentiality and non-use agreements that prohibit the unauthorized disclosure and use of our confidential and proprietary information and, if applicable, that transfer to us any rights they may have in inventions and discoveries, including but not limited to trade secrets, copyrightable works, or patentable technologies that they may develop while under our employ. In addition, prior to entering into discussions with third parties regarding our business and technologies, we generally require that such parties enter into confidentiality and non-use agreements with us. If these discussions result in a license or other business relationship, we also generally require that the agreement setting forth the parties' respective rights and obligations include provisions for the protection of our intellectual property rights. For example, the standard language in our agreements with distribution partners provides that we retain ownership of our intellectual property in our technologies and requires them to display our intellectual property ownership notices, as appropriate.

We hold 30 trademark registrations in the United States and 76 trademark registrations in various foreign countries. We also have applied for registration of certain service marks and trademarks in the United States and in other countries, and will seek to register additional marks in the U.S. and foreign countries, as appropriate. We may not be successful in obtaining registration for the service marks and trademarks for which we have applied or in maintaining the registration of existing marks. In addition, if we are unable to acquire and/or maintain domain names associated with those trademarks (for example, *www.dogpile.com*, *www.webcrawler.com*, *www.metacrawler.com*, and *www.infospace.com*), the value of our trademarks may be diminished.

We hold 8 U.S. patents. Our issued patents relate to online search, online advertisements, and location services, among others. We believe that the duration of the applicable patents is adequate relative to the expected lives of their impact on our services. We anticipate ongoing patent application activity in the future. However, patent claims may not be issued and, if issued, may be challenged or invalidated by third parties. In addition, issued patents may not provide us with any competitive advantages.

We may be unable to adequately or cost-effectively protect or enforce our intellectual property rights, and failure to do so could weaken our competitive position and negatively impact our business and financial results. If others claim that our products infringe their intellectual property rights, we may be forced to seek expensive licenses, reengineer our products, engage in expensive and time-consuming litigation, or stop marketing and licensing our products. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of this report for additional information regarding protecting and enforcing intellectual property rights by us and third parties against us.

*MetaCrawler License Agreement.* We hold an exclusive, perpetual worldwide license, subject to certain limited exceptions, to the MetaCrawler intellectual property and related search technology from the University of Washington. This license may apply to certain technology currently used in some of our web search services.

### **Competition**

We operate in the online search and online retail markets, both of which are extremely competitive and rapidly changing. In both markets, our current and prospective competitors include large companies that have substantially greater resources than we have and start-up companies with a variety of innovative products and services.

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Although we believe that no one competitor offers all of the products and services that we do in online search, we face competition from various sources. In particular, Google, Yahoo!, and Bing (Microsoft) collectively control a significant majority of the online search market. Each of these three companies provides

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search results to our search services and also compete with our search services for Internet users and potential distribution partners. In addition, our distribution partners compete with us and with our search customers for Internet users. We also compete with other information and content providers for certain of our specific content services. We believe that the primary competitive factors in the market for online search services are:

the ability to continue to meet the evolving information, content, and service demands of Internet users;

the cost-effectiveness, reliability, and security of the search applications and services;

the ability to attract Internet users to search services in a cost effective way;

the ability to provide programs or services, such as embedded search browsers, default search provider settings within the search browsers, or downloadable applications, that may displace competing search services; and

the ability to develop innovative products and services that enhance the appearance and utility of search services, both to Internet users and to current and potential distribution partners.

The retail business for the products sold on our E-Commerce sites is highly competitive. Competitors with our E-Commerce businesses include: general merchandise retailers that have both an online and brick-and-mortar presence, such as Target, Sears, and Costco; online general merchandise retailers such as Amazon.com, eBay, and Overstock.com; large specialty online retailers such as CSN and Hayneedle; small local and online specialty retailers; and our own vendors selling direct to consumers.

We believe that the primary competitive factors in the online retail market are:

the ability to attract consumers to web stores in a cost effective way;

the ability to provide a wide assortment of products within the targeted categories;

the ability to offer products for sale at a competitive price while maintaining sufficient profit margins; and

the ability to ship products to consumers in an expedient and cost effective manner.

## **Governmental Regulation**

Because of the increasing use of the Internet, U.S. and foreign governments have adopted or may in the future adopt, laws and regulations relating to the Internet, addressing issues such as consumer protection, user privacy, security, pricing, age verification, content, taxation, copyrights and other intellectual property, distribution, advertising, and product and services quality. These or other laws or regulations that may be enacted in the future could have adverse effects on our business, including higher regulatory compliance costs, limitations on our ability to

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provide some services in some states or countries, and liabilities that might be incurred through lawsuits or regulatory penalties. See the section entitled "Risk Factors" in Part I, Item 1A of this report for additional information regarding the potential impact of governmental regulation on our operations and results.

### Seasonality

Our Core revenue is affected by seasonal fluctuations in Internet usage, which generally declines in the summer months. Our E-Commerce revenue is seasonally affected, particularly during the fourth quarter holiday season as Mercantile's sales increase.

### Employees

As of February 25, 2011, we had 174 full-time employees. None of our employees are represented by a labor union and we consider employee relations to be positive. There is significant competition for qualified

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personnel in our industry, particularly for software development and other technical staff. We believe that our future success will depend in part on our continued ability to hire and retain qualified personnel.

### **Company Internet Site and Availability of SEC Filings**

Our corporate Internet site is located at [www.infospaceinc.com](http://www.infospaceinc.com). We make available on that site, as soon as reasonably practicable, our Annual Reports on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q, and Current Reports on Form 8-K, as well as any amendments to those filings and other reports filed with or furnished to the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). Our SEC filings, as well as our Code of Conduct and Ethics and other corporate governance documents, can be found in the Investor Relations section of our site and are available free of charge. Information on our Internet site is not part of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. In addition, the SEC maintains an Internet site at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information regarding us and other issuers that file electronically with the SEC.

### **Executive Officers of the Registrant**

The following table sets forth certain information as of February 25, 2011 with respect to our executive officers:

<b>Name</b>	<b>Age</b>	<b>Position</b>
William J. Ruckelshaus	46	President, Acting Chief Executive Officer, and Director
Nikhil Behl	37	Chief Executive Officer of Mercantila
David B. Binder	41	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer
Travis J. McElfresh	40	Chief Technology Officer
Eric M. Emans	37	Chief Accounting Officer
Michael J. Glover	48	Vice President, Distribution and Business Development
Stephen P. Hawthornthwaite	41	Vice President of Corporate Development
Alesia L. Pinney	47	General Counsel and Secretary

*William J. Ruckelshaus* became President and Acting Chief Executive Officer in November 2010 after serving as a director of InfoSpace since May 2007. Mr. Ruckelshaus served as Chief Operating Officer of Audience Science, Inc. (formerly known as Revenue Science Inc.), an Internet advertising technology and services company, from August 2008 to November 2010, as well as its Chief Financial Officer from May 2006 to November 2010. From July 2002 to April 2006, he served as Senior Vice President, Corporate Development at Expedia, Inc., an online travel agency, where he oversaw Expedia's mergers and acquisitions and led the corporate strategic planning effort. Mr. Ruckelshaus came to Expedia from Credit Suisse First Boston Technology Group, where he was a Director of Mergers & Acquisitions focusing on services, software, and Internet verticals. Mr. Ruckelshaus is a graduate of Princeton University and the University of Virginia Darden School of Business.

*Nikhil Behl* joined InfoSpace's E-Commerce segment as Chief Executive Officer of Mercantila in May 2010. Mr. Behl has more than 15 years of technology and online retail experience, recently serving as Mercantila's Chief Merchandising Officer overseeing hundreds of business partnerships and product strategy, beginning in 2007. From 2005 to 2007, Mr. Behl served at Hewlett-Packard where he was Vice President of Call Center Sales and Customer Service for HPShopping.com. From 2002 to 2005, Behl served as Vice President of Strategy and Development where he led the integration team that merged Compaq AtHome into HPShopping. Additionally, Mr. Behl served as the Director of Sales and Merchandising for HPShopping.com where he was responsible for managing the strategic direction and operations of products and services. Mr. Behl earned a Bachelor of Science degree in business administration from Menlo College.

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*David B. Binder* has served as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since January 2008. Mr. Binder joined InfoSpace as Vice President of Finance in October 2004. From November 2001 to October 2004, he served as Director, and later Senior Director, of Business Development at drugstore.com, Inc., an online drug store.

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*Eric M. Emans* has served as our Chief Accounting Officer since January 2008. Mr. Emans joined the Company as Corporate Controller in September 2006. However, Mr. Emans had previously held various positions at the Company from September 2003 to December 2005, including Manager, Revenue Assurance and Senior Manager, Finance. From December 2005 to September 2006, he served as Director, Mobile Operations, at Corbis Corporation, a provider of visual content and rights services. He began his career as an auditor at Deloitte & Touche LLP.

*Michael J. Glover* has served as our Vice President, Distribution and Business Development since October 2008. Mr. Glover has held various positions in Business Development since joining InfoSpace in October 2000. From April 2008 to September 2008, he served as Vice President, Business Development. From April 2006 to March 2008, he served as Senior Director, Business Development, after serving as Director, Business Development from June 2004 to April 2006. From January 2004 to June 2004, he served as Senior Manager, Business Development, after serving as Business Development Manager from October 2000 to December 2003.

*Stephen P. Hawthornthwaite* was appointed InfoSpace's Vice President of Corporate Development in March 2010. He is responsible for managing the Company's merger and acquisition activities and its overall new business development. Mr. Hawthornthwaite has more than 14 years of investment banking experience advising both public and private companies on mergers and acquisitions across multiple industry sectors. Prior to joining InfoSpace, from March 2004 to March 2010, he most recently served as partner and managing director at GCA Savvian, an independent investment banking firm, where he was instrumental in building the firm's digital media franchise and advised on numerous M&A transactions in the digital media and Internet sectors. Previous to his six year tenure at GCA Savvian, from January 1998 to February 2004, Mr. Hawthornthwaite served as an officer in the investment banking divisions at Jefferies Group, Inc. and Robertson Stephens, Inc. Mr. Hawthornthwaite earned a bachelor's degree in political science from Duke University and a J.D. degree from Wake Forest University School of Law.

*Travis J. McElfresh* was appointed InfoSpace's chief technology officer in September 2010. Mr. McElfresh has more than 15 years of experience in product management, software engineering, operations management, and online consumer experiences and platforms in the technology sector. From December 2008 to June 2010, Mr. McElfresh served as chief technology officer / vice president of product and engineering at 1Cast.com, a news and video service platform startup. From October 2003 to November 2008, Mr. McElfresh was at MSNBC.com as Vice President of Technology overseeing all areas of product development, software engineering, and web operations. From January 2002 to October 2003, Mr. McElfresh served as lead program manager at Xbox where he directed the entire web application platform for Xbox.com. Additionally, Mr. McElfresh has held technical positions at companies including OneSoft, AmeriTeach, and the University of Wyoming. Mr. McElfresh holds a bachelor's degree from Whitman College and an MBA from University of Washington, Michael G. Foster School of Business.

*Alesia L. Pinney* has served as our General Counsel and Secretary since July 2009. From September 2006 to July 2009, Ms. Pinney provided operational and legal services to four privately held companies in transition, including Sound Inpatient Physicians, LLC as its Chief Administrative Officer, Secretary and General Counsel (2008-09), Talyst, Inc. as its Executive Vice President Operations and Legal (2007-08), Lighthouse Document Technologies, Inc. as its Acting General Counsel (2007), and Weldon Barber as its Chief Operating Officer and General Counsel (2006-07). Prior to such time, Ms. Pinney was employed by drugstore.com, Inc. as its Vice President, Legal and Human Affairs, Secretary and General Counsel from June 2005 to December 2006 and as its Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary from October 2000 to June 2005.



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### **ITEM 1A. Risk Factors**

**Most of our revenue is attributable to Google and Yahoo!, and the loss of, or a payment dispute with, either of these search customers (or any future significant search customer) would harm our business and financial results.**

We rely on our ability to acquire rights to content from third-party content providers, whom we refer to as search customers, and our future success in our online search business is highly dependent upon our ability to maintain and renew relationships with these search customers. Google and Yahoo! jointly accounted for over 80%, 95%, and 95% of our total revenues in 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively, and we expect that concentration will continue. Google, Yahoo!, and our other search customers are competitors of each other, and the way we do business with one of them may not be acceptable to one or more of their competitors with whom we also do business. This may result in Google, Yahoo!, or other search customers not renewing their agreements with us on favorable terms or at all. Google, Yahoo!, and other search customers are also our competitors in online search, and they have had relationships with some of our current and potential search distribution partners. In addition to competing with us on their own Web properties, our search customers may, in the future, contract directly with our distribution partners to provide online search services.

If Google, Yahoo!, or any future significant search customer were to substantially reduce or eliminate the content it provides to us or to our distribution partners, our business results could materially suffer to the extent we are unable to establish and maintain new search customer relationships, or expand our remaining search customer relationships, to replace the lost or disputed revenue. We have recently entered into a new agreement with Yahoo! that will expire in December 2013. Our principal agreement with Google expires in April 2011 and we are in the process of negotiating terms for a new or extended agreement. If we are unable to renew our contract with Google before its expiration in April 2011 on terms similar to those in our current agreement, our business and financial results would be negatively impacted and could be materially harmed if we are unable to establish and maintain new search customer relationships, or expand our remaining search customer relationships, to replace the lost revenue.

If any of our third-party content providers, including Yahoo! or Google, are unwilling to pay us amounts that it owes us, or dispute amounts it owes us or has paid to us for any reason (including for the reasons described in the risk factors below), our business and financial results could materially suffer to the extent we were unable to establish and maintain new search customer relationships, or expand our remaining search customer relationships, to replace the lost or disputed revenue. In addition, Yahoo! recently signed an agreement with Bing, under which Bing provides all of Yahoo!'s algorithmic search results and some of its paid search results. If Yahoo! cannot maintain an agreement with Bing on favorable terms, Yahoo!'s ability to provide us with algorithmic and paid search results may be impaired, and our operations and financial performance may be materially impacted as a result.

**Failure by us or our search distribution partners to comply with the guidelines promulgated by Google and Yahoo! relating to the use of content may cause that search customer to temporarily or permanently suspend the use of its content or terminate its agreement with us, or may require us to modify or terminate certain distribution relationships.**

If we or our search distribution partners fail to meet the guidelines promulgated by Google or Yahoo! for the use of their content, we may not be able to continue to use their content or provide the content to such distribution partners. Our agreements with Google and Yahoo! give them the ability to suspend the use and the distribution of their content for non-compliance with their requirements and guidelines and, in the case of breaches of certain other provisions of their agreements, to terminate their agreements with us immediately, regardless of whether such breaches could be cured.

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The terms of the search customer agreements with Google and Yahoo! and the related guidelines are subject to differing interpretations by the parties. Google and Yahoo! have in the past suspended, and may in the future, suspend their content provided to our websites or the websites of our distribution partners, without notice, when they believe that we or our distribution partners are not in compliance with their guidelines or are in breach of the

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terms of their agreements. During such suspension we will not receive any revenue from any property, ours or our distribution partners , affected by the suspended content, and the loss of such revenue could harm our business and financial results.

Additionally, as our business evolves, we expect that the guidelines of Google and Yahoo!, as well as the parties' interpretations of compliance, breach, and sufficient justification for suspension of use of content will change. These changes in the guidelines and the parties' interpretations of those guidelines may result in restrictions on our use of the Google and Yahoo! search services, and may require us to terminate our agreement with distribution partners or forego entering into agreements with distribution partners. The loss or reduction of content that we can use or make available to our distribution partners as a result of suspension, termination, or modification of distribution or search customer agreements, particularly our Google and Yahoo! agreements, could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

**A substantial portion of our revenues is dependent on our relationships with a small number of distribution partners who distribute our online search services, the loss of which could have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.**

We rely on our relationships with online search distribution partners, including Internet service providers, Web portals, and software application providers, for distribution of our online search services. In 2010, 60% of our total revenues came from searches conducted by end users on the Web properties of our search distribution partners. If we had not purchased certain assets from Make The Web Better on April 1, 2010, and the revenue generated by those assets had remained owned by a search distribution partner, 66% of our total revenues in 2010 would have come from searches conducted by end users on the Web properties of our search distribution partners. We generated approximately 30%, 42%, and 23% of our total revenues through relationships with our top five distribution partners in 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. There can be no assurance that these relationships will continue or will result in benefits to us that outweigh their cost. Moreover, as the proportion of our revenue generated by distribution partners has increased in previous quarters, we have experienced, and expect to continue to experience, less control and visibility over performance. One of our challenges is providing our distribution partners with relevant services at competitive prices in rapidly evolving markets. Distribution partners may create their own services or may seek to license services from our competitors or replace the services that we provide. Also, many of our distribution partners have limited operating histories and evolving business models that may prove unsuccessful even if our services are relevant and our prices competitive. If we are unable to maintain relationships with our distribution partners, our business and financial results could be materially adversely affected.

Our agreements with most of our distribution partners come up for renewal in 2011 and 2012. In addition, some of our distributors have the right to immediately terminate their agreements in the event of certain breaches. Such agreements may be terminated, may not be renewed, or may not be renewed on favorable terms, any of which could adversely impact our business and financial results. We anticipate that our distribution costs for our revenue sharing arrangements with our distribution partners will increase as revenue grows, and may increase as a percentage of revenues to the extent that there are changes to existing arrangements or we enter into new arrangements on less favorable terms.

In addition, competition continues for quality consumer traffic in the online search market. Recently, we have experienced increased competition from our search customers as they seek to enter into content provider agreements directly with our existing or potential distribution partners, making it increasingly difficult for us to renew agreements with existing major distribution partners or to enter into distribution agreements with new partners on favorable terms. Any difficulties that we experience with maintaining or strengthening our business relationships with our major distribution partners could have an adverse effect on our business and financial results.

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**If advertisers perceive that they are not receiving quality traffic to their sites through their paid-per-click advertisements, they may reduce or eliminate their advertising through the Internet. Further, if Google, Yahoo!, or other search customers perceive that they are not receiving quality traffic from our own websites or the Web property of a distribution partner, they may reduce the fees they pay to us. Either of these factors could have a negative material impact on our business and financial results.**

Most of our revenue from our online search business is based on the number of paid clicks on commercial search results served on our owned and operated Web properties or our distribution partners' Web properties. Each time a user clicks on a commercial search result, the search customer that provided the commercial search result receives a fee from the advertiser who paid for the click and the search customer pays us a portion of that fee. If the click originated from one of our distribution partners' Web properties, we share a portion of the fee we receive with such partner. If an advertiser receives what it perceives to be poor quality traffic, meaning that the advertiser's objectives are met for an insufficient percentage of clicks for which it pays, the advertiser may reduce or eliminate its advertisements through the search customer that provided the commercial search result to us. This leads to a loss of revenue for our search customers and consequently fewer fees paid to us. Also, if a search customer perceives that the traffic originating from one of our Web properties or the Web property of a distribution partner is of poor quality, the search customer may discount the amount it charged all advertisers whose paid click advertisements appeared on such website or Web property based on the amount of poor quality traffic the search customer deems to have been generated, and accordingly may reduce the fees it would have otherwise paid us. The search customer may also suspend or terminate our ability to provide its content through such websites or Web properties if such activities are not modified to satisfy the search customer's concerns. The payment of fewer fees to us or the inability to provide content through such websites or Web properties, particularly the content of Google and Yahoo!, could have a material negative effect on our business and financial results.

Poor quality traffic may be a result of invalid click activity. Such invalid click activity occurs, for example, when a person or automated click generation program clicks on a commercial search result to generate fees for the Web property displaying the commercial search result rather than to view the Web page underlying the commercial search result. Some of this invalid click activity is referred to as click fraud. When such invalid click activity is detected, the search customer may not charge the advertiser or may refund the fee paid by the advertiser for such invalid clicks. If the invalid click activity originated from one of our distribution partners' Web properties or our owned and operated properties, such non-charge or refund of the fees paid by the advertisers in turn reduces the amount of fees the search customer pays us. The resulting loss of revenue, particularly with respect to Google or Yahoo! content, could harm our business and financial results.

Initiatives we undertake to improve the quality of the traffic that we send to our search customers may not be successful and, even if successful, may result in loss of revenue in a given reporting period. For example, during the first half of 2010, we removed certain traffic from some distribution partners in an effort to improve traffic quality, and these actions, while successful in improving traffic quality, had a material negative impact on our revenues for the first and second quarters of 2010.

**A significant part of our growth strategy involves identifying, acquiring, or developing and successfully integrating businesses or technologies, some or all of which may not be complementary to our current operations or leverage our current infrastructure and operational experience. Our financial and operating results will suffer if we are unsuccessful in integrating our acquisitions.**

An important component of our strategy for future growth is to identify, acquire, or develop and successfully integrate new businesses or technologies into InfoSpace. For example, as a result of our May 2010 acquisition of certain assets of Mercantila, Inc., we began operating an online retail business that includes a collection of more than 200 specialty online retail stores. We may be unable to identify acceptable targets for acquisition or development. If we are successful in identifying targets, those targets may not be complementary to our current Core search or E-Commerce operations and may not leverage our existing infrastructure or

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operational experience. Further, competition for acquisitions has been, and may in the future continue to be, intense. As a result, even if we are able to identify an acquisition that we would like to consummate, we may not be able to complete the acquisition on commercially reasonable terms. Moreover, any such acquisition may not prove successful. In the past, our financial results have suffered significantly due to impairment charges of goodwill and other intangible assets related to prior acquisitions.

Acquisitions or development of new businesses or technologies may involve the use of cash, potentially dilutive issuances of stock, the potential incurrence of debt and contingent liabilities, or amortization expenses related to certain intangible assets. If outside financing is needed, we may be unable to obtain it on acceptable terms, or at all, in light of the current capital market conditions or other factors. The cost of development or acquisition, as the case may be, may be greater than anticipated by us or investors.

Acquisitions involve numerous other risks that could materially and adversely affect our results of operations or stock price, including:

difficulties in assimilating the operations, products, technology, information systems and management, and other personnel of acquired companies that result in unanticipated costs, delays, or allocation of resources;

the dilutive effect on earnings per share as a result of issuances of stock, as well as, incurring operating losses and the amortization of intangible assets for the acquired business;

stock volatility due to the perceived value of the acquired business by investors;

diverting management's attention from current operations and other business concerns, including potential strain on financial and managerial controls and reporting systems and procedures;

disruption of our ongoing business or the ongoing acquired business, including impairment of existing relationships with our employees, distributors, suppliers, or customers or those of the acquired companies;

diversion of capital from other uses;

failing to achieve the anticipated benefits of the acquisitions in a timely manner, or at all;

difficulties in acquiring foreign companies, including risks related to integrating operations across different cultures and languages, currency risks, and the particular economic, political, and regulatory risks associated with specific countries; and

adverse outcome of litigation matters or other contingent liabilities assumed in or arising out of the acquisitions.

Developing or acquiring a technology, service, or business, and then integrating that technology, service, or business into InfoSpace, will be complex, time consuming, and expensive, particularly if we acquire a technology, service, or business that is not in our current industries of online search and online retail. For example, the successful integration of an acquisition requires, among other things, that we: retain key personnel; maintain and support preexisting supplier, distribution, and customer relationships; and integrate accounting and support functions. The complexity of the technologies and operations being integrated and, in the case of an acquisition, the disparate corporate cultures and/or industries being combined, may increase the difficulties of integrating an acquired technology or business. If our integration of acquired or

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internally developed technologies or businesses is not successful, we may experience adverse financial or competitive effects. Moreover, there can be no assurance that the short- or long-term value of any technology or business that we develop or acquire will be equal to the value of the cash and other consideration that we paid or expenses we incurred.

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### **Our new E-Commerce business is subject to many risks.**

Our E-Commerce business is still in development, and we cannot ensure that it will succeed. We intend to offer additional types of products or related online retail services through our E-Commerce sites, but cannot provide assurance that any of them will be successful or that their failure will not result in harm to our overall business. The additions and modifications to our business as a result of our expansion into online retail have increased the complexity of our business. Future additions to or modifications of our business are likely to have similar effects. We may not be able to manage growth in our E-Commerce business effectively, which could damage our reputation, limit our growth in other areas, and negatively affect our operating results.

Our new E-Commerce business is subject to a number of additional risks, including the following risks and risks described elsewhere in this Item 1A, among others:

the risk that we will be unable to attract and retain customers cost-effectively, which would harm our ability to achieve and maintain profitability. Because much of our current E-Commerce business is based on one-time transactions with customers for relatively high-priced items, we must constantly acquire new customers. We rely on relationships with online services, search engines, affiliate marketing websites, directories, and other websites and online retail businesses to host and provide content, advertising banners, and other links that direct customers to our E-Commerce websites, and if we are unable to develop or maintain these relationships on acceptable terms, our ability to attract new customers could be harmed;

the risk that we may owe back taxes and penalties in the event that states in which we do not currently remit sales tax successfully assert that we are required to remit sales tax on products we sell to consumers in those states. If we are forced to remit sales tax for products sold in a particular jurisdiction, we may also be required to increase product prices for customers in that jurisdiction, which could impair our ability to compete for those customers (particularly for sales of higher value items) and harm our revenue;

the risk that we will fail to detect and sufficiently control credit card fraud, which could reduce our net revenues and our gross profit percentage;

the risk of product liability claims, which could result in costly and time-consuming litigation, decreased sales, damage to our brands, and have material adverse effects on our business, financial position, and operating results, particularly if the claim exceeds our or the vendor's insurance coverage or the vendor lacks the financial ability or willingness to properly indemnify us for the claim;

the risk of a significant number of merchandise returns, which could harm our business, reputation, and results of operations, and the risk that any change to returns policies intended to reduce the number of product returns may result in customer dissatisfaction, fewer initial sales, and fewer repeat customers; and

other risks associated with acquisitions.

