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

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Form S-3  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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DXP Enterprises, Inc.  
(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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Texas	76-0509661
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

7272 Pinemont Drive  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(713) 996-4700  
(Address, Including Zip Code, and Telephone Number,  
Including Area Code, of Registrant's Principal Executive Offices)

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Approximate date of commencement of proposed sale to the public: From time to time after the effective date of this registration statement.

If the only securities being registered on this form are being offered pursuant to dividend or interest reinvestment plans, please check the following box.

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If any of the securities being registered on this form are to be offered on a delayed or continuous basis pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of 1933, other than securities offered only in connection with dividend or interest reinvestment plans, check the following box.  [X]

If this form is filed to register additional securities for an offering pursuant to Rule 462(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  [ ]

If this form is a post-effective amendment filed pursuant to Rule 462(c) under the Securities Act, check the following box and list the Securities Act registration statement number of the earlier effective registration statement for the same offering.  [ ]

If this form is a registration statement pursuant to General Instruction I.D. or a post-effective amendment thereto that shall become effective upon filing with the Commission pursuant to Rule 462(e) under the Securities Act, check the following box.  [ ]

If this form is a post-effective amendment to a registration statement filed pursuant to General Instruction I.D. filed to register additional securities or additional classes of securities pursuant to Rule 413(b) under the Securities Act, check the following box.  [ ]

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 the definitions of “large accelerated filer,” “accelerated filer” and “smaller reporting company” in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act. Check one.

Large accelerated Filer  o

Accelerated filer  y

Non-accelerated filer  o

Smaller Reporting Company  o

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

Title of Each Class of Securities to be Registered	Amount to be Registered(1)(2)	Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Unit(2)	Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price(2)(3)	Amount of Registration Fee(4)
Senior Debt Securities				
Subordinated Debt Securities				
Common Stock, par value \$.01 per share				
Preferred Stock, par value \$1.00 per share				

Warrants

Total	\$75,000,000	\$5,348
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(1) There are being registered hereunder such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock, such indeterminate number of warrants, such indeterminate principal amount of senior debt securities and such indeterminate principal amount of subordinated debt securities as shall have an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$75,000,000. If any senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities are issued at an original issue discount, then the offering price of such debt securities shall be in such greater principal amount as shall result in an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$75,000,000, less the dollar amount of any securities previously issued hereunder. The securities registered also include such indeterminate number of shares of common stock and preferred stock and amount of senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities as may be issued upon conversion of or exchange for preferred stock or debt securities that provide for conversion or exchange, upon exercise of warrants or pursuant to the antidilution provisions of any such securities.

(2) Omitted pursuant to General Instruction II.D of Form S-3 under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended.

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- (3) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee. The aggregate public offering price of all securities registered hereby will not exceed \$75,000,000.
- (4) Estimated pursuant to Rule 457(o) under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, based on the proposed maximum aggregate offering price.

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The Registrant hereby amends this registration statement on such date or dates as may be necessary to delay its effective date until the Registrant shall file a further amendment which specifically states that this registration statement shall thereafter become effective in accordance with Section 8(a) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or until the registration statement shall become effective on such date as the Commission, acting pursuant to said Section 8(a), may determine.

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PRELIMINARY PROSPECTUS Dated May 6, 2010 (Subject to completion)

DXP Enterprises, Inc.

\$75,000,000

Senior Debt Securities  
Subordinated Debt Securities  
Common Stock  
Preferred Stock  
Warrants

This prospectus will allow us to issue up to an aggregate of \$75,000,000 of our senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities, common stock, \$.01 par value, preferred stock, \$1.00 par value, and warrants from time to time at prices and on terms to be determined at or prior to the time of the offering. We may offer and sell these securities to or through one or more underwriters, dealers and agents, or directly to purchasers, on a continuous or delayed basis. This prospectus describes the general terms of these securities. The specific terms of any securities and the specific manner in which we will offer them will be included in a supplement to this prospectus relating to that offering.

We encourage you to carefully read this prospectus and any prospectus supplement before you invest in our securities. We also encourage you to read the documents we have referred you to in the “Where You Can Find More Information” section of this prospectus for information on us and for our financial statements. This prospectus may not be used to consummate sales of our securities unless accompanied by a prospectus supplement.

Our common stock is traded on The NASDAQ Global Market (“NASDAQ”) under the symbol “DXPE.” On May 4, 2010, the last reported sale price of our common stock on NASDAQ was \$17.34.