If we do not address these and other risks timely and effectively, our E-Commerce business may not succeed.

**We rely substantially on third-party relationships for our E-Commerce business. If these relationships do not continue on favorable terms, or if the third parties do not perform in the manner we expect, our business will suffer.**

We rely on our relationships with independent product vendors for the products that we offer for sale on our E-Commerce websites. Our business will suffer if we are unable to develop and maintain relationships with product vendors that allow us to obtain sufficient quantities of merchandise on acceptable commercial terms and in a timely manner. We have relationships with thousands of vendors for the products we offer for sale on our



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websites. We depend on our vendors to provide almost all of the products we sell, as we do not generally keep products we sell in inventory. If we do not maintain our existing relationships or build new relationships with vendors on acceptable commercial terms, we may be unable to maintain a broad selection of merchandise. We generally do not have long-term supply agreements, price guarantees, or exclusive arrangements with our vendors. As a result, we cannot guarantee high levels of product quality and selection at competitive prices because our vendors generally do not have a continuing obligation to provide us with merchandise at historical levels or prices or at all. In most cases, our relationships with our suppliers do not restrict the suppliers from selling their inventory to other traditional or online merchandise liquidators or retailers, which could in turn limit the selection of products available on our websites, particularly during peak seasons for those products.

In addition, we rely upon third-party delivery services for the shipment of products to customers. These relationships may not continue on terms we find acceptable, or at all, if our relationships with third-party delivery services are terminated or impaired, or if these third parties are unable to deliver products for us because of labor issues, deteriorating financial or business conditions, natural disasters, or any other reason, we would be required to use alternative carriers for the shipment of products to our customers. In any of these circumstances, we may be unable to engage alternative carriers on a timely basis, upon terms we find acceptable, or at all. In addition, third-party delivery services may not ship to our customers on a timely and consistent basis. Unexpected increases in shipping costs, delivery times, or damaged products could harm our business, reputation, and financial condition and results of operations.

We also have agreements with third-party service providers to provide processing and administrative functions with respect to our E-Commerce call center, warehouse, email and online marketing, search engine optimization, and other areas. Services provided by third parties could be interrupted as a result of many factors, such as natural disasters, failures of the providers' technology or personnel, or inability to manage peak demand during busy seasons. Failure by third parties to provide us with these services on a timely basis and within our service level expectations could harm our business. In addition, to the extent we are unable to maintain our outsourcing arrangements, we may incur substantial costs to either bring those services in-house or transition them to other providers, which may not be successful. In the interim, we could face significant losses in revenue due to decreased ability to market, accept, or fulfill orders.

**We have a history of incurring net losses, we may incur net losses in the future, and we may not be able to regain or sustain profitability on a quarterly or annual basis.**

Although we generated net income in our last two years, we have incurred net losses on an annual basis for all but five of the years since our inception, and as of December 31, 2010, we had an accumulated deficit of \$1.0 billion. We may incur net losses in the future, including but not limited to losses resulting from our operations, loss on investments, the impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets, losses from acquisitions, restructuring charges, or expense related to stock-based compensation and other equity awards. There can be no assurance that we will be able to achieve and maintain consistent profitability in the future.

**Our financial results are likely to continue to fluctuate, which could cause our stock price to continue to be volatile or decline.**

Our financial results have varied on a quarterly basis and are likely to continue to fluctuate in the future. These fluctuations could cause our stock price to be volatile or decline. Many factors could cause our quarterly results to fluctuate materially, including but not limited to:

changes or potential changes in our relationships with Google or Yahoo! or future significant search customers, such as effects of changes to their requirements or guidelines or their measurement of the quality of traffic we send to their advertiser networks, and any resulting loss or reduction of content that we can use or make available to our distribution partners;

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the loss, termination, or reduction in scope of key distribution relationships in our search business, for example, as a result of distribution partners licensing content directly from content providers, or any

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suspension by our search customers (particularly Google and Yahoo!) of the right to use or distribute content on the Web properties of our distribution partners;

our strategic initiatives and our ability to implement those initiatives in a cost effective manner;

the mix of search revenue generated by our owned and operated Web properties versus our distribution partners Web properties (for example, such as the improvement in our financial results for the second quarter of 2010 that resulted from our acquisition of certain assets including Web properties from Make The Web Better, a distribution partner, in April 2010);

the mix of revenues generated by our Core search business and our E-Commerce business versus other businesses we develop or acquire;

our ability to attract and retain quality traffic;

litigation expenses, including but not limited to settlement costs;

expenses incurred in finding, negotiating, consummating, and integrating acquisitions;

variable demand for our products and services, rapidly evolving technologies and markets, and consumer preferences;

the effects of acquisitions by us, our search customers, or our distribution partners;

increases in the costs or availability of content for our search services or the costs or availability of products for our E-Commerce business;

additional restructuring charges we may incur in the future;

seasonality of our E-Commerce business;

the continuing impact of the economic downturn, which has in the past led to and may in the future lead to lower online advertising spend by advertisers and decreases in discretionary consumer spending, resulting in lower revenue per click for paid searches and decreased revenue or slower revenue growth from our E-Commerce sites (particularly since we offer many products that consumers may view as discretionary items rather than necessities);

changes in commodity prices affecting our E-Commerce business, which may increase our vendors costs and, as a result, our costs for acquiring the products we sell;

changes in energy costs, which may increase our shipping costs in our E-Commerce business, particularly since many of the products we sell have high shipping costs that are particularly susceptible to additional costs resulting from increases in energy prices;

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new court rulings, or the adoption of new laws, rules, or regulations, that adversely affect our ability to acquire content and distribute our search services, that affect our ability to operate our E-Commerce business or offer non-search products and services, or that otherwise increase our potential liability;

impairment in the value of long-lived assets or the value of acquired assets, including goodwill, core technology, and acquired contracts and relationships;

the effect of changes in accounting principles or in our accounting treatment of revenues or expenses; and

the adoption of new regulations or accounting standards.

For these reasons, among others, you should not rely on period-to-period comparisons of our financial results to forecast our future performance. Furthermore, our fluctuating operating results may fall below the expectations of securities analysts or investors and financial results volatility could make us less attractive to investors, either of which could cause the trading price of our stock to decline.

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### **Our stock price has been and is likely to continue to be highly volatile.**

The trading price of our common stock has been highly volatile. Between January 8, 2008, which was the date that we paid our most recent special dividend, and December 31, 2010, our stock price ranged from \$5.20 to \$12.52. On February 25, 2011, the closing price of our common stock was \$8.05. Our stock price could decline or fluctuate wildly in response to many factors, including the other risks discussed in this Item 1A and the following, among others:

actual or anticipated variations in quarterly and annual results of operations;

announcements of significant acquisitions, dispositions, charges, changes in or loss of material contracts, new search customers, new distribution partner relationships, or other business developments by us, our search customers, distribution partners, or competitors;

conditions or trends in the online search services or online retail markets;

changes in general conditions in the U.S. and global economies or financial markets;

announcements of technological innovations or new services by us or our competitors;

changes in financial estimates or recommendations by securities analysts;

disclosures of any accounting issues, such as restatements or material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting;

equity offerings resulting in the dilution of stockholders;

the adoption of new regulations or accounting standards; and

announcements or publicity relating to litigation and similar matters.

In addition, the stock market in general, and the NASDAQ Global Select Market and the market for Internet and technology company securities in particular, have experienced extreme price and volume fluctuations. These broad market and industry factors and general economic conditions may materially and adversely affect our stock price. Our stock has been subject to such price and volume fluctuations in the recent past. Often, class action litigation has been instituted against companies after periods of volatility in the overall market and in the price of such companies stock. If such litigation were to be instituted against us, even if we were to prevail, it could result in substantial cost and diversion of management's attention and resources.

**If we are unable to hire, retain, and motivate highly qualified employees, including our key employees, we may not be able to successfully manage our business.**

Our future success depends on our ability to identify, attract, hire, retain, and motivate highly skilled management, technical, sales and marketing, and corporate development personnel. Qualified personnel with experience relevant to our online search and E-Commerce businesses are scarce and competition to recruit them is intense. If we fail to successfully hire and retain a sufficient number of highly qualified employees, we may have difficulties in supporting our search customers or expanding our business. Realignment of resources, reductions in workforce, or other operational decisions have created and could continue to create an unstable work environment and may have a negative effect on our ability to hire, retain, and motivate employees.

Our business and operations are substantially dependent on the performance of our key employees, all of whom are employed on an at-will basis. We have experienced significant changes at our executive management level and we may experience more changes in the future. Changes of management or key employees may cause disruption to our operations, which may materially and adversely affect our business and financial results or delay achievement of our business objectives. In addition, if we lose the services of one or more key employees and are unable to recruit and retain a suitable successor(s), we may not be able to successfully and timely manage our business or achieve our business objectives. For example, the success of our search business is partially

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dependent on key personnel who have long-term relationships with our search customers and distribution partners, and the success of our new E-Commerce business is dependent on the knowledge, experience, and relationships of the key leadership personnel who joined us in the acquisition of the Mercantila, Inc. assets. There can be no assurance that any retention program we initiate will be successful at retaining employees, including key employees.

**In light of current market conditions, the value of stock options or restricted stock units granted to employees may cease to provide sufficient incentive to our employees.**

Like many technology companies, we use stock options, restricted stock units, and other equity-based awards to recruit technology professionals and senior level employees. We now issue only restricted stock units to employees, other than executives and selected employees, because stock options are not currently seen as providing enough incentive to attract or retain employees. With respect to those employees to whom we issue options, we face a significant challenge in retaining them if the value of these stock options (together with the value of any restricted stock units) is either not substantial enough or so substantial that the employee leaves after their stock options or restricted stock units have vested. If our stock price does not increase significantly above the exercise prices of our options, we may need to issue new options, in order to motivate and retain our executives; or if option programs become impracticable, we may need to issue other equity incentives or increase other forms of compensation. We may undertake or seek stockholder approval to undertake other equity-based programs to retain our employees, which may be viewed as dilutive to our stockholders or may increase our compensation costs. Additionally, there can be no assurance that any such programs we undertake, including the restricted stock unit awards, will be successful in motivating and retaining our employees.

**Our online search services may expose us to claims relating to how the content was obtained, distributed, or displayed.**

Our online search services link users, either directly through our own websites or indirectly through the Web properties of our distribution partners, to third-party Web pages and content in response to search queries and other requests. These services could expose us to legal liability from claims relating to such third-party content and sites, the manner in which these services are distributed and displayed by us or our distribution partners, or how the content provided by our search customers was obtained or provided by our search customers. Such claims could include the following: infringement of patent, copyright, trademark, trade secret, or other intellectual property or proprietary rights; violation of privacy and publicity rights; unfair competition; defamation; providing false or misleading information; obscenity; pornography; and illegal gambling. Regardless of the legal merits of any such claims, they could result in costly litigation, be time consuming to defend, and divert management's attention and resources. If there was a determination that we had violated third-party rights or applicable law, we could incur substantial monetary liability, be required to enter into costly royalty or licensing arrangements (if available), or be required to change our business practices. We may also have an obligation to indemnify and hold harmless certain of our search customers or distribution partners from damages they suffer for such violations under our contracts with them. Implementing measures to reduce our exposure to such claims could require us to expend substantial resources and limit the attractiveness of our services. As a result, these claims could result in material harm to our business.

In the past, there have been legal actions brought or threatened against distributors of downloadable applications deemed to be adware or spyware. Additionally, certain bills are pending and some laws have been passed in certain jurisdictions setting forth requirements that must be met before a downloadable application is downloaded to an end user's computer. We provide downloadable applications to promote use of our search services for our owned and operated search services. Such applications may be considered adware. We also partner with some distribution partners that provide adware to their users if the partners adhere to our strict guidelines requiring them, among other things, to disclose to the user what the adware does and to obtain the consent of the user before the application is downloaded. The adware must also be easy to uninstall. We also review the downloadable application the partner proposes to use before we distribute our results to them. We also

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have the right to audit our partners and, if we find that they are not following our guidelines, we can terminate our agreement with them or cease providing content to that downloadable application. Some partners have not been able to meet the new guidelines imposed by us or some of our search customers, and we no longer provide the applicable content or any content, as the case may be, to such partners or certain of their downloadable applications. We work closely with some of our major search customers to try to identify potential distribution partners that do not meet our guidelines or are in breach of our distribution agreements and we work with our distribution partners to ensure they deliver quality traffic. However, there can be no assurance that the measures we implement to reduce our exposure to claims that certain ways in which the content is distributed violate legal requirements will be successful. Any claims against us as a result of violations of legal requirements or contractual obligations could result in material harm to our business.

**Our website and transaction management software, data center systems, or the systems of the third-party co-location facilities in which they are located could fail or become unavailable, which could harm our reputation, result in a loss of revenues and current or potential customers, and cause us to breach agreements with our partners.**

Any system interruptions that result in the unavailability or unreliability of our websites, transaction processing systems, or network infrastructure could reduce our sales and impair our ability to properly process transactions. We use internally developed and third-party systems for our websites and certain aspects of transaction processing. Some of our systems, particularly in our E-Commerce business, are relatively new and untested, and thus may be subject to failure or unreliability. Any system unavailability or unreliability may cause unanticipated system disruptions, slower response times, degradation in customer satisfaction, additional expense, impaired quality and speed of order fulfillment, or delays in reporting accurate financial information.

We provide our own data center services for our online search business from two geographically diverse third-party co-location facilities. Although the two data centers provide some redundancy, not all of our systems and operations have backup redundancy. Our E-Commerce infrastructure is partially hosted in a separate co-location facility that has system redundancy but not location redundancy, and partially hosted on a cloud-based system that has full redundancy. Our systems and operations could be damaged or interrupted by fire, flood, earthquakes, or other natural disasters, power loss, telecommunications failure, Internet breakdown, break-in, or other events beyond our control. We could face significant damage as a result of these events, and our business interruption insurance may not be adequate to compensate us for all the losses that may occur. In addition, such third-party co-location facilities and data center systems use sophisticated equipment, infrastructure, and software that may contain bugs or suffer outages that could interrupt service. During the period in which service is unavailable, we will be unable or severely limited in our ability to generate revenues, and we may also be exposed to liability from those third parties to whom we provide services through our data centers. For these reasons, our business and financial results could be materially harmed if our systems and operations are damaged or interrupted, including if we are unable to develop, or if we or our third-party co-location facility providers are unable to successfully manage, the infrastructure necessary to meet current or future demands for reliability and scalability of our systems.

If the volume of traffic to our E-Commerce websites or to search services infrastructure increases substantially, we must respond in a timely fashion by expanding our systems, which may entail upgrading our technology, transaction processing systems, and network infrastructure. Our ability to support our expansion and upgrade requirements may be constrained due to our business demands or constraints of our third-party co-location facility providers. Due to the number of our customers and the services that we offer, we could experience periodic capacity constraints which may cause temporary unanticipated system disruptions, slower response times and lower levels of customer service, and limit our ability to develop, offer, or release new or enhanced products and services. Our business could be harmed if we are unable to accurately project the rate or timing of increases, if any, in the use of our search services or we fail to expand and upgrade our systems and infrastructure to accommodate these increases in a timely manner.



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**The security measures we have implemented to secure information we collect and store may be breached. Security breaches may pose risks to the uninterrupted operation of our systems and could cause us to breach agreements with our customers and distribution partners, expose us to mitigation costs, litigation, potential investigation and penalties by authorities, potential claims by persons whose information was disclosed, and damage our reputation.**

Our networks or those from third parties that we use may be vulnerable to unauthorized access by hackers, rogue employees or contractors, or other persons, computer viruses, and other disruptive problems. Someone who is able to circumvent security measures could misappropriate our proprietary information or cause interruptions in our operations. We receive, retain, and transmit certain personal information about our E-Commerce customers and website visitors, using technology and networks provided by third parties to provide the security and authentication used to transmit confidential information, including payment information. Subscribers to some of our online search services are required to provide information that may be considered to be personally identifiable or private information. Unauthorized access to, and abuse of, this information could result in significant harm to our business.

We take, and we believe our third-party providers take, reasonable steps to protect the security, integrity, and confidentiality of the information that is collected and stored, but there is no guarantee that inadvertent or unauthorized disclosure will not occur or that third parties will not gain unauthorized access despite our efforts. If such unauthorized disclosure or access does occur, we may be required under existing and proposed laws to notify persons whose information was disclosed or accessed. We also may be subject to claims of breach of contract for such disclosure, investigation, and penalties by regulatory authorities, and potential claims by persons whose information was disclosed, or other persons or companies who suffer damages as a result of unauthorized disclosure. Any such claims could result in costly litigation or liability, be time consuming to resolve, damage our reputation, and divert the attention and resources of management and other personnel.

We may need to expend significant capital or other resources protecting against the threat of security breaches or alleviating problems caused by breaches. Although we intend to continue to implement and improve our security measures, persons may be able to circumvent the measures that we implement in the future. Eliminating computer viruses and alleviating other security problems may require interruptions, delays, or cessation of service to users accessing our services, any of which could harm our business and financial results.

**We may be subject to liability for our use or distribution of information that we gather or receive from third parties and indemnity protections or insurance coverage may be inadequate to cover such liability.**

We obtain content and commerce information from third parties. When we distribute this information, we may be liable for the data that is contained in that content. This could subject us to legal liability for such things as defamation, negligence, intellectual property infringement, violation of privacy or publicity rights, and product or service liability, among others. Laws or regulations of certain jurisdictions may also deem some content illegal, which may expose us to legal liability as well. We also gather personal information from users in order to provide personalized services. Gathering and processing this personal information may subject us to legal liability for, among other things, negligence, defamation, invasion of privacy, or product or service liability. We are also subject to laws and regulations, both in the United States and abroad, regarding the collection and use of end user information and search related data. If we do not comply with these laws and regulations, we may be exposed to legal liability.

Although the agreements by which we obtain content contain indemnity provisions, these provisions may not cover a particular claim or type of claim or the party giving the indemnity may not have the financial resources to cover the claim. Our insurance coverage may be inadequate to cover fully the amounts or types of claims that might be made against us. Any liability that we incur as a result of content we receive from third parties could harm our financial results.



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**If others claim that our services infringe their intellectual property rights, we may be forced to seek expensive licenses, reengineer our services, engage in expensive and time-consuming litigation, or stop marketing and licensing our services.**

Companies and individuals with rights relating to the Internet, software, and application services industries have frequently resorted to litigation regarding intellectual property rights. In some cases, the ownership or scope of an entity's or person's rights is unclear and may also change over time, including through changes in U.S. or international intellectual property laws or regulations or through court decisions or decisions by agencies or regulatory boards that manage such rights.

Third parties have in the past and may in the future make claims against us alleging infringement of copyrights, trademarks, trade secret rights, intellectual property or other proprietary rights, or alleging unfair competition or violations of privacy or publicity rights. Responding to any such claims could be time-consuming, result in costly litigation, divert management's attention, cause product or service release delays, require us to redesign our services, or require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements. Our technology and intellectual property may not be able to withstand any third-party claims or rights against their use. If a successful claim of infringement were made against us and we could not develop non-infringing technology or license the infringed or similar technology on a timely and cost-effective basis, our business could suffer.

We do not regularly conduct patent searches to determine whether the technology used in our services infringes patents held by third parties. Patent searches may not return every issued patent that may be deemed relevant to a particular product or service. It is therefore difficult to determine, with any level of certainty, whether a particular product or service may be construed as infringing a U.S. or foreign patent. Because patent applications in the United States are not immediately publicly disclosed, applications may have been filed by third parties that relate to our services that may not be discovered in a patent search. In addition, other companies, as well as research and academic institutions, have conducted research for many years in the search technology field, and this research could lead to the filing of further patent applications or affect filed applications.

If we were to discover that our services violated or potentially violated third-party proprietary rights, we might be required to obtain licenses that are costly or contain terms unfavorable to us, or expend substantial resources to reengineer those services so that they would not violate such third-party rights. Any reengineering effort may not be successful, and any such licenses may not be available on commercially reasonable terms, if at all. Any third-party infringement claims against us could result in costly litigation or liability and be time consuming to defend, divert management's attention and resources, cause product and service delays, or require us to enter into royalty and licensing agreements.

**We rely heavily on our technology and intellectual property, but we may be unable to adequately or cost-effectively protect or enforce our intellectual property rights, thus weakening our competitive position and negatively impacting our business and financial results. We may have to litigate to enforce our intellectual property rights, which can be time consuming, expensive, and difficult to predict.**

To protect our rights in our services and technology, we rely on a combination of copyright and trademark laws, patents, trade secrets, confidentiality agreements with employees and third parties, and protective contractual provisions. We also rely on laws pertaining to trademarks and domain names to protect the value of our corporate brands and reputation. Despite our efforts to protect our proprietary rights, unauthorized parties may copy aspects of our services or technology, or obtain and use information, marks, or technology that we regard as proprietary, or otherwise violate or infringe our intellectual property rights. In addition, it is possible that others could independently develop substantially equivalent intellectual property. If we do not effectively protect our intellectual property, or if others independently develop substantially equivalent intellectual property, our competitive position could be weakened.

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Effectively policing the unauthorized use of our services and technology is time-consuming and costly, and the steps taken by us may not prevent misappropriation of our technology or other proprietary assets. The efforts

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we have taken to protect our proprietary rights may not be sufficient or effective, and unauthorized parties may obtain and use information, marks, or technology that we regard as proprietary, copy aspects of our services, or use similar marks or domain names. In some cases, the ownership or scope of an entity's or person's rights is unclear and may also change over time, including through changes in U.S. or international intellectual property laws or regulations or through court decisions or decisions by agencies or regulatory boards that manage such rights. Our intellectual property may be subject to even greater risk in foreign jurisdictions, as protection is not sought or obtained in every country in which our services and technology are available and it is often more difficult and costly to enforce our rights in foreign jurisdictions. Moreover, the laws of many countries do not protect proprietary rights to the same extent as the laws of the United States and intellectual property developed for us by our employees or contractors in foreign jurisdictions may not be as protected as if created in the United States.

We may have to litigate to enforce our intellectual property rights, to protect our trade secrets, or to determine the validity and scope of others' proprietary rights which are sometimes not clear or may change. Litigation can be time consuming, expensive, and difficult to predict.

### **Delaware law and our charter documents may impede or discourage a takeover, which could cause the market price of our shares to decline.**

We are a Delaware corporation and the anti-takeover provisions of Delaware law impose various impediments to the ability of a third party to acquire us, even if a change of control would be beneficial to our existing stockholders. For example, Section 203 of the Delaware General Corporation Law may discourage, delay, or prevent a change in control by prohibiting us from engaging in a business combination with an interested stockholder for a period of three years after the person becomes an interested stockholder. In addition, our certificate of incorporation and bylaws contain provisions that may discourage, delay, or prevent a third party from acquiring us without the consent of our board of directors, even if doing so would be beneficial to our stockholders. Provisions of our charter documents that could have an anti-takeover effect include:

the classification of our board of directors into three groups so that directors serve staggered three-year terms, which may make it difficult for a potential acquirer to gain control of our board of directors;

the requirement for supermajority approval by stockholders for certain business combinations;

the ability of our board of directors to authorize the issuance of shares of undesignated preferred stock without a vote by stockholders;

the ability of our board of directors to amend or repeal the bylaws;

limitations on the removal of directors;

limitations on stockholders' ability to call special stockholder meetings;

advance notice requirements for nominating candidates for election to our board of directors or for proposing matters that can be acted upon by stockholders at stockholder meetings; and

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certain limited transfer restrictions on our common stock designed to preserve our federal net operating loss carryforwards ( *NOLs* ).

On July 19, 2002, our board of directors adopted a stockholder rights plan, pursuant to which we declared and paid a dividend of one right for each share of common stock held by stockholders of record as of August 9, 2002. Unless redeemed by us prior to the time the rights are exercised, upon the occurrence of certain events, the rights will entitle the holders to receive shares of our preferred stock, or shares of an acquiring entity. In addition, at our 2009 annual meeting, our stockholders approved an amendment to our certificate of incorporation that restricts any person or entity from attempting to transfer our stock, without prior permission from the Board of Directors, to the extent that such transfer would (i) create or result in an individual or entity becoming a five-percent shareholder of our stock, or (ii) increase the stock ownership percentage of any existing

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five-percent shareholder. This amendment provides that any transfer that violates its provisions shall be null and void and would require the purported transferee to, upon demand by the Company, transfer the shares that exceed the five percent limit to an agent designated by the Company for the purpose of conducting a sale of such excess shares. The stockholder rights plan and the amendment to the certificate of incorporation would make the acquisition of the Company more expensive to the acquirer and could significantly delay, discourage, or prevent third parties from acquiring the Company without the approval of our board of directors.

**If there is change in our ownership within the meaning of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, our ability to utilize our NOLs may be severely limited or potentially eliminated.**

As of December 31, 2010, we had NOLs of approximately \$788 million that will expire over a ten to twenty year period. If we were to have a change of ownership within the meaning of Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code (defined as a cumulative change of 50 percentage points or more in the ownership positions of certain stockholders owning 5% or more of a company's common stock over a three-year rolling period), then under certain conditions, the amount of NOLs we could use in any one year could be limited to an amount equal to our market capitalization, net of substantial non-business assets, at the time of the ownership change multiplied by the federal long-term tax exempt rate. Our certificate of incorporation imposes certain limited transfer restrictions on our common stock that we expect will assist us in preventing a change of ownership and preserving our NOLs, but there can be no assurance that these restrictions will be sufficient. If we are unable to use our NOLs before they expire, or if the use of this tax benefit is severely limited or eliminated by a change of ownership, there could be a material reduction in the amount of after-tax income and cash flow from operations, and it could have an effect on our ability to engage in certain transactions.

**Restructuring and streamlining our business, including implementing reductions in workforce, discretionary spending, and other expense reductions, may harm our business.**

We have in the past and may in the future find it advisable to take measures to streamline operations and reduce expenses, including, without limitation, reducing our workforce or discontinuing products or businesses. Such measures may place significant strains on our management and employees, and could impair our development, marketing, sales, and customer support efforts. We may also incur liabilities from these measures, including liabilities from early termination or assignment of contracts, potential failure to meet obligations due to loss of employees or resources, and resulting litigation. Such effects from restructuring and streamlining could have a negative impact on our business and financial results.

## **RISKS RELATED TO THE INDUSTRIES IN WHICH WE OPERATE**

**We may be unable to compete successfully in the online search and online retail markets.**

We face intense competition in the online search and online retail markets, both of which are extremely competitive and rapidly changing. In addition, the retail business for the products we sell on our E-Commerce sites has few barriers to entry. Many of our competitors or potential competitors have substantially greater financial, technical, and marketing resources, larger customer bases, longer operating histories, more developed infrastructures, greater brand recognition, better access to vendors, or more established relationships in the industry than we have. Our competitors may be able to adopt more aggressive pricing policies, develop and expand their product and service offerings more rapidly, adapt to new or emerging technologies and changes in search customer and distribution partner requirements more quickly, take advantage of acquisitions and other opportunities more readily, achieve greater economies of scale, and devote greater resources to the marketing and sale of their products and services than we can. Our competitors in the online retail business include general merchandise retailers and specialty retailers

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with an online presence, brick-and-mortar stores (both national and local), or both, as well as our own vendors selling direct to consumers or through other retailers. Some of the companies we compete with in online search are currently search customers of ours, the loss of any of which could harm our business. In addition, we may face increasing competition for search market share from new search startups, mobile search providers, and social media sites and applications. If we are unable to match or



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exceed our competitors' product offerings, marketing reach, and customer service experience, our business may not be successful. Because of these competitive factors and due to our relatively small size and financial resources, we may be unable to compete successfully in the online search and online retail markets and, to the extent that these competitive factors apply to other markets that we pursue, in such other markets.

Additionally, our business and financial results could be adversely affected if our search distribution partners create their own services that compete or replace the services we provide or they acquire such services from other sources. We continue to experience increased competition from search customers seeking to enter into agreements directly with our existing or potential distribution partners, making it increasingly difficult for us to renew agreements with existing major distribution partners or to enter into distribution agreements with new partners on favorable terms.

### **Consolidation in the industries in which we operate could lead to increased competition and loss of customers.**

The Internet industry (including online search and retail) has experienced substantial consolidation. This consolidation may continue. These acquisitions could adversely affect our business and results of operations in a number of ways, including the following:

search customers could acquire or be acquired by one of our other search customers, enter into new business relationships with each other, and stop licensing content to us or gain additional negotiating leverage in their relationships with us;

our search distribution partners could acquire or be acquired by one of our competitors and terminate their relationship with us;

our search distribution partners could merge with each other, which could reduce our ability to negotiate favorable terms; and

competitors in online search or retail (including both brick-and-mortar and Internet retail) could improve their competitive positions through strategic acquisitions or new business relationships with each other.

Consolidation in the Internet industry could have a material adverse effect on our business and results of operations.

### **Governmental regulation and the application of existing laws may slow business growth, increase our costs of doing business, and create potential liability.**

The growth and development of the Internet has led to new laws and regulations, as well as the application of existing laws to the Internet, in both the U.S. and foreign jurisdictions. Application of these laws can be unclear. For example, it is unclear how many existing laws regulating or requiring licenses for certain businesses (such as gambling, online auctions, distribution of pharmaceuticals, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, insurance, securities brokerage, or legal services) apply to online search services, online advertising, and our business. The costs of complying or failure to comply with these laws and regulations could limit our ability to operate in our markets (including limiting our ability to distribute our products and services; conduct targeted advertising; collect, use, or transfer user information; or comply with new data security requirements), expose us to compliance costs and substantial liability, and result in costly and time-consuming litigation. It is impossible to predict whether or when any new legislation may be adopted or existing legislation or regulatory requirements will be deemed applicable to us, any of which could materially and adversely affect our business.

Any failure by us to comply with our posted privacy policies, Federal Trade Commission ( *FTC* ) requirements, or other privacy-related laws and regulations could result in proceedings by the FTC or others, including potential class action litigation, which could potentially have an adverse effect on our business, results

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of operations, and financial condition. For example, there are a large number of legislative proposals before the U.S. Congress and various state legislative bodies regarding privacy and data protection issues related to our businesses. It is not possible to predict whether or when such legislation may be adopted and certain proposals, if adopted, could materially and adversely affect our business through a decrease in user registrations and revenues. This could be caused by, among other possible provisions, the required use of disclaimers or other requirements before users can utilize our services.

In the fourth quarter of 2010, we ceased operation of *www.haggle.com* ( **Haggle** ), a competitive shopping website, and transferred user accounts and certain assets and liabilities to a competing website. We may face certain risks relating to the previous operation or shutdown of Haggle. Numerous states and foreign jurisdictions have regulations regarding auctions and may attempt to claim those regulations applied to Haggle. In addition, we understand that some academics and others have suggested that prepaid bidding fee auctions resemble games of chance and/or gambling. We believe that the results of Haggle auctions depended on the skill of the participants and are thus not subject to such laws. If lawmakers or regulators were to decide that bidding fee auctions are games of chance or constitute gambling, or are subject to auction laws, we could become subject to various federal and state penalties. In addition, we may be subject to legal claims from former Haggle users unhappy with the operation or shutdown of Haggle or with the operation of the competing website to which user accounts were transferred.

The FTC has recommended that search engine providers delineate paid-ranking search results from non-paid results. To the extent that we are required to modify presentation of search results as a result of specific regulations or requirements that may be issued in the future by the FTC or other state or federal agencies or legislative bodies with respect to the nature of such delineation or other aspects of advertising in connection with online search services, revenue from the affected search engines could be negatively impacted. With respect to our E-Commerce business, we must comply with regulations governing online promotions and the taxation of items sold online and the taxation of Internet commerce. Addressing these regulations may require us to develop additional technology or otherwise expend significant time and expense.

Due to the nature of the Internet, it is possible that the governments of states and foreign countries might attempt to regulate Internet transmissions, through data protection laws amongst others, or institute proceedings for violations of their laws. We might unintentionally violate such laws, such laws may be modified, and new laws may be enacted in the future. Any such developments (or developments stemming from enactment or modification of other laws) could increase the costs of regulatory compliance for us or force us to change our business practices.

**We rely on the infrastructure of the Internet networks, over which we have no control and the failure of which could substantially undermine our operations.**

Our success depends, in large part, on other companies maintaining the Internet system infrastructure. In particular, we rely on other companies to maintain a reliable network backbone that provides adequate speed, data capacity, and security and to develop services that enable reliable Internet access and services. As the Internet continues to experience growth in the number of users, frequency of use, and amount of data transmitted, the Internet system infrastructure may be unable to support the demands placed on it, and the Internet's performance or reliability may suffer as a result of this continued growth. Some of the companies that we rely upon to maintain network infrastructure may lack sufficient capital to take the necessary steps to support such demands or their long-term operations. The failure of the Internet infrastructure would substantially undermine our operations and may have a material adverse effect on our business and financial results.

### **ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments**

None.



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Our principal corporate office is located in Bellevue, Washington, and we have business operations for our E-Commerce segment in Palo Alto, California. We provide data center services for our Core Segment from third-party co-location facilities located in Tukwila, Washington and Reston, Virginia. All of our facilities are leased. We believe our properties are suitable and adequate for our present and anticipated near-term needs.

**ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings**

See Note 7: Commitments and Contingencies of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8, of Part II of this report) for information regarding legal proceedings.

**ITEM 4. [Removed and Reserved]****PART II****ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities****Market for Our Common Stock**

Our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Global Select Market under the symbol INSP. The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices for our common stock as reported by the NASDAQ Global Select Market.

	High	Low
<b>Fiscal year ended December 31, 2010:</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 11.82	\$ 9.08
Second Quarter	\$ 11.34	\$ 7.52
Third Quarter	\$ 8.73	\$ 6.69
Fourth Quarter	\$ 9.18	\$ 7.63
<b>Fiscal year ended December 31, 2009:</b>		
First Quarter	\$ 8.29	\$ 5.20
Second Quarter	\$ 7.40	\$ 5.30
Third Quarter	\$ 8.67	\$ 6.62
Fourth Quarter	\$ 8.87	\$ 7.45

On February 25, 2011, the last reported sale price for our common stock on the NASDAQ Global Select Market was \$8.05 per share.

**Holders**

As of February 25, 2011, there were 759 holders of record of our common stock. A substantially greater number of holders are beneficial owners whose shares are held of record by banks, brokers, and other financial institutions.

## **Dividends**

See Note 5: Stockholders' Equity of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8, Part II of this report) for information regarding special cash dividends paid in 2008. There were no dividends paid in 2009 or 2010. We currently intend to retain our earnings to finance future growth and, therefore, do not anticipate paying any cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future.

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**Performance Graph**

*The information contained in the performance graph shall not be deemed to be soliciting material or to be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, and such information shall not be incorporated by reference into any future filing under the Securities Act or Exchange Act, except to the extent that we specifically incorporate it by reference into such filing.*

Set forth below is a line graph comparing the cumulative total stockholder return of our common stock to the cumulative total return of (i) the NASDAQ Index and (ii) the NASDAQ Computer Index for the five-year period ending on December 31, 2010, in all cases assuming the full reinvestment of dividends.

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The following selected consolidated financial data should be read in conjunction with Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto and other financial information included elsewhere in this report. The selected consolidated statements of operations data and the consolidated balance sheet data are derived from our audited consolidated financial statements. In the second quarter of 2010, upon the acquisition of certain assets from Mercantila, Inc., we changed the way our consolidated statement of operations is presented. For additional information on the reclassification see Note 1: The Company and Basis of Presentation of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8 of Part II of this report). All periods presented below have been reclassified to conform to the current presentation. In 2007, we sold our mobile and directory businesses to unaffiliated third parties. Our mobile and directory businesses have been presented as discontinued operations for 2008, 2007, and 2006, and our operating results for our remaining search business are partly based on identifying and assigning costs to our search business that were initially shared by the three businesses. The process used to separately present continuing and discontinued operations relied on certain estimates and assumptions, and the historical results of operations for 2008, 2007, and 2006 presented in our selected financial data do not necessarily reflect the results of operations that would have existed had we provided our search services as a standalone business.

	Years ended December 31,				
	2010 (1)	2009 (1)	2008 (1)	2007 (1)(2)	2006 (1)
	(in thousands, except per share data)				
<b>Consolidated Statements of Operations Data:</b>					
Services revenue	\$ 214,343	\$ 207,646	\$ 156,727	\$ 140,537	\$ 153,800
Product revenue	32,492				
Total revenues	246,835	207,646	156,727	140,537	153,800
Cost of services sales	129,972	136,623	87,130	70,059	70,625
Cost of product sales	28,578				
Total cost of sales	158,550	136,623	87,130	70,059	70,625
Gross profit	88,285	71,023	69,597	70,478	83,175
Expenses and other income:					
Engineering and technology	9,749	9,129	13,846	13,940	12,545
Sales and marketing	35,822	25,378	24,644	29,494	16,030
General and administrative	33,454	23,617	24,228	105,197	35,026
Depreciation	3,177	3,283	3,264	2,680	1,914
Amortization of intangible assets	283				
Restructuring (3)			17	9,590	62,316
Other, net			(1,897)	(3,248)	
Loss on investments, net (4)		4,714	28,520	2,117	
Other income, net (5)	(15,313)	(2,682)	(7,149)	(18,226)	(19,581)
Total expenses and other income	67,172	63,439	85,473	141,544	108,250
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	21,113	7,584	(15,876)	(71,066)	(25,075)
Income tax benefit (expense) (5)(6)	(7,410)	(181)	(598)	(13,409)	29,060
Income (loss) from continuing operations	13,703	7,403	(16,474)	(84,475)	3,985
Discontinued operations (7):					
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes			(1,455)	(25,246)	(19,073)
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations, net of taxes			(770)	131,454	
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,703	\$ 7,403	\$ (18,699)	\$ 21,733	\$ (15,088)
Basic income (loss) per share:					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.48)	\$ (2.59)	\$ 0.13
Loss from discontinued operations			(0.04)	(0.77)	(0.61)
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations			(0.02)	4.03	
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.54)	\$ 0.67	\$ (0.48)



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Shares used in computing basic income (loss) per share	35,886	34,983	34,415	32,640	31,254
<b>Diluted income (loss) per share:</b>					
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.48)	\$ (2.59)	\$ 0.12
Loss from discontinued operations			(0.04)	(0.77)	(0.58)
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations			(0.02)	4.03	
<b>Diluted net income (loss) per share</b>	<b>\$ 0.37</b>	<b>\$ 0.21</b>	<b>\$ (0.54)</b>	<b>\$ 0.67</b>	<b>\$ (0.46)</b>
Shares used in computing diluted income (loss) per share	36,829	35,431	34,415	32,640	33,042

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	2010	2009	As of December 31, 2008 (in thousands)	2007	2006
<b>Consolidated Balance Sheet Data:</b>					
Cash, cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments	\$ 253,736	\$ 226,397	\$ 205,444	\$ 574,817	\$ 400,831
Working capital	228,760	219,475	182,733	163,422	536,442
Total assets	361,743	322,216	291,133	671,424	765,839
Total stockholders' equity	310,794	279,835	262,324	266,050	678,565

Special dividend announced	Special dividend paid	Special dividend amount per share	Total dividends (in thousands)
May 2, 2007	May 28, 2007	\$6.30	\$208,203
November 14, 2007	January 8, 2008	\$9.00	\$299,296

- (1) We expense the fair value of awards of equity instruments as stock-based compensation expense over the period in which the award vests. Operating expenses from continuing operations include stock-based compensation expense allocated as follows (in thousands):

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006
Cost of services sales	\$ 461	\$ 535	\$ 1,043	\$ 1,057	\$ 345
Engineering and technology	1,470	1,423	3,373	2,081	1,194
Sales and marketing	3,279	2,038	3,934	8,171	2,495
General and administrative	9,541	6,572	5,954	22,749	7,235
Total	\$ 14,751	\$ 10,568	\$ 14,304	\$ 34,058	\$ 11,269

- (2) In 2007, we recorded \$56.2 million of employee expenses from continuing operations related to the cash distributions to shareholders. The expense was allocated as follows: \$349,000 to cost of services sales, \$1.8 million to engineering and technology, \$6.8 million to sales and marketing, and \$47.3 million to general and administrative.
- (3) In 2007, we recorded restructuring charges of \$9.6 million, comprised of \$8.0 million of employee separation costs, \$831,000 of losses on contractual commitments, and \$670,000 of stock-based compensation expense. In 2006, we recorded restructuring charges of \$62.3 million, comprised of \$44.5 million of impairments of goodwill and other intangible assets, \$8.7 million of employee separation costs, \$5.7 million of losses on contractual commitments, \$2.6 million in costs of abandoned facilities, and \$824,000 of stock-based compensation expense.
- (4) In 2009, 2008, and 2007, we recorded other-than-temporary impairment charges of \$5.4 million, \$24.3 million, and \$2.2 million, respectively, related to available-for-sale investments that we purchased for \$40.4 million, became illiquid in 2007, and were sold for net proceeds of \$9.2 million in 2009.
- (5) In 2010, we recorded a \$19.0 million net gain on a litigation settlement. The net gain allowed us to use a portion of our net operating loss carryforwards resulting in a net income tax expense of \$6.6 million.
- (6) In 2007, we recorded a full valuation allowance related to our deferred tax assets. In 2006, we recognized a portion of our deferred tax assets related to goodwill, operating loss carryforwards, and equity.
- (7) We completed the sale of our directory business on October 31, 2007 and the sale of our mobile business on December 28, 2007. The operating results and gains (losses) from the sales of these businesses have been presented as discontinued operations for 2008, 2007, and 2006.

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

*You should read the following discussion and analysis in conjunction with the Selected Consolidated Financial Data and our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto included elsewhere in this report.*

#### **Overview**

InfoSpace, Inc. ( ***InfoSpace***, our, or we ) offers applications and services that deliver differentiated and convenient benefits for the online consumer. We offer a range of search and online retail solutions for consumers and extend our search solutions to our distribution partners.

We operate our business in two primary segments: Core and E-Commerce. Our Core segment is comprised of our Web search offerings to Internet users and our distribution partners. Our E-Commerce business includes a collection of more than 200 specialty online retail stores under the Mercantila brand. We generally use the term *services* to represent search services and our Core segment and use the term *products* to represent retail products sold through our E-Commerce segment.

We use our metasearch technology to power our own branded websites and to provide online search services to distribution partners. Our metasearch technology selects search results from several search engine content providers including Google, Yahoo!, and Bing, among others and aggregates, filters, and prioritizes the results. This combination provides a more relevant search results page and leverages the investments made by our search customers to continually improve the user experience. Some content providers, such as Google and Yahoo!, pay us to distribute their content and we refer to those providers as our search customers.

We offer search services directly to consumers through our websites, such as *Dogpile.com*, *WebCrawler.com*, *MetaCrawler.com*, and *WebFetch.com*. In addition, we provide search services through the Web properties of distribution partners. Partner versions of our Web offerings are generally private-labeled and delivered with each distribution partner's unique requirements.

We generate revenues from our Web search services when an end user of our services clicks on a paid search link provided by a search customer and displayed on one of our owned and operated Web properties or displayed on a distribution partner's Web property. The search customer that provided the paid search link receives a fee from the advertiser who paid for the click and the search customer pays us a portion of that fee. If the click originated from one of our distribution partners' Web properties, we share a portion of the fee we receive with such partner. Revenue is recognized in the period in which such paid clicks occur and is based on the amounts earned and remitted to us by our search customers for such clicks. Revenue from Google and Yahoo! jointly account for over 80% of our total revenues for 2010 and each also accounted for more than 10% of our total revenues, and we expect this concentration to continue. If either of these search customers reduces or eliminates the content it provides to us or our distribution partners, or if either of these search customers became unwilling to pay us amounts that it owed us, our business and financial results may materially suffer. Our principal agreements with Google and Yahoo! expire in April 2011 and December 2013, respectively.

On April 1, 2010, we purchased assets consisting of Web properties and licenses for content and technology from Make The Web Better, a search distribution partner and privately-held developer of online products used on social networking sites. This purchase contributed \$16.4 million (or 26%) to our search revenue generated



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through our owned and operated properties in 2010 and, since Make The Web Better had been a distribution partner, there was a corresponding decrease of \$21.5 million in distribution revenue from 2009. As we anticipated, the revenue generated by the operation of the acquired Make The Web Better assets has steadily declined since we acquired them, and we expect that the revenue generated will be between \$6 million and \$7 million in 2011, and decline by 30% in each quarter when compared to the prior quarterly period, as the end-user base of those assets continues to decrease.

In recent periods and excluding the revenue from the Make The Web Better purchased assets, we experienced an overall decline in revenue generated through our owned and operated properties. This trend is a result of fewer retained users on our metasearch engine sites and, therefore, fewer paid clicks from these sites. The impact of this trend is partially offset by higher fees earned from our search customers for these paid clicks. Our ability to increase our online search services revenue in our metasearch engine sites relies in part on our ability to attract end users to these properties and retain them by providing a satisfying search experience. Revenue from our metasearch engine sites (such as *Dogpile.com*) accounted for 53% and 62% of overall owned and operated revenue (excluding revenue from the Make The Web Better purchased assets) for 2010 and 2009, respectively. Further offsetting the impact of the overall negative trend is the greater amount of revenue we are generating through our online direct marketing initiatives. Revenue growth for our online direct marketing initiatives is dependent on our ability execute to an expected return on our online direct marketing expenditures. Revenue from our online direct marketing initiatives accounted for 47% and 38% of owned and operated revenue (excluding revenue from the Make The Web Better purchased assets) for 2010 and 2009, respectively.

Our ability to increase our revenue generated from distribution partners depends on growth in the revenues generated by our existing distribution partners Web properties and the addition of new distribution partners who can successfully generate revenue. In recent periods, revenue from certain distribution partners has been adversely affected by our determination that certain search traffic did not meet our minimum standards of quality, as well as guidelines from our search customers that required certain of our distribution partners to alter the tactics they used to acquire end-users. During 2010, we discontinued traffic that was not considered to be high quality, and those discontinuations had a material negative impact on our revenues for the first half of 2010. In an effort to drive quality traffic to our search customers, we continue to invest in research and development to expand the online search services we offer on our owned and operated Web properties and those of our distribution partners.

The May 2010 acquisition of certain assets from Mercantila, Inc., an online retail company, diversified our business model and expanded our operations into the online retail industry. We earn revenue in our E-Commerce business when we deliver purchases to customers of Mercantila's Web properties (typically the final criterion in our revenue recognition process). We generally do not maintain inventory for sale, but arrange for our third-party vendors to drop-ship the purchased goods directly to our customers. Our ability to increase our revenue and profitability depends on our success in attracting customers through our marketing activities, retaining them by providing them with a satisfying purchase experience, effectively managing our costs, and attracting and retaining high quality third-party vendors.

For both of our segments, engineering, operations, and product management personnel remain paramount to our ability to deliver high quality online search services, enhance our current technology, and expand our product offerings. As a result, we expect to continue to invest in our workforce and our research and development operations. Additionally, we may use our cash and short-term available-for-sale investments to acquire businesses and other assets, including businesses that may not be related to online search or online retail.

## **Overview of 2010 Operating Results**

The following is an overview of our operating results for the year ended December 31, 2010 compared to the prior year. A more detailed discussion of our operating results, comparing our operating results for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, is included under the heading "Historical Results of Operations" in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.



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In the second quarter of 2010, we revised our presentation of our Unaudited Condensed Consolidated Statements of Operations as described in Note 1: The Company and Basis of Presentation of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8, of Part II of this report) and reclassified amounts between the new captions for prior periods. The reclassifications did not impact previously reported revenues, income (loss) before income taxes, net income (loss), total assets, total liabilities, or stockholders' equity.

Several of our key operating financial measures for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 in total dollars (in thousands) and as a percentage of segment revenue are presented below.

	Years ended December 31,			
	2010		2009	
<b>Revenues:</b>				
Services/Core revenue	\$ 214,343		\$ 207,646	
Product/E-Commerce revenue	32,492			
Total Revenues	\$ 246,835		\$ 207,646	
<b>Gross profit:</b>				
		% of segment revenue		% of segment revenue
Services gross profit	\$ 84,371	39.4%	\$ 71,023	34.2%
Product gross profit	3,914	12.0%		0.0%
Total gross profit	\$ 88,285	35.8%	\$ 71,023	34.2%
<b>Segment income (loss):</b>				
Core segment income	\$ 32,462	15.1%	\$ 27,436	13.2%
E-Commerce segment loss	(4,820)	(14.8)%		0.0%
Total segment income and Adjusted EBITDA (1)	\$ 27,642	11.2%	\$ 27,436	13.2%
Net income	\$ 13,703		\$ 7,403	
Revenue from distribution partners	\$ 146,919	69%	\$ 156,742	75%
Revenue from existing distribution partners (launched on or before December 31 of previous year)	\$ 143,731	67%	\$ 137,784	66%
Revenue from new distribution partners (launched during the year)	\$ 3,188	2%	\$ 18,958	9%
Revenue from online direct marketing initiatives on owned and operated Web properties	\$ 22,146	10%	\$ 18,676	9%
Revenue from Make The Web Better distribution partner	\$ 9,442	4%	\$ 30,908	15%
Revenue from Make The Web Better owned and operated	\$ 16,420	7%	\$	0%

(1) Adjusted EBITDA is a non-GAAP measure, defined below in Non-GAAP Financial Measures.

Services revenue from our Core segment increased from 2009 to 2010 due to growth in revenue from our owned and operated properties. This growth was partially offset by declining revenue from our distribution partners. The increase in revenue from our owned and operated properties resulted from the acquisition of the Make The Web Better assets, and from increased revenue from our direct marketing initiatives. These positive trends were partially offset by the continued decline in revenue from our remaining owned and operated properties. The decrease in revenue generated through our distribution partners' Web properties, from 2009 to 2010, was primarily due to the acquisition of the Make The Web Better assets. We generated 35% and 42% of our search revenue through our top five distribution partners for 2010 and 2009, respectively.

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The Web properties of our top five distribution partners for 2010 generated 40% of our online search revenue for 2009.

Product revenue from our E-Commerce segment was \$32.5 million in 2010 and comprised of sales through our Mercantila operations.



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The increase in gross profit for our Core segment, from 2009 to 2010, was primarily due to our acquisition of the Make The Web Better assets described above. Although we have experienced revenue growth since acquiring the assets, our E-Commerce segment's loss, as a percent of revenue, increased due to increases in fulfillment and advertising expenses.

The increase in our sales and marketing expense, from 2009 to 2010, was primarily due to advertising for Mercantile's Web properties of \$4.3 million and an increase in expense associated with direct marketing initiatives of \$3.1 million.

The increase in general and administrative expense, from 2009 to 2010, was primarily due to an increase in severance pay of \$3.5 million and an increase in stock-based compensation of \$3.4 million due to accelerating the vesting of equity awards to a departed executive.

In 2010, we received proceeds from the settlement of a shareholder derivative action against current and former officers and directors of the Company and recorded a net gain in other income, net, of \$19.0 million and income tax expense of \$7.4 million, primarily related to the settlement. In 2010, we also recorded in other income, net, \$5.0 million of expense to adjust the estimated earn-out payments to be made related to our acquisition of the Make The Web Better assets.

**Historical Results of Operations**

Our net income for 2010 was \$13.7 million and for the years 2010, 2009, and 2008 was cumulative net income of \$2.4 million.

The following table sets forth the historical results of our operations (in thousands and as percent of revenues).

	Years ended December 31,			Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008	2010	2009	2008
	(in thousands)			(as a percent of revenue)		
Services revenue	\$ 214,343	\$ 207,646	\$ 156,727	86.8%	100.0%	100.0%
Product revenue	32,492			13.2	0.0	0.0
Total revenues	246,835	207,646	156,727	100.0	100.0	100.0
Cost of services sales	129,972	136,623	87,130	52.7	65.8	55.6
Cost of product sales	28,578			11.6	0.0	0.0
Total cost of sales	158,550	136,623	87,130	64.2	65.8	55.6
Gross profit	88,285	71,023	69,597	35.8	34.2	44.4
Operating expenses and other income:						
Engineering and technology	9,749	9,129	13,846	3.9	4.4	8.8
Sales and marketing	35,822	25,378	24,644	14.5	12.2	15.7
General and administrative	33,454	23,617	24,228	13.6	11.4	15.5
Depreciation	3,177	3,283	3,264	1.3	1.6	2.1
Amortization of intangible assets	283			0.1	0.0	0.0
Restructuring			17	0.0	0.0	0.0

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Other, net			(1,897)	0.0	0.0	(1.2)
Loss on investments, net		4,714	28,520	0.0	2.3	18.2
Other income, net	(15,313)	(2,682)	(7,149)	(6.2)	(1.3)	(4.6)
Total expenses and other income	67,172	63,439	85,473	27.2	30.6	54.5
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	21,113	7,584	(15,876)	8.6	3.7	(10.1)
Income tax expense	(7,410)	(181)	(598)	(3.0)	(0.1)	(0.4)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	13,703	7,403	(16,474)	5.6	3.6	(10.5)
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes			(1,455)	0.0	0.0	(0.9)
Loss on sale of discontinued operations, net of taxes			(770)	0.0	0.0	(0.5)
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,703	\$ 7,403	\$ (18,699)	5.6%	3.6%	(11.9)%

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*Revenues.* Revenues for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below (in thousands):

	2010	Change	2009	Change	2008
Services revenue	\$ 214,343	\$ 6,697	\$ 207,646	\$ 50,919	\$ 156,727
Product revenue	32,492	32,492			
Total revenues	\$ 246,835	\$ 39,189	\$ 207,646	\$ 50,919	\$ 156,727

The increase in services revenue for 2010 as compared to 2009 is due to increases in revenue from our owned and operated Web properties and partially offset by a decline in revenue generated by our distribution partners. Revenue from existing distribution partners increased in 2010 as compared to 2009 by \$6.0 million, but this trend was offset by a decline of \$21.5 million from existing distribution partner Make The Web Better as we acquired its search revenue generating assets on April 1, 2010. Additionally, revenue from new distribution partners (launched during the year) in 2010 as compared to 2009 declined by \$15.8 million.

The increase of \$13.8 million in revenue generated by our owned and operated properties for 2010 as compared to 2009 was primarily due to the operation of the acquired Make The Web Better assets, which generated \$16.4 million of revenue as an owned and operated Web property in 2010, and revenue growth of \$3.5 million from our online direct marketing initiatives. Partially offsetting such increases is an overall decline in revenue generated through our owned and operated metasearch engine sites, excluding the revenue from the Make The Web Better purchased assets. This trend is a result of fewer retained users on our metasearch engine sites and, therefore, fewer paid clicks from these sites, partially offset by higher fees earned from our search customers for these paid clicks.

The increase in services revenue for 2009 as compared to 2008 is primarily due to an increase in revenue from search results delivered through the Web properties of new and existing distribution partners. Revenue from existing distribution partners for 2009 as compared to 2008 increased by \$45.4 million, and revenue from new distribution partners (launched during the year) increased by \$10.5 million. In 2009, when the Make The Web Better assets were owned by a distribution partner, they generated \$30.9 million in revenue.

The decrease of \$5.8 million in revenue generated by our owned and operated properties for 2009 as compared to 2008 was primarily due to an overall decline in all of our owned and operated traffic on our metasearch engine sites, partially offset by an increase of \$5.9 million in revenue for traffic generated from our online direct marketing initiatives.

For 2010, 70% of our search services revenue was generated through our search distribution partners Web properties, compared to 76% and 65% of our search services revenue, respectively, generated through our search distribution partners Web properties in 2009 and 2008. During the first half of 2010, we discontinued the syndication of our search results to certain distribution partners who we deemed to be delivering low quality clicks. Those discontinuations had a material negative impact on our revenues for the first half of 2010. We expect that search services revenue from searches conducted by end users on sites of our distribution partners will continue to represent a significant proportion of our online search services revenues for the foreseeable future.

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Additionally, in October 2010 we suspended operations of our *Haggle.com* competitive shopping site, which represented the most significant portion of our development-stage business initiatives. As a result, the revenue contribution from development-stage business initiatives will be nominal in the foreseeable future. In 2010, development-stage business initiatives represented less than 2% of total services revenue.

The product revenue was comprised of sales of product through our Mercantila business.

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*Cost of sales.* Cost of services sales consists of costs related to revenue sharing arrangements with our distribution partners, certain costs associated with the operation of the data centers that serve our search business, including depreciation, personnel expenses (which include salaries, benefits and other employee related costs, and stock-based compensation expense), usage-based content fees, and bandwidth costs. Cost of product sales primarily consist of the purchase price of goods sold by us to our customers, drop-ship and other shipping charges, and payment processing fees for customer transactions. Cost of sales in total dollars (in thousands) and as a percentage of associated and total revenues for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below:

	2010	Change	2009	Change	2008
Cost of services sales	\$ 129,972	\$ (6,651)	\$ 136,623	\$ 49,493	\$ 87,130
Percentage of services revenue	60.6%		65.8%		55.6%
Cost of product sales	28,578	28,578			
Percentage of product revenue	88.0%		0.0%		0.0%
Total cost of sales	\$ 158,550	\$ 21,927	\$ 136,623	\$ 49,493	\$ 87,130
Percentage of total revenues	64.2%		65.8%		55.6%

The dollar decrease in cost of services sales for 2010 as compared to 2009 is primarily due to the decrease in revenue sharing expense resulting from our acquisition of Make The Web Better.

The dollar increase in cost of services sales for 2009 as compared to 2008 is primarily due to an increase in revenue sharing expenses related to increases in revenue generated through the Web properties of our distribution partners and increases in our revenue sharing rates.

We anticipate that revenue sharing expenses paid to our distribution partners will increase in dollars if revenue increases through growth in existing arrangements with our distribution partners or we add new distribution partners. If search services revenue generated through our distribution partners Web properties increases at a greater rate than revenue generated through our owned and operated Web properties, revenue sharing expenses with our distribution partners as a percentage of services revenue will increase. As a result of our acquisition of assets from Make The Web Better in April 2010, we experienced a decrease in services cost of sales as a percentage of services revenue, and a corresponding increase in our gross profit percentage on our search services revenue. That effect has been declining as expected as the revenue has declined from the Make The Web Better assets. We expect that services revenue from searches conducted by end users on sites of our distribution partners will continue to be a significant portion of our search services revenue.

The cost of product sales was comprised of the cost of sales of products through our Mercantila business.

*Engineering and technology expenses.* Engineering and technology expenses are associated with the research, development, support, and ongoing enhancements of our offerings, including personnel expenses (which include salaries, stock-based compensation expense, and benefits and other employee related costs), software support and maintenance, and professional service fees. Engineering and technology expenses in total dollars (in thousands) and as a percentage of total revenues for 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below:

	2010	Change	2009	Change	2008
Engineering and technology expenses	\$ 9,749	\$ 620	\$ 9,129	\$ (4,717)	\$ 13,846
Percentage of total revenues	3.9%		4.4%		8.8%

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The dollar increase for 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily comprised of increases of \$1.1 million in personnel costs, exclusive of employee separation costs, which includes \$766,000 in Mercantila personnel costs, and an increase of \$541,000 in professional services costs. These increases were partially offset by decreases of \$567,000 in employee separation costs and a decrease of \$359,000 in software support and maintenance.

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The dollar decrease for 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily comprised of a decrease of \$2.0 million in stock-based compensation expense, a decrease of \$1.8 million in personnel costs, exclusive of stock-based compensation expense and employee separation costs, a decrease of \$1.0 million in professional service fees, and a decrease of \$916,000 in the costs of contractors and temporary help to augment our staffing. These decreases were partially offset by an increase of \$736,000 in facilities costs and an increase of \$518,000 in employee separation costs.

*Sales and marketing expenses.* Sales and marketing expenses consist principally of marketing expenses associated with our owned and operated Web properties (which consist of traffic acquisition, including our online direct marketing initiatives, which involve the purchase of online advertisements that drive traffic to an owned and operated website, agency fees, brand promotion expense, and market research expense), personnel costs (which include salaries, stock-based compensation expense, and benefits and other employee related costs), advertising for Mercantila's Web properties, the cost of temporary help and contractors to augment our staffing, and the operation of Mercantila's call center. Sales and marketing expenses in total dollars (in thousands) and as a percentage of total revenues for 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below:

	2010	Change	2009	Change	2008
Sales and marketing expenses	\$ 35,822	\$ 10,444	\$ 25,378	\$ 734	\$ 24,644
Percentage of total revenues	14.5%		12.2%		15.7%

The dollar increase for 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily attributable to an increase of \$3.1 million in advertising costs for our marketing initiatives associated with traffic acquisition, \$4.3 million in advertising for Mercantila's Web properties, \$1.9 million in Mercantila personnel costs, including costs related to temporary help and contractors, an increase of \$1.2 million in stock-based compensation expense, and \$675,000 in call center expenses. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$358,000 in marketing research expenses and a decrease of \$326,000 in public relations expense.

The dollar increase for 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily attributable to an increase of \$4.0 million in advertising costs and an increase of \$445,000 in the costs of contractors and temporary help to augment our staffing. These increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$1.9 million in stock-based compensation expense, a decrease of \$838,000 in marketing expenses associated with our owned and operated Web properties, and a decrease of \$785,000 in salaries and employee benefits, excluding stock-based compensation expense.

We expect to continue to invest in marketing initiatives to promote new services.

*General and administrative expenses.* General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel expenses (which include salaries, stock-based compensation expense, and benefits and other employee related costs), professional service fees (which include legal, audit, and tax fees), general business development and management expenses, occupancy and general office expenses, taxes, insurance expenses, and certain legal settlements. General and administrative expenses in total dollars (in thousands) and as a percentage of total revenues for 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below:

	2010	Change	2009	Change	2008
General and administrative expenses	\$ 33,454	\$ 9,837	\$ 23,617	\$ (611)	\$ 24,228
Percentage of total revenues	13.6%		11.4%		15.5%

The dollar increase for 2010 compared to 2009 was primarily attributable to an increase of \$3.5 million in employee separation costs, an increase of \$3.0 million in stock-based compensation expense, an increase of \$761,000 in professional service fees, an increase of \$480,000 in facilities expense, and an increase of \$408,000 in business taxes. Additionally, in 2009 we received a \$2.4 million one-time net business tax refund. These

increases were partially offset by a decrease of \$564,000 in personnel costs, exclusive of stock-based compensation expense.



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The dollar decrease for 2009 compared to 2008 was primarily attributable to a decrease of \$2.5 million in personnel expenses and costs of contractors and temporary help to augment our staffing (exclusive of stock-based compensation expense and employee separation costs), a decrease of \$366,000 in business insurance costs, and a decrease of \$310,000 in professional service fees. Adding to these decreases was the net business tax refund of \$2.4 million received in 2009. These decreases were partially offset by increases of \$3.2 million in legal fees, an increase of \$709,000 in employee separation costs, and an increase of \$619,000 in stock-based compensation expense.

*Depreciation and amortization of other intangible assets.* Depreciation of property and equipment includes depreciation of network servers and data center equipment, computers, software, office equipment and fixtures, and leasehold improvements. Amortization of definite-lived intangible assets includes amortization of core technology, customer lists, and other intangible assets. Depreciation and amortization of other intangible assets expenses for 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below (in thousands):

	2010	Change	2009	Change	2008
Depreciation expenses	\$ 3,177	\$ (106)	\$ 3,283	\$ 19	\$ 3,264
Amortization of other intangible assets expenses	283	283			
	\$ 3,460	\$ 177	\$ 3,283	\$ 19	\$ 3,264

There were no material variances between the depreciation expenses recorded in 2010, 2009 and 2008.

*Other, net.* Other, net consists of costs, charges, refunds or gains that are not directly associated with other revenue or operating expense classifications. Other, net of \$1.9 million in 2008 consisted of gains on the sale of non-core assets.

*Loss on investments, net.* Loss on investments, net is comprised of the following for 2009, and 2008 (in thousands):

	2009	2008
Other-than-temporary impairment of available-for-sale investments	\$ 5,351	\$ 24,332
Gain on sale of available-for-sale investments	(637)	
Impairment of convertible note from equity investee		2,000
Other-than-temporary impairment of equity investment in privately-held company		2,000
Decrease in fair value of warrants		188
	\$ 4,714	\$ 28,520

In 2010, we did not record any gain or loss on investments.

In 2009, we determined that a portion of our auction rate securities ( **ARS** ), which we classified as long-term available-for-sale securities, was other-than-temporarily impaired, and we recorded a loss on investments of \$5.4 million. Subsequently, we sold all of the investments originally purchased as ARS and recognized gains on the sales totaling \$637,000.

In 2008, we determined that a portion of our ARS, which we classified as long-term available-for-sale securities, was other-than-temporarily impaired, and we recorded a loss on investments of \$24.3 million. In 2008, we determined that our equity investment and related warrants in a privately-held company, as well as a convertible note from that company, were fully impaired, and we recorded a loss on investments of \$4.2 million. We adjust our derivative instruments to fair value and recognize the change in the recorded fair value in earnings. We hold warrants to purchase stock in other companies, which qualify as derivatives, and therefore gains or losses are based on the fair value.

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*Other income, net.* Other income, net, primarily consists of litigation settlements, adjustments to the fair values of contingent liabilities related to business combinations, foreign currency exchange gains or losses, gains on contingency resolutions, interest income, and gains or losses on disposals of property and equipment. Other income, net is comprised of the following for 2010, 2009, and 2008 (in thousands):

	2010	2009	2008
Litigation settlement gain	\$ (18,965)	\$	\$
Foreign currency exchange loss (gain), net	(1,335)	66	661
Interest income	(331)	(3,443)	(7,344)
Gain on contingency resolution			(1,124)
Increase in fair value of earn-out contingent liability	5,000		
Loss on disposal of assets	1,014	642	629
Other	(696)	53	29
	\$ (15,313)	\$ (2,682)	\$ (7,149)

Other income, net increased in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to a \$19.0 million net gain on a litigation settlement and \$1.4 million in recognition of foreign currency translation gains, primarily related to the sale or substantial liquidation of wholly-owned subsidiaries. Additionally in 2010, the financial performance of the operation of the Make The Web Better assets acquired in April 2010 was greater than expected; as a consequence, we estimated that the fair value of the related earn-out contingent consideration had increased and we recorded a charge of \$5.0 million. Interest income decreased in 2010 compared to 2009 primarily due to a decline in interest rates.

Interest income decreased in 2009 compared to 2008 primarily due to a decline in interest rates, partially offset by \$925,000 in interest received relating to a net business tax refund.

*Income tax expense.* During 2010, 2009, and 2008, we recorded an income tax expense of \$7.4 million, \$181,000, and \$598,000, respectively. The 2010 income tax expense of \$7.4 million is primarily attributable to a \$7.4 million tax expense from current year operations and a \$788,000 tax expense for the net increase in the valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets. These expenses are partially offset by a \$566,000 income tax benefit from the decrease in unrecognized tax benefits pertaining to state income taxes and a \$516,000 tax benefit attributable to foreign exchange gains. During 2009, we further impaired and sold our portfolio of ARS, which provided a net \$6.9 million income tax benefit from the net reduction of its portion of the valuation allowance. Absent the effect of the ARS, our income tax expense would have been \$7.1 million, which would be primarily attributable to \$2.7 million from current year operations and an increase of \$4.2 million increase in the valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets. The 2008 income tax expense of \$598,000 is primarily attributable to a \$5.6 million tax benefit from current year operations, \$436,000 tax expense for non-deductible compensation paid to an executive, and a \$5.4 million tax expense for the net increase in the valuation allowance against the deferred tax assets.

At December 31, 2010, we had gross temporary differences representing future tax deductions of \$849.7 million, primarily comprised of \$788.4 million of accumulated net operating loss carryforwards, which represent deferred tax assets. During 2010, we determined that it was not more likely than not that we would realize our deferred tax assets in the foreseeable future. Accordingly, we provided a valuation allowance against our deferred tax assets. If in the future, we determine that the realization of any portion of the deferred tax assets is more likely than not to be realized, we will record a benefit to the income statement or to additional paid-in-capital, as appropriate.

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*Loss from discontinued operations and loss on sale of discontinued operations.* In 2007, we completed the sale of our directory and mobile businesses and have reflected income (loss) from those businesses as income (loss) from discontinued operations. For 2008, we recorded a gain on the sale of the directory business of \$48,000 and a loss on the sale of the mobile services business of \$818,000. Revenue, income (loss) before taxes, income tax expense (benefit), and income (loss) from discontinued operations for 2008 are presented below (in thousands):

<b>Directory</b>	
Revenue from discontinued operations	\$
Income from discontinued operations before taxes	204
Income tax expense	(76)
Income from discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ 128
<b>Mobile</b>	
Revenue from discontinued operations	\$ 127
Loss from discontinued operations before taxes	(2,098)
Income tax benefit	515
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ (1,583)

**Non-GAAP Financial Measures**

We define Adjusted EBITDA as net income (loss), determined in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( **GAAP** ), excluding the effects of income taxes, depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, stock-based compensation expense, loss on investments, net, and other income, net (which includes such items as litigation settlements, adjustments to the fair values of contingent liabilities related to business combinations, interest income, foreign currency gains or losses, and gains or losses from the disposal of assets).

We believe that Adjusted EBITDA provides meaningful supplemental information regarding InfoSpace's performance by excluding certain expenses and gains that we believe are not indicative of our operating results. We use this non-GAAP financial measure for internal management purposes, when publicly providing guidance on possible future results, and as a means to evaluate period-to-period comparisons. We believe that Adjusted EBITDA is a common measure used by investors and analysts to evaluate our performance, that it provides a more complete understanding of the results of operations and trends affecting our business when viewed together with GAAP results, and that management and investors benefit from referring to this non-GAAP financial measure. Items excluded from Adjusted EBITDA are significant and necessary components to the operations of our business, and, therefore, Adjusted EBITDA should be considered as a supplement to, and not as a substitute for or superior to, GAAP net income (loss). Other companies may calculate Adjusted EBITDA differently, and therefore our Adjusted EBITDA may not be comparable to similarly titled measures of other companies. A reconciliation of our Adjusted EBITDA to net income (loss), which we believe to be the most comparable GAAP measure, is presented for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 below (in thousands):

	2010	2009	2008
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,703	\$ 7,403	\$ (18,699)
Discontinued operations			2,225
Depreciation and amortization of intangible assets	7,091	7,252	7,335
Stock-based compensation	14,751	10,568	14,304

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Loss on investments, net		4,714	28,520
Other income, net	(15,313)	(2,682)	(7,149)
Income tax expense	7,410	181	598
Adjusted EBITDA	\$ 27,642	\$ 27,436	\$ 27,134

**Table of Contents****Liquidity and Capital Resources***Cash, Cash Equivalents and Short-Term Investments*

Our principal source of liquidity is our cash and cash equivalents and short-term investments. As of December 31, 2010, we had cash and marketable investments of \$253.7 million, consisting of cash and cash equivalents of \$155.6 million and available-for-sale short-term investments of \$98.1 million. We generally invest our excess cash in high quality marketable investments. These investments include securities issued by U.S. government agencies, commercial paper, certificates of deposit, money market funds, and taxable municipal bonds. All of our financial instrument investments held at December 31, 2010 have minimal default risk and short-term maturities. In 2010, we received gross proceeds of \$23.9 million related to a litigation settlement and, in the first quarter of 2011, we plan to pay \$5.3 million in plaintiff's fees related to that settlement, as well as \$2.4 million in severance charges to a departing executive. In 2008, we paid a special dividend to our shareholders of \$299.3 million.

We plan to use our cash to fund operations, develop technology, advertise, market and distribute our products and services, and continue the enhancement of our network infrastructure. An important component of our strategy for future growth is to acquire technologies and businesses, and we plan to use our cash to acquire and integrate acceptable targets that we may identify. These targets may include businesses, products, or technologies unrelated to online search or online retail. We may use a portion of our cash for special dividends or for common stock repurchases.

We believe that existing cash and cash equivalents, short-term investments, and cash generated from operations will be sufficient to meet our anticipated cash needs for working capital and capital expenditures for at least the next 12 months. However, the underlying levels of revenues and expenses that we project may not prove to be accurate. Our anticipated cash needs exclude any payments that may result from pending or future litigation matters. In addition, we evaluate acquisitions of businesses, products, or technologies from time to time. Any such transactions, if completed, may use a significant portion of our cash balances and marketable investments. If we are unable to liquidate our investments when we need liquidity for acquisitions or business purposes, we may need to change or postpone such acquisitions or business purposes or find alternative financing for such acquisitions or business purposes, if available. We may seek additional funding through public or private financings or other arrangements prior to such time. Our ability to raise funds may be adversely affected by a number of factors, including factors beyond our control, such as economic conditions in markets in which we operate and from which we generate revenues, and increased uncertainty in the financial, capital, and credit markets. Adequate funds may not be available when needed or may not be available on favorable terms. If we raise additional funds by issuing equity securities, dilution to existing stockholders may result. If funding is insufficient at any time in the future, we may be unable, or delayed in our ability, to develop or enhance our products or services, take advantage of business opportunities, or respond to competitive pressures, any of which could harm our business.

*Contractual Obligations and Commitments*

Our capital lease commitments are included in our Consolidated Balance Sheets. Our contractual obligations and commitments are as follows (in thousands):

	2011	2012	2013	2014 and thereafter	Total
Operating lease commitments	\$ 2,023	\$ 1,932	\$ 383	\$	\$ 4,338

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Purchase commitments	2,279	1,026	493		3,798
Capital lease commitments, net of imputed interest and executory costs	211				211
Total	\$ 4,513	\$ 2,958	\$ 876	\$	\$ 8,347

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*Operating lease commitments.* We have entered into various non-cancelable operating lease agreements for our offices that run through 2013. We are committed to pay a portion of the related operating expenses under certain of these lease agreements. These operating expenses are not included in the table above. Certain of these leases have escalating rent payment provisions and we recognize rent expense under such leases on a straight-line basis over the term of the lease.

*Purchase commitments.* Our purchase commitments consist primarily of product ordered but not yet shipped, related shipping costs, and non-cancelable service agreements for our data centers. Included in the table above are purchase commitments of \$418,000 and \$418,000 due in 2011 and 2012, respectively, which are reflected as liabilities on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

*Capital lease commitments.* We entered into capital lease agreements in 2008 for certain equipment used in our data centers.

We have pledged a portion of our cash as collateral for standby letters of credit and bank guaranties for certain of our property leases and banking arrangements. At December 31, 2010, the total amount of collateral pledged under these agreements was \$4.2 million.

The above table does not reflect unrecognized tax benefits of approximately \$1 million, the timing of which is uncertain. For additional discussion on unrecognized tax benefits see Note 8: Income Taxes of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8 of Part II of this report.)

*Cash Flows*

Our net cash flows are comprised of the following for 2010, 2009, and 2008 (in thousands):

	2010	2009	2008
Net cash provided (used) by operating activities	\$ 45,872	\$ 30,000	\$ (20,182)
Net cash provided (used) by investing activities	25,817	4,421	(111,284)
Net cash provided (used) by financing activities	206	(607)	(298,926)
Net cash used by discontinued operations			(17,998)
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	\$ 71,895	\$ 33,814	\$ (448,390)

*Net Cash Provided (Used) by Operating Activities*

Net cash provided (used) by operating activities consists of net income (loss) offset by certain adjustments not affecting current-period cash flows and the effect of changes in our operating assets and liabilities.



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Net cash provided by operating activities was \$45.9 million in 2010, consisting of adjustments not affecting cash flows provided by operating activities of \$28.7 million (primarily consisting of stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization, increase in the fair value of an earn-out contingent liability, loss on disposals of assets, and amortization of premium on investments), cash provided by changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$17.7 million (consisting of decreases in accounts receivable, increases in accrued expenses and other current and long-term liabilities, increases in other receivables and in prepaid expenses and other current assets), and our net income of \$13.7 million. Partially offsetting the increase were adjustments not affecting cash flows used by operating activities of \$10.6 million (primarily consisting of excess tax benefits from stock-based award activity, fair value of common stock retired relating to a litigation settlement, and the realized foreign currency translation gains) and cash used by changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$3.6 million (primarily consisting of decreases in accounts payable).

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Net cash provided by operating activities was \$30.0 million in 2009, consisting of adjustments not affecting cash flows provided by operating activities of \$26.4 million (primarily consisting of stock-based compensation, depreciation and amortization, loss on investments, net, and loss on disposals of assets), cash provided by changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$12.7 million (consisting of increases in accrued expenses and other current and long-term liabilities and in accounts payable and decreases in other long-term assets), and our net income of \$7.4 million. Partially offsetting the increase was cash used by changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$15.9 million (primarily consisting of increases in accounts receivable, notes and other receivables and in prepaid expenses and other current assets) and adjustments not affecting cash flows used by operating activities of \$607,000, consisting of deferred income taxes.

Net cash used by operating activities was \$20.2 million in 2008, consisting of cash used by changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$59.3 million (consisting of decreases in accrued expenses and other liabilities), our net loss of \$18.7 million, and adjustments not affecting cash flows used by operating activities of \$4.6 million (primarily consisting of decreases in deferred income taxes and the gain on sale of assets). Offsetting the decrease was cash provided by adjustments not affecting cash flows provided by operating activities of \$52.9 million (primarily consisting of the loss on long-term investments, stock-based compensation, depreciation, the loss from discontinued operations and the loss on sale of discontinued operations) and changes in our operating assets and liabilities of \$9.4 million (consisting of decreases in notes and other receivables, other long-term assets, accounts receivable, and prepaid expenses and other current assets and increases in accounts payable).

### *Net Cash Provided (Used) by Investing Activities*

Net cash provided (used) by investing activities primarily consists of transactions related to our investments, purchases of property and equipment, proceeds from the sale of certain assets, and cash used in business acquisitions.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$25.8 million in 2010, primarily from the proceeds from the sale or maturity of our marketable investments of \$244.8 million and proceeds from the sale of assets of \$307,000. Partially offsetting cash provided by investing activities were the purchase of \$200.5 million of marketable investments, \$16.0 million used for business acquisitions, and \$3.0 million of property and equipment purchases.

Net cash provided by investing activities was \$4.4 million in 2009, primarily from the proceeds from the sale or maturity of our marketable investments of \$196.9 million and proceeds from the sale of assets of \$623,000. Partially offsetting cash provided by investing activities were the purchase of \$190.2 million of marketable investments, \$2.4 million of property and equipment purchases, and \$395,000 used for a business acquisition.

Net cash used by investing activities was \$111.3 million in 2008, primarily consisting of the purchase of \$145.3 million of marketable investments and the purchase of \$12.3 million in property and equipment. Partially offsetting cash used by investing activities were proceeds from the sale or maturity of our marketable investments of \$44.0 million and proceeds from the sale of assets of \$2.6 million.

### *Net Cash Provided (Used) by Financing Activities*

Net cash provided (used) by financing activities consists of proceeds from the issuance of stock through the exercise of stock options and our employee stock purchase plan, tax payments from shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units, repayments of capital lease obligations, excess tax benefits from stock-based award activity, and special dividends paid to our shareholders.



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Net cash provided by financing activities in 2010 was \$206,000, primarily from \$7.0 million in excess tax benefits generated by stock-based award activity and proceeds of \$2.5 million from the exercise of stock options and the sale of shares through our employee stock purchase plan. Cash provided by financing activities was partially offset by \$4.6 million of earn-out payments related to business acquisitions, \$4.2 million in tax payments from shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units, and \$589,000 used for the repayment of capital lease obligations.

Net cash used by financing activities in 2009 was \$607,000, primarily from \$1.1 million in tax payments from shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units and \$564,000 used for the repayment of capital lease obligations. Cash used by financing activities was partially offset by tax benefits generated by stock-based award activity of \$607,000 and proceeds of \$404,000 from the exercise of stock options and the sale of shares through our employee stock purchase plan.

Net cash used by financing activities in 2008 was \$298.9 million, primarily from the special dividend of \$299.3 million paid in January 2008. Partially offsetting cash used in financing activities were proceeds of \$603,000 from the exercise of stock options and the sale of shares through our employee stock purchase plan.

### *Net Cash Used by Discontinued Operations*

Net cash used by operating activities attributable to discontinued operations in 2008 was \$18.0 million.

## **Acquisitions**

*Mercantila.* On May 10, 2010, we acquired certain assets from Mercantila, Inc., an online retail company, at a cost of \$7.8 million in cash, plus \$8.2 million in liabilities assumed.

*Make The Web Better.* On April 1, 2010, we purchased assets consisting of Web properties and licenses for content and technology from Make The Web Better, a search distribution partner and privately-held developer of online products used on social networking sites, for \$13.0 million. The purchase consideration included an initial cash payment of \$8.0 million, with up to \$5.0 million in additional consideration payable in cash contingent on expected financial performance. The financial performance of the operation of the Make The Web Better assets in 2010 was greater than was expected when the assets were acquired. As a consequence, our estimate of the fair value of the related contingent consideration increased to \$10.0 million and we recorded a charge of \$5.0 million to other loss (income), net in the year ended December 31, 2010.

*F-Four.* On May 22, 2009, we acquired the membership interests of F-Four, LLC and the assets of its subsidiary, a provider of search engine optimization analytics software, for \$1.3 million in stock and cash.

## **Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates**

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This Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations, as well as the disclosures included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, is based upon our consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with GAAP. The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses and disclosures of contingencies. In some cases, we could have reasonably used different accounting policies and estimates.

The Securities and Exchange Commission has defined a company's most critical accounting policies as the ones that are the most important to the portrayal of the company's financial condition and results of operations, and which require the company to make its most difficult and subjective judgments, often as a result of the need to make estimates of matters that are inherently uncertain. On an ongoing basis, we evaluate the estimates used, including those related to revenue recognition, cost of sales, impairment of goodwill, the estimated allowance for billing adjustments and doubtful accounts, accounting for business combinations, stock-based compensation, and

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the valuation allowance for our deferred tax assets. We base our estimates on historical experience, current conditions, and on various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances and, based on information available to us at that time, we make judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities that are not readily apparent from other sources as well as identify and assess our accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. Actual results may differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions, judgments, or conditions. We believe the following critical accounting policies involve the more significant judgments and estimates used in the preparation of our consolidated financial statements. We also have other accounting policies that involve the use of estimates, judgments, and assumptions and that are significant to understanding our results. For additional information see Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8 of Part II of this report).

### *Services Revenue Recognition*

Our services revenue, which is recorded in the Core segment, is generated primarily from our Web search services. We generate search revenue when an end user of such services clicks on a paid search link provided by a search customer and displayed on one of our owned and operated Web properties or displayed on a distribution partners' Web property. The search customer that provided the paid search link receives a fee from the advertiser who paid for the click and the search customer pays us a portion of that fee.

For our services transactions, we are the primary obligor, separately negotiate each revenue or unit pricing contract independent of any revenue sharing arrangements, and assume the credit risk for amounts invoiced to our search customers. For search services, we determine the paid search results, content, and information directed to our owned and operated Web properties and our distribution partners' Web properties through our metasearch technology. We earn revenue from our search customers by providing paid search results generated from our owned and operated properties and from our distribution partners' Web properties based on separately negotiated and agreed-upon terms with each distribution partner. Consequently, we record services revenue on a gross basis. Revenue is recognized in the period in which the services are provided (e.g., a paid search occurs) and is based on the amounts earned by and ultimately remitted to us.

### *Product Revenue Recognition*

Our product revenue, which is recorded in the E-Commerce segment, is derived from sales of goods to our customers. We recognize revenue from sales of goods when the following revenue recognition criteria are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the selling price is fixed or determinable, delivery has occurred and title has passed to the customer, and collectability is reasonably assured. For our sales of goods, we are the primary obligor in the transaction, establish prices and select suppliers, perform order fulfillment services, assume the inventory risk during shipping and for customer returns, and assume the credit risk for amounts invoiced to our customers. Consequently, we record product revenue at its gross sales price.

### *Cost of Sales*

We record the cost of sales for product and services sales when the related revenue is recognized. Cost of services sales consists of costs related to revenue sharing arrangements with our distribution partners, certain costs associated with the operation of our data centers that serve our search business, including depreciation, personnel expenses (which include salaries, benefits and other employee related costs, and stock-based compensation expense), bandwidth costs, and usage-based content fees. Cost of product sales consist of the purchase price of goods sold by us to our customers, drop-ship and other shipping charges, and payment processing fees for customer transactions.



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### *Product Sales Returns and Replacements*

We estimate sales returns, which reduce product revenue. We estimate the cost of replacing damaged or defective goods sold to customers, which we record as a cost of product sales.

### *Business Combinations and Intangible Assets Including Goodwill*

We account for business combinations using the acquisition method and accordingly, the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their acquisition date fair values. Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the purchase price over the fair value of net assets, including the amount assigned to identifiable intangible assets. We evaluate the carrying value of our indefinite-lived intangible assets at least annually, and evaluate all intangible assets for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an intangible asset may not be recoverable. Identifiable intangible assets with finite lives are amortized over their useful lives. Acquisition-related costs, including advisory, legal, accounting, valuation, and other costs, are expensed in the periods in which the costs are incurred. The results of operations of acquired businesses are included in the consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date.

### *Accounting for Goodwill*

Goodwill is tested for impairment on an annual basis and between annual tests whenever circumstances indicate that the carrying value of the goodwill might be impaired. Circumstances may include an adverse change in business climate or a more likely than not expectation that a reporting unit will be sold or disposed. On at least a quarterly basis, we assess whether such circumstances exist.

We test for goodwill impairment at the reporting unit level. Application of the goodwill impairment test requires judgment, including the identification of reporting units, assigning assets and liabilities to reporting units, assigning goodwill to reporting units, and determining the estimated fair value of each reporting unit. Significant judgments required to estimate the fair value of reporting units include estimating future cash flows, determining appropriate discount rates, application of appropriate control premium, market conditions, and other assumptions. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect the determination of fair value for each reporting unit and may result in impairment charges in future periods.

We performed our annual impairment analysis of the goodwill on our balance sheet as of November 30, 2010, and we determined that there was no impairment as the fair values of our Core and E-Commerce reporting units exceeded their respective carrying values by 21% and 30%, respectively. Our analysis took into consideration the expected discounted cash flows for each reporting unit. The principal factors used in the discounted cash flow analysis requiring judgment are the projected results of operations, the discount rate based on the weighted average cost of capital ( **WACC** ), and terminal value assumptions for each reporting unit.

The WACC for each reporting unit ranged from 18% to 21.5% based on review of the volatility of returns for comparable reporting units, a capital structure of 100% common equity for comparable companies, and a size risk premium based upon relevant published studies. Additionally, a non-systemic risk premium was included ranging from 2% to 5% for certain risks to each reporting unit such as the Core reporting unit's dependence on Google and Yahoo! and recognition that the E-Commerce reporting unit is in an early stage and a new business for us that has been projected to have growth in revenue and margins. The terminal value assumptions are applied to the final year of the discounted cash flow model as the reporting unit is expected to remain a viable going concern beyond the final period. The terminal value was



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determined using the Gordon Growth Model, which assumed long-term growth rates ranging from 1% to 4%.

A control premium ranging from 10% to 15% was added to determine each reporting unit's enterprise value on a controlling basis. The control premiums range assumption considered the reporting unit's business operations, control premiums of comparable recent transactions, and the current economic environment.

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In the dynamic search and online retail industries, there is significant uncertainty about the future. Unforeseen events such as market disruptions and deterioration of the macroeconomic environment, or internal challenges such as reorganizations, employee and management turnover, operational cash flows, and other trends that could have material negative impacts on our key assumptions in determining fair values, could lead to a decision to impair goodwill in future periods.

As of December 31, 2010 and at November 30, 2010, of our consolidated goodwill balance of \$69.9 million, we had allocated \$57.5 million to our Core and \$12.4 million to our E-Commerce reporting units.

### *Stock-Based Compensation*

We record stock compensation expense for equity-based awards granted, including stock options and restricted stock unit grants, over the service period of the equity-based award based on the fair value of the award at the date of grant. During 2010, 2009, and 2008, we recognized \$14.8 million, \$10.6 million, and \$14.3 million, respectively, of stock-based compensation expense.

Calculating stock-based compensation expense relies upon certain assumptions, including the expected term of the stock-based awards, expected stock price volatility, expected interest rate, number and types of stock-based awards, and the pre-vesting forfeiture rate. If we use different assumptions due to changes in our business or other factors, our stock-based compensation expense could vary materially in the future.

### *Income Taxes*

We account for income taxes under the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets, including net operating loss carryforwards, and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the book and tax bases of assets and liabilities. We periodically evaluate the likelihood of the realization of deferred tax assets, and reduce the carrying amount of the deferred tax assets by a valuation allowance to the extent we believe a portion will not be realized. We consider many factors when assessing the likelihood of future realization of our deferred tax assets, including our recent cumulative earnings experience by taxing jurisdiction, expectations of future taxable income, the carryforward periods available to us for tax reporting purposes, and other relevant factors. There is a wide range of possible judgments relating to the valuation of our deferred tax assets.

During the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009, based on the weight of available evidence, we determined that it was not more likely than not that we would realize our deferred tax assets. Accordingly, we provided a full valuation allowance against our net deferred tax assets at December 31, 2010 and 2009. Significant judgment is required in making this assessment, and it is very difficult to predict when, if ever, we may conclude that any portion of our deferred tax assets is more likely than not realizable.

**Table of Contents****Quarterly Results of Operations (Unaudited)**

The following table presents a summary of our unaudited consolidated results of operations for the eight quarters ended December 31, 2010. In the second quarter of 2010, upon the acquisition of certain assets from Mercantila, Inc., we changed the way our consolidated statement of operations is presented. For additional information on the reclassification see Note 1: The Company and Basis of Presentation of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements (Item 8 of Part II of this report). The information for each of these quarters has been prepared on a basis consistent with our annual audited consolidated financial statements. You should read this information in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and notes thereto. The operating results for any quarter are not necessarily indicative of results for any future period.

	March 31, 2009	June 30, 2009	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2009	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2010	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2010
	(in thousands except per share data)							
Services revenue	\$ 39,070	\$ 43,763	\$ 54,356	\$ 70,457	\$ 61,773	\$ 52,363	\$ 50,524	\$ 49,683
Product revenue						7,039	11,193	14,260
Total revenues	39,070	43,763	54,356	70,457	61,773	59,402	61,717	63,943
Services cost of sales	22,827	26,763	36,577	50,456	43,559	29,142	28,849	28,422
Product cost of sales						5,958	9,860	12,760
Total cost of sales	22,827	26,763	36,577	50,456	43,559	35,100	38,709	41,182
Gross profit	16,243	17,000	17,779	20,001	18,214	24,302	23,008	22,761
Expenses and other income:								
Engineering and technology	2,316	2,454	2,231	2,128	1,906	2,803	2,661	2,379
Sales and marketing	6,948	5,137	6,639	6,654	6,482	8,852	10,087	10,401
General and administrative	6,242	6,397	6,789	4,189	6,755	6,907	9,479	10,313
Depreciation	827	846	813	797	820	823	818	716
Amortization of intangible assets						40	122	121
Loss (gain) on investments, net	5,351	(335)		(302)				
Other loss (income), net	(607)	(466)	(472)	(1,137)	137	3,522	427	(19,399)
Total expenses and other income	21,077	14,033	16,000	12,329	16,100	22,947	23,594	4,531
Income (loss) before income taxes	(4,834)	2,967	1,779	7,672	2,114	1,355	(586)	18,230
Income tax benefit (expense)	(201)	(82)	32	70	(570)	(685)	484	(6,639)
Net income (loss)	\$ (5,035)	\$ 2,885	\$ 1,811	\$ 7,742	\$ 1,544	\$ 670	\$ (102)	\$ 11,591
Net income (loss) per share Basic:								
Net income (loss) per share Basic	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.08	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.22	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.32
Weighted average shares outstanding used in computing basic income (loss) per share	34,853	35,044	35,035	35,094	35,466	35,751	35,969	36,196
Net income (loss) per share Diluted:								
Net income (loss) per share Diluted	\$ (0.14)	\$ 0.06	\$ 0.05	\$ 0.21	\$ 0.04	\$ 0.02	\$ (0.00)	\$ 0.31

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Weighted average shares outstanding used in computing diluted income (loss) per share	34,853	35,069	35,766	36,112	37,059	37,353	35,969	36,851
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	March 31, 2009	June 30, 2009	September 30, 2009	December 31, 2009	March 31, 2010	June 30, 2010	September 30, 2010	December 31, 2010
Services revenue	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	88.2%	81.9%	77.7%
Product revenue	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.8	18.1	22.3
Total revenues	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
Services cost of sales	58.4	61.2	67.3	71.6	70.5	49.1	46.7	44.4
Product cost of sales	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	10.0	16.0	20.0
Total cost of sales	58.4	61.2	67.3	71.6	70.5	59.1	62.7	64.4
Gross profit	41.6	38.8	32.7	28.4	29.5	40.9	37.3	35.6
Expenses and other income:								
Engineering and technology	5.9	5.6	4.1	3.0	3.1	4.7	4.3	3.7
Sales and marketing	17.8	11.7	12.2	9.4	10.5	14.9	16.3	16.3
General and administrative	16.0	14.6	12.5	6.0	11.0	11.6	15.4	16.1
Depreciation	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.1	1.3	1.4	1.3	1.1
Amortization of intangible assets	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.2	0.2
Loss (gain) on investments, net	13.7	(0.7)	0.0	(0.4)	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0
Other loss (income), net	(1.5)	(1.1)	(0.9)	(1.6)	0.2	5.9	0.7	(30.3)
Total expenses and other income	54.0	32.0	29.4	17.5	26.1	38.6	38.2	7.1
Income (loss) before income taxes	(12.4)	6.8	3.3	10.9	3.4	2.3	(0.9)	28.5
Income tax benefit (expense)	(0.5)	(0.2)	0.0	0.1	(0.9)	(1.2)	0.7	(10.4)
Net income (loss)	(12.9)%	6.6%	3.3%	11.0%	2.5%	1.1%	(0.2)%	18.1%

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We are exposed to financial market risks, including changes in the market values of our debt investments and interest rates.

*Financial market risk.* We do not invest in financial instruments or their derivatives for trading or speculative purposes. By policy, we limit our credit exposure to any one issuer, other than securities issued by the U.S. federal government and its agencies, and do not have any derivative instruments in our investment portfolio. The three primary goals that guide our investment decisions, with the first being the most important, are: preserve capital, maintain ease of conversion into immediate liquidity, and achieve a rate of return over a predetermined benchmark. Our investment portfolio at December 31, 2010 included debt instruments issued by the U.S. federal government and its agencies, U.S. municipal governments, publicly-held corporations, and money market funds invested in securities issued by agencies of the U.S. federal government. Beginning in 2007, the global financial markets began to experience unusual and significant distress that peaked in 2008 and moderated in 2009 and 2010. In 2007, certain auction rate securities that we purchased for \$40.4 million became illiquid and experienced a severe decline in fair value before we liquidated those investments in 2009 for net cash proceeds of \$9.2 million and realized a net loss on investments of \$31.2 million. As of December 31, 2010, we invested exclusively in debt instruments with minimal default risk and maturity dates of less than one year from the end of any of our quarterly accounting periods. We consider the market value, default, and liquidity risks of our investments to be low at December 31, 2010.

*Interest rate risk.* As of December 31, 2010, all of the debt securities that we held were fixed-rate earning instruments that carry a degree of interest rate risk. Fixed-rate securities may have their fair market value adversely impacted due to a rise in interest rates. We may suffer losses in principal if we are forced to sell securities which have declined in market value due to changes in interest rates. At December 31, 2010, our cash equivalent balances of \$100.0 million were held in commercial paper, taxable municipal bonds, and money market funds and our short-term investment balances of \$98.1 million were held in U.S. government securities and taxable municipal bonds.

The following table provides information about our cash equivalent and marketable fixed-income securities, including principal cash flows for 2011 and thereafter and the related weighted average interest rates.

Principal amounts and weighted average interest rates by expected year of maturity as of December 31, 2010 are as follows (in thousands, except percentages):

	<b>2011</b>		<b>2012</b>	<b>Thereafter</b>		<b>Total</b>	<b>Fair Value</b>	
			<b>-2015</b>					
U.S. government securities	\$ 89,990	0.35%	\$	%	%	\$ 89,990	0.35%	\$ 90,850
Commercial paper	87,915	0.19%		%	%	87,915	0.19%	87,902
Taxable municipal bonds	19,065	0.34%		%	%	19,065	0.34%	19,337
Money market funds	31	0.08%		%	%	31	0.08%	31
Cash equivalents and marketable fixed-income securities	\$ 197,001		\$			\$ 197,001		\$ 198,120

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**REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM**

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

InfoSpace, Inc.

Bellevue, Washington

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of InfoSpace, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the related consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss), stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010. These consolidated financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audits.

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

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of InfoSpace, Inc. and subsidiaries as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2010, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the Company's internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission and our report dated March 11, 2011, expressed an unqualified opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

**/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP**

Seattle, Washington

March 11, 2011



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(amounts in thousands, except share data)

	December 31,	
	2010	2009
<b><u>ASSETS</u></b>		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 155,645	\$ 83,750
Short-term investments, available-for-sale	98,091	142,647
Accounts receivable, net of allowance of \$15 and \$23	19,554	28,466
Other receivables	2,286	2,953
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	3,178	2,526
Total current assets	278,754	260,342
Property and equipment, net	7,470	12,315
Goodwill	69,878	44,815
Other intangible assets, net	1,383	457
Other long-term assets	4,258	4,287
Total assets	\$ 361,743	\$ 322,216
<b><u>LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY</u></b>		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 7,241	\$ 6,736
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	42,753	34,131
Total current liabilities	49,994	40,867
Long-term liabilities	955	1,514
Total liabilities	50,949	42,381
Commitments and contingencies (Note 7)		
Stockholders' equity:		
Common stock, par value \$.0001 authorized, 900,000,000 shares; issued and outstanding, 36,088,646 and 35,391,122 shares	4	4
Additional paid-in capital	1,322,265	1,303,667
Accumulated deficit	(1,011,473)	(1,025,176)
Accumulated other comprehensive income (loss)	(2)	1,340
Total stockholders' equity	310,794	279,835
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 361,743	\$ 322,216

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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(amounts in thousands, except per share data)

	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
Revenues:			
Services revenue	\$ 214,343	\$ 207,646	\$ 156,727
Product revenue	32,492		
Total revenues	246,835	207,646	156,727
Cost of sales:			
Cost of services sales	129,972	136,623	87,130
Cost of product sales	28,578		
Total cost of sales	158,550	136,623	87,130
Gross Profit	88,285	71,023	69,597
Expenses and other income:			
Engineering and technology	9,749	9,129	13,846
Sales and marketing	35,822	25,378	24,644
General and administrative	33,454	23,617	24,228
Depreciation	3,177	3,283	3,264
Amortization of intangible assets	283		
Restructuring			17
Other, net			(1,897)
Loss on investments, net		4,714	28,520
Other income, net	(15,313)	(2,682)	(7,149)
Total expenses and other income	67,172	63,439	85,473
Income (loss) from continuing operations before income taxes	21,113	7,584	(15,876)
Income tax expense	(7,410)	(181)	(598)
Income (loss) from continuing operations	13,703	7,403	(16,474)
Discontinued operations:			
Loss from discontinued operations, net of taxes			(1,455)
Loss on sale of discontinued operations, net of taxes			(770)
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,703	\$ 7,403	\$ (18,699)
Income (loss) per share Basic:			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.48)
Loss from discontinued operations			(0.04)
Loss on sale of discontinued operations			(0.02)
Basic net income (loss) per share	\$ 0.38	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.54)
Weighted average shares outstanding used in computing basic income (loss) per share	35,886	34,983	34,415
Income (loss) per share Diluted:			
Income (loss) from continuing operations	\$ 0.37	\$ 0.21	\$ (0.48)

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Loss from discontinued operations				(0.04)		
Loss on sale of discontinued operations				(0.02)		
Diluted net income (loss) per share	\$	0.37	\$	0.21	\$	(0.54)
Weighted average shares outstanding used in computing diluted income (loss) per share		36,829		35,431		34,415
Other comprehensive income (loss):						
Net income (loss)	\$	13,703	\$	7,403	\$	(18,699)
Foreign currency translation adjustment		(74)		(108)		(47)
Reclassification adjustment for realized foreign currency gains, net, included in net income (loss)		(1,362)				
Unrealized gain (loss) on investments, available-for-sale		94		(943)		1,109
Reclassification adjustment for other-than-temporary losses (gains) on investments, available-for-sale, included in net income (loss)				(335)		776
Cumulative tax effect on unrealized gain on investments, available-for-sale				186		
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$	12,361	\$	6,203	\$	(16,861)

See notes to consolidated financial statements.

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	Common stock		Additional paid-in capital	Accumulated deficit	Accumulated other comprehensive income	Total
	Shares	Amount				
Balance, December 31, 2007	34,322	\$ 3	\$ 1,279,225	\$ (1,013,880)	\$ 702	\$ 266,050
Common stock issued for stock options and restricted stock units	420		16			16
Common stock issued for employee stock purchase plan	54		587			587
Unrealized gain on available-for-sale investments					1,885	1,885
Foreign currency translation adjustment					(47)	(47)
Tax effect of equity compensation			(1,029)			(1,029)
Stock-based compensation			15,143			15,143
Taxes paid on stock issued for equity awards			(1,582)			(1,582)
Net loss				(18,699)		(18,699)
Balance, December 31, 2008	34,796	3	1,292,360	(1,032,579)	2,540	262,324
Common stock issued for stock options and restricted stock units	366		5			5
Common stock issued for employee stock purchase plan	61		399			399
Common stock issued for acquisition	230	1	809			810
Common stock retired	(62)					
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale investments					(1,278)	(1,278)
Foreign currency translation adjustment					(108)	(108)
Tax effect of equity compensation			607		186	793
Stock-based compensation			10,838			10,838
Taxes paid on stock issued for equity awards			(1,351)			(1,351)
Net income				7,403		7,403
Balance, December 31, 2009	35,391	\$ 4	\$ 1,303,667	\$ (1,025,176)	\$ 1,340	\$ 279,835
Common stock issued for stock options and restricted stock units	962		2,191			2,191
Common stock issued for employee stock purchase plan	54		350			350
Common stock retired	(318)		(2,099)			(2,099)
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale investments					94	94
Foreign currency transaction adjustment					(74)	(74)
Foreign currency translation adjustment for disposition of foreign subsidiaries					(1,362)	(1,362)
Tax effect of equity compensation			7,032			7,032
Stock-based compensation			15,010			15,010
Taxes paid on stock issued for equity awards			(3,886)			(3,886)
Net income				13,703		13,703

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Balance, December 31, 2010	36,089	\$	4	\$ 1,322,265	\$ (1,011,473)	\$	(2)	\$ 310,794
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	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Operating Activities:</b>			
Net income (loss)	\$ 13,703	\$ 7,403	\$ (18,699)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash provided (used) by operating activities:			
Loss from discontinued operations			1,455
Loss on sale of discontinued operations			770
Stock-based compensation	14,751	10,568	14,304
Depreciation and amortization	7,091	7,252	7,335
Excess tax benefits from stock-based award activity	(7,032)	(607)	
Earn-out contingent liability adjustments	5,000		
Common stock retired relating to litigation settlement	(2,099)		
Amortization of premium (accretion of discount) on investments, net	365	206	(107)
Loss on disposal of assets, net	1,262	642	629
Foreign currency translation gains, net	(1,436)		
Deferred income taxes	218	2,814	(2,667)
Loss on investments, net		4,714	28,520
Net gain on sale of assets			(1,897)
Other	9	171	35
Cash provided (used) by changes in operating assets and liabilities:			
Accounts receivable	9,551	(13,043)	1,643
Notes and other receivables	1,488	(2,104)	5,228
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	576	(759)	135
Other long-term assets	(202)	712	1,784
Accounts payable	(3,428)	641	614
Accrued expenses and other current and long-term liabilities	6,055	11,390	(59,264)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by operating activities</b>	<b>45,872</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>(20,182)</b>
<b>Investing Activities:</b>			
Business acquisitions, net of cash acquired	(15,985)	(395)	
Purchases of property and equipment	(3,019)	(2,435)	(12,277)
Other long-term assets	230	(50)	(199)
Proceeds from sale of assets	307	623	2,550
Proceeds from sales of investments	52,801	9,202	
Proceeds from maturities of investments	191,976	187,654	43,980
Purchases of investments	(200,493)	(190,178)	(145,338)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by investing activities</b>	<b>25,817</b>	<b>4,421</b>	<b>(111,284)</b>
<b>Financing Activities:</b>			
Excess tax benefits from stock-based award activity	7,032	607	
Proceeds from stock option and warrant exercises	2,191	5	16
Proceeds from issuance of stock through employee stock purchase plan	350	399	587
Repayment of capital lease obligation	(589)	(564)	(233)
Tax payments from shares withheld upon vesting of restricted stock units	(4,201)	(1,054)	
Earn-out payments for business acquisitions	(4,577)		
Special dividend paid			(299,296)
<b>Net cash provided (used) by financing activities</b>	<b>206</b>	<b>(607)</b>	<b>(298,926)</b>
<b>Discontinued operations:</b>			
<b>Net operating cash used by discontinued operations</b>			<b>(17,998)</b>
<b>Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>71,895</b>	<b>33,814</b>	<b>(448,390)</b>

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Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period	83,750	49,936	498,326
Cash and cash equivalents, end of period	\$ 155,645	\$ 83,750	\$ 49,936
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash investing activities:			
Liabilities assumed in purchase transaction	\$ (8,231)	\$ (56)	\$
Stock issued in purchase transaction		809	
Supplemental disclosure of non-cash financing activities:			
Contingent earn-out consideration from acquisition	\$ (5,000)	\$	\$
Purchases of assets under capital leases			1,601
Cash paid for:			
Income tax expense (benefit) for continuing operations	\$ (364)	\$ 34	\$ 5,117

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**Note 1: The Company and Basis of Presentation**

*Description of the business:* InfoSpace, Inc. (the **Company** or **InfoSpace**) develops search tools and technologies that assist consumers with finding information, merchants, individuals, products, and other content on the Internet. The Company uses its metasearch technology, which selects search results from several search engine content providers, to power its own branded websites and to provide online search services to distribution partners. Partner versions of Web offerings are generally private-labeled and delivered with each distribution partner's unique requirements. Some content providers, such as Google and Yahoo!, pay the Company to distribute their content, and those providers are referred to as search customers. Beginning in May 2010, the Company also operates an online retail business that includes a collection of more than 200 specialty online stores operated under the Mercantila brand.

*Principles of consolidation:* The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. Intercompany accounts and transactions have been eliminated.

*Basis of presentation:* The operating results of the directory and mobile businesses, which were sold to third parties in 2007, have been presented as discontinued operations for 2008.

*Segments:* The Company's chief executive officer, who is its chief operating decision maker, reviews financial information presented on a consolidated basis accompanied by disaggregated information for certain measures. This information is used for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance. The Company has two reporting segments: Core and E-Commerce. The Company's search operations comprise Core and the Company's operation of its Mercantila business comprises E-Commerce. Unless context indicates otherwise, the Company uses the term "services" to represent search services and the Core segment; it also uses the term "products" to represent retail products sold through the E-Commerce segment.

*Reclassification:* In the second quarter of 2010, the Company revised the presentation of its consolidated statements of operations and comprehensive income (loss) (**Operations Statement**) as outlined below.

**New caption:**

Services revenue

Product revenue

Cost of services sales

**Comprised of amounts from:**

Revenues (completely allocated to new caption)

New caption, no amounts in prior periods

Content and distribution (completely allocated to new caption)



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Systems and network operations (partially allocated to new caption)

Sales and marketing (partially allocated to new caption)

General and administrative (partially allocated to new caption)

Depreciation (partially allocated to new caption)

Amortization of intangible assets (partially allocated to new caption)

Cost of product sales

New caption, no amounts in prior periods

Engineering and technology

Systems and network operations (partially allocated to new caption)

Product development (completely allocated to new caption)

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The Company also added the caption "total expenses and other income" and eliminated the captions "total operating expenses" and "operating income." The reclassifications did not impact previously reported revenues, income (loss) before income taxes, net income (loss), total assets, total liabilities, or stockholders' equity.

Certain other reclassifications of prior period balances have been made for consistent presentation with the current period. These changes consisted of reclassifications within the Company's Operations Statement in 2008 to conform to the current year presentation and, in the consolidated statements of cash flows for 2009 and 2008, sales and maturities of investments are separately presented as components of net cash provided (used) by investing activities, and the net amortization of premium (accretion of discount) on investments is separately presented as a component of net cash provided (used) by operating activities; it was previously presented under the caption of "Other." Those reclassifications did not impact previously reported net income (loss) in the Operations Statement or net cash provided (used) by operating activities or net cash provided (used) by investing activities in the consolidated statements of cash flows.

**Note 2: Summary of Significant Accounting Policies**

*Cash equivalents:* The Company considers all highly liquid debt instruments with an original maturity of ninety days or less at date of acquisition to be cash equivalents, which are carried at fair value.

*Accounts receivable:* Accounts receivable are stated at amounts due from customers net of an allowance for doubtful accounts.

*Short-term investments:* The Company principally invests its available cash in investment-grade debt instruments of corporate issuers and in debt instruments of the U.S. government and its agencies. All debt instruments with maturities greater than ninety days up to one year from the balance sheet date are considered short-term investments. The Company periodically evaluates whether the declines in fair value of its available-for-sale investments are other than temporary. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company's short-term investments are classified as available-for-sale and are reported at their fair value, with unrealized gains and temporary impairments reported in other comprehensive income (loss), and other-than-temporary impairments reported in loss on investments, net in the Operations Statement.

*Property and equipment:* Property and equipment are stated at cost. Depreciation is computed under the straight-line method over the following estimated useful lives:

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Computer equipment and software	3 years
Data center servers	3 years
Internally developed software	15 months 3 years
Office equipment	7 years
Office furniture	7 years
Leasehold improvements	Shorter of lease term or economic life

The Company capitalizes certain internal use software development costs, primarily employee salaries and benefits allocated on a project or product basis. The Company capitalized \$1.0 million, \$1.1 million, and \$1.7 million of internal-use software costs in the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

*Business combinations and intangible assets including goodwill:* The Company accounts for business combinations using the acquisition method and, accordingly, the identifiable assets acquired and liabilities assumed are recorded at their acquisition date fair values. Goodwill is calculated as the excess of the purchase

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price over the fair value of net assets, including the amount assigned to identifiable intangible assets. Acquisition-related costs, including advisory, legal, accounting, valuation and other costs, are expensed in the periods in which the costs are incurred. The results of operations of acquired businesses are included in the consolidated financial statements from the acquisition date.

*Valuation of goodwill and intangible assets:* The Company evaluates goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets at least annually to determine whether there has been an impairment of the value of these assets and evaluates impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances, including material changes in the fair value of the Company's outstanding common stock, indicate that the carrying amount of the Company's assets might not be recoverable. The Company amortizes definite-lived intangible assets over their expected useful lives, and when events or circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a long-lived asset or asset group may not be recoverable, the Company performs a test to determine whether the carrying amount of the asset or asset group tested is not recoverable and its carrying amount exceeds its fair value. Any impairment losses relating to goodwill or other intangible assets are recognized in the Operations Statement.

The following table provides information about activity in goodwill in each segment during the period from January 1, 2009 to December 31, 2010 (in thousands):

	<b>Core</b>	<b>E-Commerce</b>	<b>Total</b>
Goodwill as of January 1, 2009	\$ 43,940	\$	\$ 43,940
Goodwill associated with 2009 business acquisition	875		875
Goodwill as of December 31, 2009	44,815		44,815
Goodwill associated with 2010 business acquisitions	12,650	12,413	25,063
Goodwill as of December 31, 2010	\$ 57,465	\$ 12,413	\$ 69,878

Other intangible assets consisted of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31, 2010</b>			<b>December 31, 2009</b>		
	<b>Gross carrying amount</b>	<b>Accumulated amortization</b>	<b>Other intangible assets, net</b>	<b>Gross carrying amount</b>	<b>Accumulated amortization</b>	<b>Other intangible assets, net</b>
Definite-lived intangible assets:						
Core technology	\$ 1,978	\$ (1,345)	\$ 633	\$ 1,085	\$ (911)	\$ 174
Customer relationships	39	(23)	16			

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Other	6,667	(6,667)		6,667	(6,667)	
Total definite-lived intangible assets	8,684	(8,035)	649	7,752	(7,578)	174
Indefinite-lived intangible assets	734		734	283		283
Total	\$ 9,418	\$ (8,035)	\$ 1,383	\$ 8,035	\$ (7,578)	\$ 457

Amortization of definite-lived intangible assets held as of December 31, 2010 is expected to be \$463,000 and \$186,000 in 2011 and 2012, respectively. The weighted average amortization period for definite-lived intangible assets is 16 months.

In the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, the Company conducted its annual impairment analyses for goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets as of November 30, 2010, 2009, and 2008 and

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determined that the carrying value of its goodwill and indefinite-lived intangible assets was not impaired. In 2009 and 2008, the Company determined that it did not operate separate reporting units; therefore, the methodology used for the Company's 2009 and 2008 annual impairment analyses were primarily based on a comparison of the balance of its stockholders' equity to the fair value of its outstanding common stock based on the Company's quoted stock price. In 2010, upon the acquisition of its E-Commerce business, the Company determined that it operated two reporting units, and the 2010 annual impairment analyses was based on a valuation using a combination of the Company's quoted stock price and projections of future discounted cash flows for each reporting unit.

*Other investments:* Included in other long-term assets are the Company's investment in equity investments of privately-held companies for business and strategic purposes. The Company currently holds equity securities and warrants to purchase equity securities in companies whose securities are not publicly traded. The Company's equity investments were carried at a fair value of \$0 at December 31, 2010 and 2009.

*Services revenue recognition:* The Company's services revenue, which is recorded in the Core segment, is generated primarily from its Web search services. The Company generates search services revenue when an end user of such services clicks on a paid search link provided by a search customer and displayed on one of the Company's owned and operated Web properties or displayed on a distribution partners' Web property. The search customer that provided the paid search link receives a fee from the advertiser who paid for the click and the search customer pays the Company a portion of that fee.

For the Company's services transactions, the Company is the primary obligor, separately negotiates each revenue or unit pricing contract independent of any revenue sharing arrangements, and assumes the credit risk for amounts invoiced to its search customers. For search services, the Company determines the paid search results, content, and information directed to its owned and operated websites and its distribution partners' Web properties through its metasearch technology.

The Company earns revenue from its search customers by providing paid search results generated from its owned and operated Web properties and from its distribution partners' Web properties based on separately negotiated and agreed-upon terms with each distribution partner. Consequently, the Company records services revenue on a gross basis. Revenue is recognized in the period in which the services are provided (e.g., a paid search occurs) and is based on the amounts earned by and ultimately remitted to the Company.

*Product revenue recognition:* The Company's product revenue, which is recorded in the E-Commerce segment, is generated from sales of products to its customers. The Company recognizes revenue from sales of products when the following revenue recognition criteria are met: persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists, the selling price is fixed or determinable, delivery has occurred and title has passed to the customer, and collectability is reasonably assured.

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For the Company's sales of product transactions, the Company is the primary obligor, establishes prices and selects suppliers, performs order fulfillment services, assumes the inventory risk during shipping and for customer returns, and assumes the credit risk for amounts invoiced to its customers. Consequently, the Company records product revenue at its gross sales price.

*Cost of sales:* The Company records the cost of sales for product and services when the related revenue is recognized. Cost of services sales primarily consists of costs related to revenue sharing arrangements with the Company's distribution partners, certain costs associated with the operation of the Company's data centers that

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serve its search business, including depreciation, personnel expenses (which include salaries, benefits and other employee related costs, and stock-based compensation expense), usage-based content fees, and bandwidth costs. Cost of product sales consist of the purchase price of goods sold by the Company to its customers, drop-ship and other shipping charges, and payment processing fees for customer transactions.

*Product sales returns and replacements:* The Company estimates sales returns, which reduces product revenue. The Company estimates the cost of replacing damaged or defective goods sold to customers, which is recorded as a cost of product sales.

*Engineering and technology expenses:* Engineering and technology expenses are associated with the research, development, support, and ongoing enhancements of the Company's offerings, including personnel expenses (which include salaries, stock-based compensation expense, and benefits and other employee related costs), software support and maintenance, and professional service fees.

*Sales and marketing expenses:* Sales and marketing expenses consist primarily of marketing expenses associated with the Company's owned and operated Web properties (which consist of traffic acquisition, including online direct marketing initiatives, which involve the purchase of online advertisements that drive traffic to an owned and operated website, agency fees, brand promotion expense, and market research expense), personnel costs (which include salaries, stock-based compensation expense, and benefits and other employee related costs), advertising for Mercantila's Web properties, the cost of temporary help and contractors to augment the Company's staffing, and the operation of Mercantila's call center. Costs for advertising are recorded as expense when the advertisement appears or electronic impressions are recorded. Advertising expense totaled \$22.8 million, \$15.4 million, and \$11.4 million for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

*General and administrative expenses:* General and administrative expenses consist primarily of personnel expenses (which include salaries, stock-based compensation expense, and benefits and other employee related costs), professional service fees (which include legal, audit, and tax fees), general business development and management expenses, occupancy and general office expenses, taxes, insurance expenses, and certain legal settlements.

*Stock-based compensation:* The Company measures and recognizes its compensation expense for all share-based payment awards made to employees and directors, including stock option and restricted stock unit grants and purchases of stock made pursuant to the Company's 1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "*ESPP*"), based on estimated fair values. Expense is recognized on a straight-line basis over the requisite vesting period for each separately vesting portion of the award.

The Company estimates the fair value of share-based payment awards on the date of grant using the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model. The value of the award's portion that is ultimately expected to vest is recognized as expense over the requisite service periods in the



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accompanying consolidated financial statements for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008.

*Employee benefit plan:* The Company has a 401(k) savings plan covering its employees. Eligible employees may contribute through payroll deductions. The Company may match the employees' 401(k) contributions at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors. During 2010, 2009, and 2008, the Company's Board of Directors elected to match a portion of the 401(k) contributions made by employees of the Company. The amount contributed by the Company is equal to a maximum of 50% of employee contributions up to a maximum of 3% of an employee's salary. For the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, the Company contributed \$322,000, \$326,000, and \$327,000, respectively, for employees.

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*Other, net:* Other, net consists of gains or charges that are not directly associated with other revenue or operating expense classifications. There were no other, net charges in the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009. Other, net during the year ended December 31, 2008 of \$1.9 million primarily consisted of the gains on sales of non-core assets.

*Loss on investments, net:* Loss on investments, net consists of changes in fair values of warrants held by the Company, realized gains and losses from the sale of equity instruments of publicly-held and privately-held companies, and the other-than-temporary impairment of such equity instruments.

*Other income, net:* Other income, net for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009 and 2008, consists of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Litigation settlement gain	\$ (18,965)	\$	\$
Foreign currency exchange gain (loss), net	(1,335)	67	660
Interest income	(331)	(3,443)	(7,344)
Gain on contingency resolution			(1,124)
Increase in fair value of earn-out contingent liability	5,000		
Loss on disposal of property and equipment	1,014	642	629
Other	(696)	52	30
Other income, net	\$ (15,313)	\$ (2,682)	\$ (7,149)

In 2010, the Company recognized \$19.0 million of gain related to a litigation settlement. The financial performance of the operation of Make The Web Better, acquired on April 1, 2010, was greater than expected; as a consequence, the fair value of the related contingent consideration increased and an additional charge of \$5.0 million was recorded. In 2010, the Company sold or substantially liquidated its previously wholly-owned foreign subsidiaries and recognized \$1.4 million of realized foreign currency translation gains. The decrease in interest income is primarily due to a decline in interest rates.

*Loss from discontinued operations and loss on sale of discontinued operations:* In 2007, the Company completed the sale of its directory and mobile businesses and has reflected the results of operations from these businesses as discontinued operations for all periods presented.

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For the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recorded income (loss) from the operating results of its mobile and directory businesses. For the sale of its directory business, the Company recorded a gain on sale of \$48,000, net of tax expense of \$26,000 in the year ended December 31, 2008. For the sale of its mobile business, the Company recorded a loss on sale of \$818,000, net of tax benefit of \$780,000 in the year ended December 31, 2008. The operating results of these businesses consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>Year ended December 31, 2008</b>	
	<b>Directory</b>	<b>Mobile</b>
Revenue from discontinued operations	\$	\$ 127
Income (loss) from discontinued operations before taxes	204	(2,098)
Income tax expense (benefit)	(76)	515
Gain (loss) from discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ 128	\$ (1,583)
Gain (loss) on sale of discontinued operations, net of taxes	\$ 48	\$ (818)

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*Net income (loss) per share:* Basic net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted net income (loss) per share is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding plus the number of potentially dilutive shares outstanding during the period. Potentially dilutive shares consist of the incremental common shares issuable upon the exercise of outstanding stock options and warrants using the treasury stock method. Potentially dilutive shares are excluded from the computation of earnings per share if their effect is antidilutive including for periods of net loss.

The treasury stock method calculates the dilutive effect for stock options and warrants with an exercise price less than the average stock price during the period presented.

<b>In thousands</b>	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Weighted average common shares outstanding, basic	35,886	34,983	34,415
Dilutive stock options and warrants	943	448	
Weighted average common shares outstanding, diluted	36,829	35,431	34,415
Antidilutive stock option, restricted stock unit, and warrant equivalents excluded from dilutive share calculation	1,199	1,721	930
Outstanding stock options and warrants with an exercise price more than the average price during the year not included in dilutive share calculation	4,282	4,888	4,865

*Other comprehensive income (loss):* Comprehensive income (loss) includes net income (loss), plus items that are recorded directly to stockholders' equity, including foreign currency translation adjustments and the net change in unrealized gains and losses on cash equivalents, short-term and long-term investments. Included in the net change in unrealized gains and losses are realized gains or losses included in the determination of net income (loss) in the period realized. Amounts reclassified out of other comprehensive income (loss) into net income (loss) were determined on the basis of specific identification. Components of accumulated other comprehensive income (loss) included on the consolidated balance sheets at December 31, 2010 and 2009 consist of the following (in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Unrealized gain on foreign currency translation	\$	\$ 1,436
Unrealized loss on available-for-sale investments	(2)	(96)
	\$ (2)	\$ 1,340

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*Foreign currencies:* Foreign subsidiary financial statements are denominated in foreign currencies and are translated at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date. Translation adjustments resulting from this process are charged or credited to other comprehensive income (loss). Revenue and expenses are translated at average rates of exchange prevailing during the period. Realized gains and losses on foreign currency transactions are included in other income, net. In 2010, substantially all of InfoSpace's foreign subsidiaries were sold or liquidated.

*Concentration of credit risk:* Financial instruments that potentially subject the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash equivalents, short-term investments, and trade receivables. These instruments are generally unsecured and uninsured. The Company places its cash equivalents and investments

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with major financial institutions. Accounts receivable are typically unsecured and are derived from revenues earned from search customers primarily located in the United States operating in a variety of industries and geographic areas. The Company performs ongoing credit evaluations of its search customers and maintains allowances for potential credit losses.

*Revenue concentration:* The Company derives a significant portion of its revenues from a small number of search customers. Revenues from the top two search customers of the Company represented 80%, 95%, and 95% or more of total revenues in each of the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. These search customers each accounted for more than 10% of total revenues in the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, these two search customers each accounted for more than 10% of the accounts receivable balance.

*Fair value of financial instruments:* The Company does not measure the fair value of any financial instrument other than cash equivalents, available-for-sale investments, warrants, and its investment in a privately-held company. The carrying values of other financial instruments (accounts receivable, notes and other receivables, and accounts payable), other current assets and accrued expenses, and other current liabilities are not recorded at fair value but approximate fair values primarily due to their short-term nature.

*Income taxes:* The Company accounts for income taxes under the asset and liability method, under which deferred tax assets, including net operating loss carryforwards, and liabilities are determined based on temporary differences between the book and tax bases of assets and liabilities. The Company evaluates the deferred tax assets for future realization and reduces them by a valuation allowance to the extent management of the Company believes that they more likely than not will not be realized. Management considers many factors when assessing the likelihood of future realization of the Company's deferred tax assets, including recent cumulative earnings experience by taxing jurisdiction, expectations of future taxable income (which includes a consideration of expected future revenue levels, trends in the industry, and the current macroeconomic environment), the carryforward periods available for tax reporting purposes, and other relevant factors. Due to the size of the net operating loss carryforwards, their expiration beginning in 2020 and the Company's recent level of annualized profitability, management has determined the net deferred tax assets were not more likely than not realizable and provided a valuation allowance against its deferred tax assets. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company provided valuation allowances of \$313.1 million and \$319.1 million, respectively, against its deferred tax assets related to net operating loss carryforwards and other temporary differences. The Company will continue to evaluate the likelihood of the realization of the deferred tax assets. Significant judgment is required in making this assessment, and it is very difficult to predict when, if ever, the Company may conclude that any portion of the deferred tax assets are more likely than not realizable.

*Lease accounting:* The Company leases office space and computer equipment used in its data centers. These leases are classified as either capital leases or operating leases, as appropriate. The amortization of assets under capital leases is included in depreciation expense. For the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, \$537,000, \$535,000, and \$341,000, respectively, of amortization for assets acquired under capital leases was included in depreciation expense.

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*Use of estimates:* The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ( **GAAP** ) requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates include those used for impairment of goodwill and other intangible assets, useful lives of other intangible assets, purchase accounting, valuation of investments and other-than-temporary

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impairment of investments, revenue recognition, the estimated allowance for sales returns and doubtful accounts, internally developed software, accrued contingencies, stock option valuation, and valuation allowance for deferred tax assets. Actual amounts may differ from estimates.

*Recent accounting pronouncements:* The Company does not expect the adoption of recently issued accounting pronouncements to have a significant impact on its results of operations, financial position, or cash flow.

**Note 3: Balance Sheet Components**

Short-term investments classified as available-for-sale at December 31, 2010 and 2009 consisted of the following, stated at fair value (in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
U.S. government securities	\$ 90,850	\$ 106,493
Taxable municipal bonds	7,241	2,604
Corporate notes		33,550
Total short-term investments available-for-sale	\$ 98,091	\$ 142,647

Maturity information was as follows for investments classified as available-for-sale at December 31, 2010 (in thousands):

	<b>Amortized cost</b>	<b>Gross unrealized gains</b>	<b>Gross unrealized losses</b>	<b>Fair value</b>
Within one year	\$ 98,091	\$ 13	\$ (13)	\$ 98,091
Greater than one year				
Total	\$ 98,091	\$ 13	\$ (13)	\$ 98,091



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At December 31, 2009, there were gross unrealized gains of \$4,000 and gross unrealized losses of \$84,000.

	December 31, 2010	2009 (in thousands)
<b>Property and equipment</b>		
Computer equipment and data center	\$ 11,791	\$ 12,310
Purchased software	4,544	4,909
Internally developed software	3,952	4,873
Office equipment	1,612	1,613
Office furniture	533	481
Leasehold improvements and other	3,133	3,134
	25,565	27,320
Accumulated depreciation	(18,556)	(15,053)
	7,009	12,267
Capital projects in progress	461	48
	\$ 7,470	\$ 12,315

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Included in computer equipment and data center was \$1.6 million of assets acquired under capital lease. Accumulated depreciation related to assets acquired under capital lease was \$1.4 million at December 31, 2010.

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	
<b>Accrued expenses and other current liabilities</b>		
Accrued distribution partner obligations	\$ 17,241	\$ 22,480
Salaries and related expenses	6,926	4,049
Business acquisition contingent liability	5,423	
Accrued liabilities related to legal settlement	5,356	
Deferred revenue	2,261	314
Other	1,826	470
Customer deposits	1,619	1,623
Accrued legal and other consulting expenses	893	3,667
Accrued rent	679	929
Deferred tax liability	308	
Capital lease obligation	221	599
	<b>\$ 42,753</b>	<b>\$ 34,131</b>

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
	<b>(in thousands)</b>	
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>		
Unrecognized tax benefit	\$ 955	\$ 1,303
Capital lease obligation		211
	<b>\$ 955</b>	<b>\$ 1,514</b>

**Note 4: Fair Value Measurements**

The Company measures its investments at fair value under GAAP. Fair value is the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. The fair value hierarchy of the Company's financial assets carried at fair value and measured on a recurring basis is as follows (in thousands):

		Fair value measurements at the reporting date using		
	December 31, 2010	Quoted prices in active markets using identical assets (Level 1)	Significant other observable inputs (Level 2)	Significant unobservable inputs (Level 3)
Cash equivalents	\$ 100,029	\$ 100,029	\$	\$
Available-for-sale securities	98,091	98,091		
	\$ 198,120	\$ 198,120	\$	\$

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In 2007, the auctions for certain auction rate securities ( **ARS** ) and a type of ARS referred to as auction rate preferred securities ( **ARPS** ) that the Company purchased for \$40.4 million began to fail due to insufficient bids from buyers. When the ARS auctions began to fail, the Company initially determined their fair values by using discounted cash flow models. Because those models relied on various observable and unobservable inputs, those ARS and ARPS were classified in the Level 3 input category. The Company incorporated market information into its valuation models when a secondary market began to form.

There were no balances outstanding in financial assets measured on a recurring basis by using significant Level 2 or Level 3 inputs at December 31, 2010 or 2009 and there were no financial assets measured on a recurring basis by using significant Level 2 or Level 3 inputs during the year ended December 31, 2010. Changes in the fair values of financial assets measured on a recurring basis by using significant Level 3 inputs in the years ended December 31, 2009 and 2008 are as follows (in thousands):

**Financial assets using significant Level 3 inputs for determining fair value**  
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	Total					
	ARS					
	ARS	ARPS	and ARPS	Preferred shares	Equity investment	Warrants
						Total
Balance at January 1, 2008	\$ 20,905	\$ 16,567	\$ 37,472	\$	\$ 2,000	\$ 188
Other-than-temporary impairment	(9,689)	(14,643)	(24,332)		(2,000)	(188)
Temporary impairment	(1,279)		(1,279)			
Temporary impairment reclassified to other-than-temporary	1,804	251	2,055			
Replacement of ARPS with preferred shares		(365)	(365)	365		
Balance at December 31, 2008	11,741	1,810	13,551	365		13,916
Other-than-temporary impairment	(4,391)	(960)	(5,351)			
Proceeds from sales of financial assets	(7,942)	(560)	(8,502)	(700)		
Gain (loss) on sales of financial assets	592	(290)	302	335		
Balance at December 31, 2009	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$	\$

In the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company recorded an other-than-temporary impairment of its available-for-sale investments in loss on investments, net in the Operations Statement of \$5.4 million and upon the subsequent sales of those investments, the Company recorded a gain of \$637,000 in loss on investments, net. In the year ended December 31, 2008, the Company recorded an other-than-temporary impairment of its available-for-sale investments in loss on investments, net in the Operations Statement of \$24.3 million, which included \$776,000 of impairments previously classified as temporary.

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The Company reviews the impairments of its available-for-sale investments and classifies the impairment of any individual available-for-sale investment as either temporary or other-than-temporary. The differentiating factors between temporary and other-than-temporary impairments are primarily the length of the time and the extent to which the fair value has been less than cost, the financial condition and near-term prospects of the issuer and the intent and ability of the Company to retain its investment in the issuer for a period of time sufficient to allow for any anticipated recovery in fair value.

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**Note 5: Stockholders' Equity**

*Stock Incentive Plans*

The Company's stock incentive plans generally provide employees, officers, directors, independent contractors, and consultants of the Company an opportunity to purchase shares of stock by exercising nonqualified stock options (which are options that are not described in Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended). The plans also provide for the sale or granting of stock to eligible individuals in connection with the performance of service for the Company. Finally, the plans authorize the grant of stock appreciation rights, either separately or in tandem with stock options, which entitle holders to cash compensation measured by appreciation in the value of the stock. The stock incentive plans are administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which is composed of non-employee directors. The Company issues new shares upon exercise of options and upon the vesting of restricted stock units ( *RSUs* ).

*1996 Plan:* The Company primarily has one stock plan that was used for grants during 2010, 2009, and 2008. On December 5, 2006, the Company's Restated 1996 Flexible Stock Incentive Program (the *1996 Plan* ) was amended to permit grants of RSUs. RSUs and options granted under the 1996 Plan typically are scheduled to vest over three years or less, with 33 1/3% vesting one year from the date of grant and the remainder vesting ratably thereafter on a semi-annual basis. Options and RSUs granted in 2010, 2009, and 2008 under the 1996 Plan typically vest over a period of up to four years, with either 100%, 50%, 33 1/3%, or 25% vesting one year from the date of grant and the remainder vesting ratably thereafter on a semi-annual basis, and expire seven years from the date of grant. Options granted prior to 2008 under the 1996 Plan typically vest over four years, with 25% vesting one year from the date of grant and the remainder vesting ratably thereafter on a monthly, quarterly, or semi-annual basis, and expire seven or ten years from the date of grant. RSUs granted prior to 2008 did not have a typical vesting schedule. Through January 1, 2011, the number of shares available for grant pursuant to securities issued under the 1996 Plan increased annually on the first day of January by an amount equal to the lesser of (A) five percent of the Company's outstanding shares at the end of the Company's preceding fiscal year or (B) a lesser amount determined by the Board of Directors. The 1996 Plan limits the number of shares of common stock that may be granted to any one individual pursuant to stock options in any fiscal year of the Company to 800,000 shares, plus an additional 800,000 shares in connection with his or her initial employment with the Company, which initial grant does not count against the limit. If an option is surrendered or for any other reason ceases to be exercisable in whole or in part, the shares which were subject to the option but on that the option has not been exercised shall continue to be available under the 1996 Plan. If an RSU award is surrendered or for any other reason unused, in whole or in part, the shares that were subject to the award shall continue to be available under the 1996 Plan.

*2001 Plan:* In February 2001, the Company implemented its 2001 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan (the *2001 Plan* ), under which nonqualified stock options to purchase common stock or shares of restricted stock may be granted to employees. Under the 2001 Plan, 2.5 million shares of common stock are authorized for grant of options or issuance of restricted stock. Options granted subsequent to 2005 under the 2001 Plan expire seven years from the date of the grant and vest over three years, with 33% vesting one year from the date of grant and the remainder vesting ratably thereafter on a semi-annual basis. Options granted prior to 2006 under the 2001 Plan expire ten years from the date of the grant and vest over two years, with 50% vesting ratably on a monthly basis over the two-year period and the remaining 50% balance vesting at the end of the two-year period.

*Plans and awards assumed through acquisition:* In addition to the plans described above, the Company has assumed stock incentive plans and awards through acquisitions. The Company assumed the awards

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outstanding from the stock incentive plan of F-Four, LLC upon the acquisition of its membership interests by the Company on May 22, 2009. The majority of the plans assumed have expired; one plan has options outstanding although the plan has expired. In 2009, the Company assumed awards through an acquisition. Assumed options and RSUs vest over a three-year period, 33 1/3% one year from the date of grant and ratably thereafter on a semi-annual basis and expire seven years from the date of grant. There are no shares available for grant as of December 31, 2010 under any plan assumed through acquisition.

A summary of the general terms of options to purchase common stock and RSUs previously granted under these plans, including options outstanding and available for grant at December 31, 2010, is as follows:

	<b>1996 Plan</b>	<b>2001 Plan</b>	<b>Switchboard Plan</b>	<b>F-Four</b>
Requisite service period in years	4 or less	3 or less	4	3
Life in years	7 or 10	7 or 10	6	7
Options and RSUs outstanding at December 31, 2010	7,004,380	110,565	25,000	283,333
Options and RSUs available for grant at December 31, 2010	4,606,589	1,678,703		

*Options:* Activity and pricing information regarding all options are summarized as follows:

	<b>Options</b>	<b>Weighted average exercise price</b>
Outstanding December 31, 2007	6,424,375	\$ 27.73
Granted	1,170,000	10.36
Forfeited	(3,404,465)	32.62
Expired	(9,107)	18.43
Exercised	(3,365)	4.67
Outstanding December 31, 2008	4,177,438	19.02
Granted	3,035,200	7.62
Forfeited	(1,031,738)	16.77
Expired	(3,851)	104.92
Exercised	(1,070)	5.10
Outstanding December 31, 2009	6,175,979	13.74
Granted	1,755,600	9.74
Forfeited	(605,032)	11.41



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Expired	(1,006,259)	20.32
Exercised	(274,495)	8.53
Outstanding December 31, 2010	6,045,793	\$ 11.95
Options exercisable, December 31, 2010	4,237,755	\$ 13.18
Options exercisable and expected to vest after December 31, 2010*	5,563,154	\$ 12.21

\* Options expected to vest reflect an estimated forfeiture rate.

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All grants in 2010, 2009, and 2008 were made at an exercise price equal to the market price at the date of grant. Additional information regarding options outstanding for all plans as of December 31, 2010, is as follows:

Range of exercise prices	Options outstanding			Options exercisable		
	Number outstanding	Weighted average remaining contractual life (yrs.)	Weighted average exercise price	Number exercisable	Weighted average exercise price	
\$ 5.10 - 6.99	307,972	0.6	\$ 6.94	294,475	\$ 6.95	
\$ 7.00 - 8.99	2,872,231	3.4	8.02	1,728,505	8.02	
\$ 9.00 - 10.99	1,386,000	3.0	9.86	1,108,835	9.69	
\$ 11.00 - 19.99	479,117	5.5	11.48	105,842	12.31	
\$ 20.00 - 33.99	803,258	2.1	24.55	802,883	24.55	
\$ 34.00 - 55.09	197,215	0.2	41.55	197,215	41.55	
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,045,793</b>	<b>3.0</b>	<b>11.95</b>	<b>4,237,755</b>	<b>13.18</b>	

*Restricted stock units:* Activity and weighted average grant date fair value information regarding all restricted stock unit grants are summarized as follows:

	Restricted stock	Weighted average grant date fair value
Outstanding December 31, 2007	700,499	\$ 21.02
Granted	1,576,172	9.75
Forfeited	(406,282)	15.37
Vested	(597,884)	15.02
Outstanding December 31, 2008	1,272,505	11.68
Granted	1,253,920	7.30
Forfeited	(337,992)	10.52
Vested	(610,164)	11.66
Outstanding December 31, 2009	1,578,269	8.46
Granted	1,239,959	9.92
Forfeited	(374,288)	8.81

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Vested	(1,066,455)		9.01
Outstanding December 31, 2010	1,377,485	\$	9.26
Expected to vest after December 31, 2010*	1,006,089	\$	9.26

\* RSUs expected to vest reflect an estimated forfeiture rate.

### *Other Plans:*

*1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan:* The Company adopted the ESPP in August 1998. The ESPP is intended to qualify under Section 423 of the Code and permits eligible employees of the Company and its subsidiaries to purchase common stock through payroll deductions of up to 15% of their compensation. Under the ESPP, no employee may purchase common stock worth more than \$25,000 in any calendar year, valued as of the first day of each offering period. In addition, owners of 5% or more of the Company's or one of its

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subsidiary's common stock may not participate in the ESPP. An aggregate of 1,360,000 shares of common stock are authorized for issuance under the ESPP. The ESPP was implemented with six-month offering periods that begin on each February 1 and August 1. The price of common stock purchased under the ESPP is the lesser of 85% of the fair market value on the first day of an offering period and 85% of the fair market value on the last day of an offering period. The ESPP does not have a fixed expiration date, but may be terminated by the Company's Board of Directors at any time. There were 53,596, 60,618, and 54,311 shares issued for the ESPP periods that ended in 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2010, financing cash generated for the purchase of shares through the ESPP amounted to \$350,000. The Company issues new shares upon purchase through the ESPP.

*Dividend:*

On November 14, 2007, the Company's Board of Directors declared a special cash distribution by means of a dividend on the Company's common stock of \$9.00 per share. The special dividend was paid on January 8, 2008 with respect to all shares of common stock outstanding at the close of business on December 10, 2007. The total amount of the cash distribution was \$299.3 million.

**Note 6: Stock-based Compensation Expense**

For the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, the Company recognized compensation expense related to stock options and RSUs of \$14.8 million, \$10.6 million, and \$14.3 million, respectively. To estimate the compensation cost that was recognized for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, the Company used the Black-Scholes-Merton option-pricing model with the following weighted-average assumptions for equity awards granted:

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Risk-free interest rate	0.44% - 1.94%	0.87% - 2.12%	2.02% - 2.85%
Expected dividend yield	0%	0%	0%
Expected volatility	48% - 53%	47% - 56%	28% - 56%
Expected life	3.1 years	3.2 years	2.8 years

The risk-free interest rate is based on the implied yield available on U.S. Treasury issues with an equivalent remaining term. The Company paid a special dividend in January 2008, and may pay special dividends in the future, but does not expect to pay recurring dividends. The expected volatility is based on historical volatility of the Company's stock for the related expected life of the option. The expected life of the equity award is based on historical experience.

As of December 31, 2010, total unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to unvested stock options and unvested RSUs was \$11.8 million. The balance at December 31, 2010 is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 16 months. Total unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to unvested stock options was \$3.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 14 months. Total unrecognized stock-based compensation cost related to unvested RSU grants was \$7.9 million, which is expected to be recognized over a weighted average period of approximately 20 months.

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The Company has included the following amounts for stock-based compensation cost, including the cost related to the ESPP, in the accompanying Operations Statement for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 (amounts in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Cost of services sales	\$ 461	\$ 535	\$ 1,043
Engineering and technology	1,470	1,423	3,373
Sales and marketing	3,279	2,038	3,934
General and administrative	9,541	6,572	5,954
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 14,751</b>	<b>\$ 10,568</b>	<b>\$ 14,304</b>

Financing cash flow generated by tax benefits from stock-based award activity in was \$7.0 million in 2010 and no tax expense was recognized related to stock-based compensation. Excluded from the amounts recorded in the above categories of operating expense for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 are the following amounts that were capitalized as part of internally developed software, amounts that were reclassified as discontinued operations, and amounts included in restructuring, resulting from options held by terminated employees (amounts in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
Internally developed software	\$ 259	\$ 270	\$ 637
Discontinued operations			141
Restructuring			60
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$ 259</b>	<b>\$ 270</b>	<b>\$ 838</b>

Stock-based compensation expense recognized during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 is based on the grant date fair values estimated using the Black-Scholes-Merton option pricing model. The Company has historically disclosed and currently recognizes stock-based compensation expense over the vesting period for each separately vesting portion of a share-based award as if they were, in substance, individual share-based awards. The Company estimates forfeitures at the time of grant and revises those estimates, if necessary, in subsequent periods if actual forfeitures differ from those estimates.

The weighted average fair value for options granted in the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 was \$3.47, \$2.77, and \$3.31 per share, respectively. The Company issues new shares upon exercise of options to purchase common stock and vesting of RSUs.

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The total intrinsic value of RSUs vested, options exercised, and shares purchased pursuant to the ESPP during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 is supplemental information for the consolidated statements of cash flows and is presented below (amounts in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
RSUs vested	\$ 10,097	\$ 3,982	\$ 4,986
Options exercised	\$ 436	\$ 4	\$ 19
Shares purchased pursuant to ESPP	\$ 107	\$ 70	\$ 77

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Awards outstanding at December 31, 2010 have the following total intrinsic value and weighted average remaining contractual terms:

	Outstanding at December 31, 2010	Intrinsic value (in thousands)	Weighted average remaining contractual term (in years)
Options outstanding	6,045,793	\$ 1,440	3.0
Options exercisable and outstanding	4,237,755	\$ 880	1.8
Restricted stock units outstanding	1,377,485	\$ 11,433	1.1

Options outstanding at December 31, 2010 and expected to vest in the future, based on the Company's estimate of its pre-vesting forfeiture rate, have an intrinsic value of \$1.2 million and weighted average remaining contractual term of 2.7 years. RSUs expected to vest after December 31, 2010, based on the Company's estimate of its pre-vesting forfeiture rate, have an intrinsic value of \$8.4 million and weighted average remaining contractual term of 1.0 years. Cash generated from the exercise of stock options amounted to \$2.2 million for the year ended December 31, 2010.

**Note 7: Commitments and Contingencies**

The Company has noncancellable operating leases for its corporate facilities. The leases run through 2013. Rent expense under operating leases totaled \$2.0 million, \$1.1 million, and \$1.3 million for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, respectively.

The Company's capital lease commitments are included in the Company's consolidated balance sheets. The Company's contractual commitments are as follows for the years ending December 31 (in thousands):

	2011	2012	2013	2014 and thereafter	Total
Operating lease commitments	\$ 2,023	\$ 1,932	\$ 383	\$	\$ 4,338
Purchase commitments	2,279	1,026	493		3,798
Capital lease commitments (net of imputed interest and executory costs)	211				211
Total	\$ 4,513	\$ 2,958	\$ 876	\$	\$ 8,347



As of December 31, 2010, the Company has pledged \$4.2 million as collateral for standby letters of credit and bank guaranties for certain of its property leases, which is included in other long-term assets.

*Litigation*

On September 14, 2010, the Company entered into a settlement agreement with plaintiffs, defendants, and certain third parties in the shareholder derivative action filed against current and former officers and directors of the Company, as well as nominal defendant InfoSpace, by Anne D. Manos on December 17, 2008, in the Superior Court of the State of Washington in and for King County ( *Court* ). That settlement agreement is further described in, and attached as an exhibit to, the Current Report on Form 8-K filed on September 17, 2010. On November 23, 2010, the Court granted approval of that settlement agreement, which became final with the passing of the appeal deadline on December 23, 2010. As the result of this settlement, InfoSpace received a gross amount of \$26.65 million as consideration for the dismissal of all claims in the Derivative Action. This amount

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was provided to InfoSpace in the form of cash, forgone contractual obligations of InfoSpace, and surrendered securities. The net final value of this settlement was \$19.0 million after fulfillment of the Company's obligation to pay certain fees and expenses for attorneys and others retained by InfoSpace, plaintiffs, and defendants. In addition, InfoSpace has agreed to undertake certain specified corporate governance reforms and to avoid, in connection with any future special stockholder dividends, certain actions that were the subject of the Derivative Action. The settlement did not involve any admission of wrongdoing or liability, and there was no adjudication of the merits of the underlying claims.

From time to time the Company is subject to various legal proceedings or claims that arise in the ordinary course of business. Although the Company cannot predict the outcome of these matters with certainty, the Company's management does not believe that the disposition of these ordinary course matters will have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

**Note 8: Income Taxes**

Income tax expense from continuing operations consists of the following for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 (in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Current</b>			
U.S. federal	\$ 7,438	\$ (2,629)	\$ 3,159
State	(258)	5	20
Foreign	12	(9)	86
<b>Total current expense (benefit)</b>	<b>\$ 7,192</b>	<b>\$ (2,633)</b>	<b>\$ 3,265</b>
<b>Deferred</b>			
U.S. federal	\$ 218	\$ 2,814	\$ (2,667)
<b>Total deferred expense (benefit)</b>	<b>218</b>	<b>2,814</b>	<b>(2,667)</b>
<b>Income tax expense, net</b>	<b>\$ 7,410</b>	<b>\$ 181</b>	<b>\$ 598</b>

The income tax expense from continuing operations differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 as follows (in thousands):

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	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
Income tax expense (benefit) at federal statutory rate of 35%	\$ 7,390	\$ 2,654	\$ (5,557)
Foreign	12	(9)	86
State, net of federal benefit	201	3	13
Nondeductible compensation		11	436
Foreign exchange gain	(516)		
Change in liabilities for uncertain tax positions	(566)		
Increase (decrease) in beginning of year valuation allowance balance	788	(2,680)	5,352
Other	101	202	268
Income tax expense, net	\$ 7,410	\$ 181	\$ 598

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The income tax expense from continuing operations reflects an increase in the valuation allowance during the year ended December 31, 2010 of \$788,000, while the consolidated balance sheets reflect a decrease in the valuation allowance of \$6.0 million. The decrease in the valuation allowance on the consolidated balance sheets exceeded the change in the valuation allowance reflected in the income tax provision by \$6.8 million. This difference is attributable to the release of the valuation allowance on the consolidated balance sheets for decreases in deferred tax assets which do not affect income tax expense. The Company released \$6.7 million of the valuation allowance upon utilization of equity-based deferred tax assets used to reduce taxes payable. The Company also released \$1.3 million of the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets from the settlements of compensation cost, where the compensation cost was in excess of the tax benefit. The Company recorded \$531,000 of valuation allowance for the increase in the deferred tax assets arising from foreign operating losses and \$420,000 of valuation allowance for the increase in the state income tax effect of the temporary differences.

The tax effect of temporary differences and net operating loss carryforwards from continuing operations that give rise to the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities as of December 31, 2010 and 2009 are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Deferred tax assets:		
Current	\$ 1,106	\$ 831
Non-current:		
Net operating loss carryforwards	284,888	293,655
Tax credit carryforwards	6,685	6,264
Depreciation and amortization	10,291	9,132
Stock-based compensation	8,542	7,966
Other, net	1,928	1,571
Total non-current tax assets	312,334	318,588
Total gross deferred tax assets	313,440	319,419
Valuation allowance	(313,132)	(319,140)
Deferred tax assets, net of valuation allowance	308	279
Deferred tax liabilities:		
Current	(308)	(279)
Non-current:		
Depreciation and amortization	(218)	
Total non-current tax liabilities	(218)	
Total gross deferred tax liabilities	(526)	(279)

Net deferred tax liabilities	\$	(218)	\$
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At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company provided a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets for which significant uncertainty exists regarding the ultimate realization. The Company evaluates its deferred tax assets for future realization and reduces it by a valuation allowance to the extent that realization is not more likely than not. Many factors are considered when assessing the likelihood of future realization of deferred tax assets, including recent cumulative earnings experience by taxing jurisdiction, expectations of future taxable income, the carryforward periods available for tax reporting purposes, trends in the industry and the

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current macroeconomic environment, and other relevant factors. At December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company reassessed the realizability of its remaining net deferred tax assets and concluded that, based on available evidence, that realizability was not more likely than not. Accordingly, the Company provided a full valuation allowance on its net deferred tax assets. The net changes in the valuation allowance during the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 are shown below (in thousands):

	<b>Valuation allowance</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Balance at beginning of year	\$ 319,140	\$ 321,661
Net changes to deferred tax assets	(6,008)	(2,521)
Balance at end of year	\$ 313,132	\$ 319,140
Net change during the year	\$ (6,008)	\$ (2,521)

As of December 31, 2010, the Company's U.S. federal net operating loss carryforward for income tax purposes was \$788.4 million, which relates to tax deductions for stock-based compensation. When the net operating loss carryforwards related to excess stock-based compensation are recognized, the income tax benefit of those losses is accounted for as a credit to stockholders' equity on the consolidated balance sheets rather than the Operations Statement.

If not utilized, the Company's federal net operating loss carryforwards will expire between 2020 and 2030. Additionally, changes in ownership, as defined by Section 382 of the Internal Revenue Code, may limit the amount of net operating loss carryforwards used in any one year.

A reconciliation of the beginning and ending amounts of unrecognized tax benefits for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 are as follows (in thousands):

	<b>Unrecognized tax benefits</b>
Balance at January 1, 2008 and 2009	\$ 18,830
Gross increases for tax positions of prior years	
Gross decreases for tax positions of prior years	
Gross increases for tax positions of current year	
Gross decreases for tax positions of current year	
Settlements	
Lapse of statute of limitations	(566)

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Balance at December 31, 2010

\$ 18,264

Total amount of unrecognized tax benefits that would affect the Company's effective tax rate if recognized was \$737,000 and \$1.3 million as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively. The remaining \$17.5 million and \$17.5 million as of December 31, 2010 and 2009, respectively, if recognized, would create a deferred tax asset subject to a valuation allowance. If the Company released the valuation allowance, the amount would affect the Company's effective tax rate. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries file income tax returns in the U.S. federal jurisdiction and various state and foreign jurisdictions. With few exceptions, the Company is no longer subject to U.S. federal, state and local, or non-U.S. income tax examinations by tax authorities for years before 2007, although net operating loss carryforwards and tax credit carryforwards from any year are subject to

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examination and adjustment for at least three years following the year in which they are fully utilized. As of December 31, 2010, no significant adjustments have been proposed relative to the Company's tax positions.

The Company recognizes interest and penalties related to uncertain tax positions in interest expense and general and administrative expenses, respectively. During the year ended December 31, 2010, the Company reversed previously accrued interest expense related to the uncertain tax positions upon the expiration of the statute of limitations on assessments. The Company included the reversal of interest, net of accrued interest on other uncertain tax positions, in the amount of \$159,000. During the year ended December 31, 2009, the Company accrued interest expense related to uncertain tax positions in the amount of \$108,000. As of December 31, 2010 and 2009, the Company had \$93,000 and \$252,000 of accrued interest related to uncertain tax positions, respectively, which is included in accrued expenses and other current liabilities in the accompanying consolidated balance sheets.

**Note 9: Business Combinations**

Presented below is information regarding the Company's business combinations during the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008, including information about the allocation of the purchase price from these transactions.

*Make The Web Better*

On April 1, 2010, the Company purchased assets consisting of Web properties and licenses for content and technology from Make The Web Better, a search distribution partner and privately-held developer of online products used on social networking sites, for \$13.0 million. The purchase was intended to increase profitability and increase the proportion of the search revenue generated through the Company's owned and operated properties. The purchase consideration included an initial cash payment of \$8.0 million, with the remaining consideration payable in cash and contingent on future financial performance.

The purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at their date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

License for use of developed core technology	\$ 235
Prepaid hosting services	115



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Identifiable assets acquired	\$ 350
Purchase price:	
Cash paid	\$ 8,000
Contingent consideration	5,000
Purchase price	\$ 13,000
Less identifiable assets acquired	(350)
Excess of purchase price over net assets acquired, allocated to goodwill	\$ 12,650

The technology license and prepaid hosting services have estimated useful lives of 33 months and five months, respectively, with the license to be amortized proportionately over its life to the estimated total revenue to be generated through the acquired technology and the prepaid hosting services to be amortized over its life under the straight-line method. The Company expects that goodwill and any amount in excess of the original \$5.0 million contingent consideration will be deductible for tax purposes.

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Since the acquisition date, the Company has included in its consolidated results the financial results of the operation of its acquired Make The Web Better assets, which included \$16.4 million of revenue and a contribution to Core segment income of \$15.7 million. The financial performance of the operation of the Make The Web Better assets in the year ended December 31, 2010 was greater than was expected when the assets were acquired; as a consequence, the Company's estimate of the fair value of the related contingent consideration increased to \$10.0 million and the Company recorded a charge of \$5.0 million to other loss (income), net in the year ended December 31, 2010.

*Mercantila*

On May 10, 2010, the Company acquired certain assets from Mercantila, Inc., an online retail company. The acquisition was intended to diversify the Company's business model and expand its operations into the online retail industry. Since the acquisition date, the Company has included in its consolidated results the financial results of its acquired Mercantila, Inc. assets, which included \$32.5 million of revenue and a contribution to E-Commerce loss of \$4.8 million, which also comprise all of the results of the E-Commerce segment.

The purchase price was allocated to the assets acquired and liabilities assumed based on their estimated fair values at their date of acquisition as follows (in thousands):

Tangible assets acquired	\$ 2,234
Liabilities assumed	(8,231)
Identifiable net liabilities assumed	\$ (5,997)
Fair value adjustments to intangible assets	
License for use of developed core technology	\$ 893
Internet domain names	452
Customer relationships	39
Fair value of net liabilities assumed	\$ (4,613)
Purchase price:	
Cash paid	\$ 7,800
Plus identifiable net liabilities assumed	5,997
Less fair value of intangible assets acquired	(1,384)
Excess of purchase price over net assets acquired, allocated to goodwill	\$ 12,413

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The Company expects that goodwill will be deductible for tax purposes.

The customer relationships have estimated useful lives of 12 months and will be amortized over their lives under the straight-line method. The developed core technology has an estimated useful life of 24 months, after which the Company assumes that substantial modifications and enhancements would be required for the technology to remain competitive. The license will be amortized over its life proportionately to the estimated total revenue to be generated through the acquired technology. The Company has determined that the acquired Internet domain names have indefinite lives, and, therefore, these intangible assets will not be amortized to expense unless a determination is made in the future that the useful lives are definite.

Direct transaction costs of approximately \$337,000 include estimated investment banking and legal fees directly related to the acquisition and the Company recorded a charge to general and administrative expenses in the year ended December 31, 2010.

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As of December 31, 2010, substantially all costs for investment banking and legal fees have been paid.

*Pro Forma Financial Information of Acquisitions*

The unaudited financial information in the table below summarizes the combined results of operations of InfoSpace and of the assets acquired from Mercantila, Inc. on a pro forma basis, as though they had been combined as of the beginning of each period presented. This pro forma financial information is presented for informational purposes only and is not necessarily indicative of the results of operations that would have been achieved had the acquisition occurred at the beginning of each period presented. The unaudited pro forma condensed combined statement of operations for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 combines the historical results of operations of InfoSpace for the years ended December 31, 2010 and 2009 and the historical results of operations of the acquired Mercantila, Inc. assets for the period from January 1, 2010 to May 10, 2010 and for the year ended December 31, 2009.

Make The Web Better was InfoSpace's distribution partner for all periods presented below. The table below does not reflect such acquisition on a pro forma basis because combining Make The Web Better's historical results of operations with InfoSpace's results of operations on a pro forma basis would not materially change InfoSpace's historical results of operations.

The following amounts are in thousands, except per share data:

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>	
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>
Revenue	\$ 260,207	\$ 239,602
Net income	\$ 12,009	\$ 3,488
Basic and diluted income per share	\$ 0.33	\$ 0.10

There were no business combinations in the years ended December 31, 2009 or 2008.

**Note 10: Segment Information**

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In May 2010, the Company changed its operational structure upon the acquisition of certain assets from Mercantila, Inc. The Company's search services operations comprise its Core segment and the Company's operation of the online retail business comprises its E-Commerce segment. The Company's chief executive officer is its chief operating decision maker and reviews financial information presented on a disaggregated basis. This information is used for purposes of allocating resources and evaluating financial performance.

The Company presents revenue and cost of sales for each of the two segments. Core cost of sales primarily consists of revenue sharing arrangements with the Company's distribution partners and usage-based content fees. E-Commerce cost of sales primarily consists of the purchase price of products sold by the Company to its customers, drop-ship and other shipping charges, and payment processing fees for customer transactions.

The Company does not allocate stock-based compensation, depreciation, amortization of intangible assets, restructuring, other, net, loss on investments, net, other income, net, income tax expense, or results from discontinued operations to the reportable segments. The Company does not account for, and does not report to management, its assets or capital expenditures by segment other than goodwill and intangible assets for impairment analysis purposes.

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Information on reportable segments currently presented to the Company's chief operating decision maker and a reconciliation to consolidated net income (loss) for the years ended December 31, 2010, 2009, and 2008 are presented below (in thousands):

	<b>Years ended December 31,</b>		
	<b>2010</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2008</b>
<b>Core</b>			
Revenue	\$ 214,343	\$ 207,646	\$ 156,727
Cost of sales	119,880	126,531	75,969
Operating expenses	62,001	53,679	55,504
<b>Core income</b>	<b>32,462</b>	<b>27,436</b>	<b>25,254</b>
<b>E-Commerce</b>			
Revenue	32,492		
Cost of sales	28,578		
Operating expenses	8,734		
<b>E-Commerce loss</b>	<b>(4,820)</b>		
<b>Total</b>			
Total revenue	246,835	207,646	156,727
Total cost of sales	148,458	126,531	75,969
Total segment operating expenses	70,735	53,679	55,504
<b>Total segment income, net</b>	<b>27,642</b>	<b>27,436</b>	<b>25,254</b>
<b>Corporate</b>			
Stock-based compensation	14,751	10,568	14,304
Depreciation	6,635	7,141	7,335
Amortization of intangible assets	456	111	
Restructuring			17
Other, net			(1,897)
Loss on investments, net		4,714	28,520
Other income, net	(15,313)	(2,682)	(7,149)
Income tax expense	7,410	181	598
Discontinued operations, net of tax			2,225
<b>Net income (loss)</b>	<b>\$ 13,703</b>	<b>\$ 7,403</b>	<b>\$ (18,699)</b>

Geographic revenue information, as determined by the location of the customer, is presented below (in thousands):

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	Years ended December 31,		
	2010	2009	2008
United States	\$ 241,521	\$ 204,750	\$ 152,886
International	5,314	2,896	3,841
Total	\$ 246,835	\$ 207,646	\$ 156,727

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### **ITEM 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure**

None.

### **ITEM 9A. Controls and Procedures**

#### *Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures*

Our management evaluated, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Based on this evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer have concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of December 31, 2010 to ensure that information we are required to disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our principal executive and principal financial officers, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure, and that such information is recorded, processed, summarized, and reported within the time periods specified in Securities and Exchange Commission rules and forms.

#### *Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting, as such term is defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f). Our internal control over financial reporting is designed to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. Because of its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements. Also, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Under the supervision and with the participation of management, including our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, we conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting based on the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of the Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

Based on our evaluation under the framework in *Internal Control - Integrated Framework*, our management concluded that our internal control over financial reporting was effective as of December 31, 2010. Deloitte & Touche LLP has audited the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010 and its report is included below.

#### *Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting*

There was no change in our internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the fourth quarter of 2010 that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.





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### *Report of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm*

To the Board of Directors and Stockholders of

InfoSpace, Inc.

Bellevue, Washington

We have audited the internal control over financial reporting of InfoSpace, Inc. and subsidiaries (the Company) as of December 31, 2010, based on criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission. The Company's management is responsible for maintaining effective internal control over financial reporting and for its assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting, included in the accompanying Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's internal control over financial reporting based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States). Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether effective internal control over financial reporting was maintained in all material respects. Our audit included obtaining an understanding of internal control over financial reporting, assessing the risk that a material weakness exists, testing and evaluating the design and operating effectiveness of internal control based on the assessed risk, and performing such other procedures as we considered necessary in the circumstances. We believe that our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

A company's internal control over financial reporting is a process designed by, or under the supervision of, the company's principal executive and principal financial officers, or persons performing similar functions, and effected by the company's board of directors, management, and other personnel to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles. A company's internal control over financial reporting includes those policies and procedures that (1) pertain to the maintenance of records that, in reasonable detail, accurately and fairly reflect the transactions and dispositions of the assets of the company; (2) provide reasonable assurance that transactions are recorded as necessary to permit preparation of financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles, and that receipts and expenditures of the company are being made only in accordance with authorizations of management and directors of the company; and (3) provide reasonable assurance regarding prevention or timely detection of unauthorized acquisition, use, or disposition of the company's assets that could have a material effect on the financial statements.

Because of the inherent limitations of internal control over financial reporting, including the possibility of collusion or improper management override of controls, material misstatements due to error or fraud may not be prevented or detected on a timely basis. Also, projections of any evaluation of the effectiveness of the internal control over financial reporting to future periods are subject to the risk that the controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

In our opinion, the Company maintained, in all material respects, effective internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2010, based on the criteria established in *Internal Control Integrated Framework* issued by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission.

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We have also audited, in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States), the consolidated financial statements as of and for the year ended December 31, 2010, of the Company and our report dated March 11, 2011, expressed an unqualified opinion on those consolidated financial statements.

*/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP*

Seattle, Washington

March 11, 2011

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**ITEM 9B. Other Information**

Not applicable.

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**PART III**

As permitted by the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission, we have omitted certain information from Part III of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. We intend to file a definitive Proxy Statement with the Securities and Exchange Commission relating to our annual meeting of stockholders not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and such information is incorporated by reference herein.

**ITEM 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance**

Certain information concerning our directors required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement under the heading Proposal One Election of Directors.

Certain information regarding our executive officers is included in Part I, Item 1 of this report under the caption Executive Officers of the Registrant and is incorporated by reference into this Item.

Other information concerning our officers and directors required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement under the heading Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Beneficial Ownership.

**ITEM 11. Executive Compensation**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement under the headings Compensation Committee Report , Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation , Compensation Discussion and Analysis , and Compensation of Named Executive Officers.

**ITEM 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement under the headings Beneficial Ownership and Equity Compensation Plans.

**ITEM 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence**

The information required by this Item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement under the headings Information Regarding the Board of Directors and Audit Committee Report.

**ITEM 14. Principal Accountant Fees and Services**

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The information required by this item is incorporated by reference to our Proxy Statement under the headings Audit Committee Report.

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**PART IV**

**ITEM 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules**

(a)

1. *Consolidated Financial Statements.*

See Index to Consolidated Financial Statements at Item 8 on page 50 of this report.

2. *Financial Statement Schedules.*

All financial statement schedules required by Item 15(a)(2) have been omitted because they are not applicable or the required information is presented in the Consolidated Financial Statements or Notes thereto.

3. *Exhibits.*

The exhibits listed in the accompanying index to exhibits are filed or incorporated by reference as part of this report.

(b) *Exhibits*

See Item 15 (a) above.

(c) *Financial Statements and Schedules.*

See Item 15 (a) above.

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Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

INFOSPACE, INC.

By: /s/ WILLIAM J. RUCKELSHAUS  
William J. Ruckelshaus

President and Acting Chief Executive Officer

Date: March 11, 2011

**POWER OF ATTORNEY**

KNOW ALL PERSONS BY THESE PRESENTS, that each person whose signature appears below constitutes and appoints David B. Binder and Alesia L. Pinney, jointly and severally, his or her attorneys-in-fact, each with the power of substitution, for him or her in any and all capacities to execute any amendments to this Annual Report on Form 10-K, and to file the same, exhibits thereto and other documents in connection therewith, with the Securities and Exchange Commission, hereby ratifying and confirming all that each of said attorneys-in-fact, or his substitute or substitutes, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

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

<b>Signature</b>	<b>Title</b>	<b>Date</b>
/s/ WILLIAM J. RUCKELSHAUS  <b>William J. Ruckelshaus</b>	President, Acting Chief Executive Officer, and Director  (Principal Executive Officer)	March 11, 2011
/s/ DAVID B. BINDER  <b>David B. Binder</b>	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer  (Principal Financial Officer)	March 11, 2011
/s/ ERIC M. EMANS  <b>Eric M. Emans</b>	Chief Accounting Officer  (Principal Accounting Officer)	March 11, 2011
/s/ JOHN E. CUNNINGHAM, IV  <b>John E. Cunningham, IV</b>	Chairman and Director	March 11, 2011
/s/ JULES HAIMOVITZ  <b>Jules Haimovitz</b>	Director	March 11, 2011



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/s/ RICHARD D. HEARNEY	Director	March 11, 2011
<b>Richard D. Hearney</b>		
/s/ ELIZABETH J. HUEBNER	Director	March 11, 2011
<b>Elizabeth J. Huebner</b>		
/s/ LEWIS M. TAFFER	Director	March 11, 2011
<b>Lewis M. Taffer</b>		
	Director	
<b>James F. Voelker</b>		

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<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Exhibit Description</b>	<b>Form</b>	<b>Date of First Filing</b>	<b>Exhibit Number</b>	<b>Filed Herewith</b>
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	10-K	March 27, 2003	3.1	
3.2	Certificate of Amendment to Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation	8-K	June 5, 2009	3.1	
3.3	Restated Bylaws, as amended	8-K	November 20, 2007	3.2	
4.1	Form of Certificate of the Powers, Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series A Preferred Stock	S-1 (No. 333-86313), as amended	September 1, 1999	4.1	
4.2	Certificate of the Powers, Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series B Preferred Stock	S-1 (No. 333-58048), as amended	March 30, 2001	4.2	
4.3	Preferred Stock Rights Agreement, dated as of July 19, 2002, between the Company and Mellon Investor Services LLC, including the Form of Certificate of the Powers, Designations, Preferences and Rights of Series C Participating Preferred Stock, the form of Rights Certificate and the Summary of Rights attached thereto as Exhibits A, B, and C, respectively	8-K	July 24, 2002	4.4	
10.1*	1998 Employee Stock Purchase Plan	S-1 (No. 333-62323), as amended	August 27, 1998	10.3	
10.2*	InfoSpace, Inc. Restated 1996 Flexible Stock Incentive Plan	8-K	December 11, 2006	10.1	
10.3*	Form of InfoSpace, Inc. Restated 1996 Flexible Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Letter Agreement for Nonemployee Directors	S-8 (No. 333-169691)	September 30, 2010	4.5	
10.4*	Form of InfoSpace, Inc. Restated 1996 Flexible Stock Incentive Plan Nonqualified Stock Option Letter Agreement for Vice Presidents and Above	S-8 (No. 333-169691)	September 30, 2010	4.6	
10.5*	Form of InfoSpace, Inc. Restated 1996 Flexible Stock Incentive Plan Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Nonemployee Directors	S-8 (No. 333-169691)	September 30, 2010	4.8	
10.6*	Form of InfoSpace, Inc. Restated 1996 Flexible Stock Incentive Plan Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement for Vice Presidents and Above	S-8 (No. 333-169691)	September 30, 2010	4.9	

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10.7*	InfoSpace, Inc. Amended and Restated 2001 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan	10-Q	August 9, 2007	10.6	
10.8*	Form of Amended and Restated 2001 Nonstatutory Stock Option Plan Notice of Grant of Restricted Stock Units and Restricted Stock Unit Agreement	10-Q	August 9, 2007	10.33	
10.9*	InfoSpace, Inc. Switchboard Incorporated Stock Incentive Plan	S-8 (333-116641)	June 18, 2004	4.1	
10.10	Office Lease Agreement, dated March 10, 2000, between InfoSpace, Inc. and Three Bellevue Center, LLC for office space located at 601 108th Avenue N.E., Bellevue, Washington	10-K	March 30, 2000	10.17	
10.11	Sixth Amendment to Office Lease Agreement dated September 26, 2005, between InfoSpace, Inc. and Three Bellevue Center LLC	8-K	September 29, 2005	10.28	
10.12	Ninth Amendment to Office Lease Agreement effective as of December 21, 2007, between InfoSpace, Inc. and WA Three Bellevue Center, LLC	8-K	January 4, 2008	10.1	
10.13	Eleventh Amendment to Office Lease Agreement, effective as of April 23, 2009, between InfoSpace, Inc. and WA Three Bellevue Center, LLC	10-K	February 26, 2010	10.15	
10.14	Form of Indemnification Agreement between the registrant and each of its directors and executive officers	10-K	February 26, 2010	10.18	
10.15*	2009 InfoSpace Executive Bonus Plan	8-K	May 15, 2009	10.1	
10.16*	2010 InfoSpace Executive Bonus Plan	8-K	March 23, 2010	10.1	
10.17*	Employment Agreement effective as of October 7, 2008 between InfoSpace, Inc. and Michael J. Glover	10-Q	November 10, 2008	10.1	
10.18*	Employment Agreement, amended and restated effective as of October 28, 2008, between InfoSpace, Inc. and David B. Binder	10-Q	November 10, 2008	10.3	

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10.19*	Employment Agreement, amended and restated effective as of October 28, 2008, between InfoSpace, Inc. and Eric M. Emans	10-Q	November 10, 2008	10.4	
10.20*	Amended and Restated Employment Agreement, amended and restated as of November 4, 2008, between InfoSpace, Inc. and James F. Voelker	10-Q	November 10, 2008	10.8	
10.21*	Employment Agreement effective as of February 2, 2009 between InfoSpace, Inc. and William J. Lansing	8-K	February 5, 2009	10.1	
10.22*	Separation Agreement and General Release of All Claims, dated November 11, 2010	8-K	November 12, 2010	10.1	
10.23*	Employment Agreement, effective as of July 20, 2009 between InfoSpace, Inc. and Alesia L. Pinney	10-Q	August 6, 2009	10.2	
10.24*	Employment Agreement, effective as of November 11, 2010 between InfoSpace, Inc. and William J. Ruckelshaus				X
10.25	Google Services Agreement and Order Form by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC dated October 1, 2005	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.36	
10.26	Amended and Restated Google Services Agreement by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC dated October 1, 2005	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.37	
10.27	Amendment Number One to Amended and Restated Google Inc. Services Agreement and Order Form dated November 6, 2006 by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.38	
10.28	Amendment Number Two to Amended and Restated Google Inc. Services Agreement and Order Form dated February 1, 2008 by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.39	
10.29	Amendment Number Four to Amended and Restated Google Inc. Services Agreement and Order Form dated December 1, 2008 by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.40	
10.30	Amendment Number Five to Amended and Restated Google Inc. Services Agreement and Order Form dated February 1, 2010 by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC	10-Q	May 6, 2010	10.4	

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10.31	Amendment Number Six to Amended and Restated Google Inc. Services Agreement and Order Form dated August 1, 2010 by and between Google Inc. and InfoSpace Sales LLC	10-Q	November 5, 2010	10.1	
10.32	Yahoo! Search Marketing Yahoo! Publisher Network Service Order #1-9935871, dated November 26, 2007, by and among Overture Services, Inc., Overture Search Services (Ireland) Limited, InfoSpace Sales LLC, InfoSpace Europe Limited and InfoSpace, Inc. (as guarantor)	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.41	
10.33	Amendment #1 to Yahoo! Search Marketing Yahoo! Publisher Network Service Order #1-9935871, dated January 31, 2008, by and among Overture Services, Inc., Overture Search Services (Ireland) Limited, InfoSpace Sales LLC, InfoSpace Europe Limited and InfoSpace, Inc. (as guarantor)	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.42	
10.34	Amendment #2 to Yahoo! Search Marketing Yahoo! Publisher Network Service Order #1-9935871, dated November 1, 2008 by and among Yahoo! Inc. (as successor-in-interest to Overture Services, Inc.), Overture Search Services (Ireland) Limited, InfoSpace Sales LLC, InfoSpace Europe Limited and InfoSpace, Inc. (as guarantor)	10-K	March 2, 2009	10.43	
10.35	Settlement Agreement dated September 14, 2010	8-K	September 17, 2010	99.1	
14.1	InfoSpace, Inc. Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as amended on November 3, 2010	10-Q	November 5, 2010	14.1	
21.1	Subsidiaries of the registrant				X
23.1	Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP, Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm				X
24.1	Power of Attorney (contained on the signature page hereto)				X
31.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X

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31.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 302 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.1	Certification of Principal Executive Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X
32.2	Certification of Principal Financial Officer pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002				X

\* Indicates a management contract or compensatory plan or arrangement.  
Confidential treatment has been requested for portions of this exhibit. These portions have been omitted from the Annual Report on Form 10-K and submitted separately to the Securities and Exchange Commission.