We urge you to carefully review and consider the information under the heading “Risk Factors” on page 1 of this prospectus and in the applicable prospectus supplement before investing in our securities.

Neither the Securities and Exchange Commission nor any state securities commission has approved or disapproved of these securities or passed upon the adequacy or accuracy of this prospectus. Any representation to the contrary is a criminal offense.

The date of this prospectus is May 6, 2010.

The information in this prospectus is not complete and may be changed. We may not sell these securities until the registration statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission is effective. This prospectus is not an offer to sell these securities and is not soliciting an offer to buy these securities in any state where the offer or sale is not permitted.

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ABOUT THIS PROSPECTUS

This prospectus is part of a registration statement that we filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC, using a “shelf” registration process. Under this shelf process, we may sell the securities described in this prospectus in one or more offerings. This prospectus provides you with a general description of the securities we may offer. Each time we sell securities, we will provide a prospectus supplement that will contain specific information about the terms of that offering. The prospectus supplement may also add, update or change information contained in this prospectus. You should read both the prospectus and any prospectus supplement together with the additional information described under the heading “Where You Can Find More Information.”

As used in this prospectus, the terms “DXP,” “Company,” “we,” “our,” “ours” and “us” refer to DXP Enterprises, Inc. and its subsidiaries, except where the context otherwise requires or as otherwise indicated.

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DXP ENTERPRISES, INC.

DXP, a Texas corporation, was incorporated in 1996, to be the successor to a company founded in 1908. Since our predecessor company was founded, we have primarily been engaged in the business of distributing maintenance, repair and operating (“MRO”) products, equipment and service to industrial customers. We are organized into two segments: MRO and Electrical Contractor.

The MRO segment provides MRO products, equipment and integrated services, including technical design expertise and logistics capabilities, to industrial customers. We provide a wide range of MRO products in the fluid handling equipment, bearing, power transmission equipment, general mill, safety supply and electrical products categories. We offer our customers a single source of integrated services and supply on an efficient and competitive basis by being a first-tier distributor who can purchase products directly from the manufacturer. We also provide integrated services such as system design, fabrication, installation, repair and maintenance for our customers. We offer a wide range of industrial MRO products, equipment and services through a complete continuum of customized and efficient MRO solutions, ranging from traditional distribution to fully-integrated supply contracts. The integrated solution is tailored to satisfy our customers’ unique needs.

The Electrical Contractor segment was formed in 1998 with the acquisition of substantially all of the assets of an electrical supply business. The Electrical Contractor segment sells a broad range of electrical products, such as wire conduit, wiring devices, electrical fittings and boxes, signaling devices, heaters, tools, switch gear, lighting, lamps, tape, lugs, wire nuts, batteries, fans and fuses, to electrical contractors. The segment has one owned warehouse/sales facility in Memphis, Tennessee.

Our principal executive offices are located at 7272 Pinemont Drive, Houston, Texas 77040. Our telephone number at that location is (713) 996-4700. Our Internet website is <http://www.dxpe.com>. Information contained on our website is not incorporated by reference in this prospectus and you should not consider information contained on our website as part of this prospectus.

RISK FACTORS

An investment in our securities involves risks. We urge you to carefully consider all of the information contained in or incorporated by reference in this prospectus and other information which may be incorporated by reference in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement as provided under “Incorporation of Certain Information by Reference,” including our Annual Reports on Form 10-K and our Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. This prospectus also contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Please read “Forward-Looking Statements.” Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of certain factors, including the risks described elsewhere in this prospectus or any prospectus supplement and in the documents incorporated by reference into this prospectus or any prospectus supplement. If any of these risks occur, our business, financial condition or results of operation could be adversely affected.

Potential Anti-Takeover Effects

Our Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, allow our Board of Directors to issue shares of preferred stock without shareholder approval on such terms as the Board of Directors may determine. The rights of all the holders of our common stock will be subject to, and may be adversely affected by, the rights of the holders of any preferred stock that may be issued in the future. Our Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, also do not allow cumulative voting in the election of directors. In addition, Sections 21.606 of the Texas Business Organizations Code (“TBOC”) imposes a special voting requirement for the approval of certain business combinations and related party transactions

between public corporations such as the Company and shareholders who beneficially own 20% or more of the corporation's voting stock unless the transaction or the acquisition of shares by the affiliated shareholder is approved by the board of directors of the corporation prior to the shareholder acquiring such 20% ownership. All of the foregoing could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company and could limit the price that certain investors might be willing to pay in the future for shares of our common stock. See "Description of Capital Stock and Indemnification of Officers and Directors."

#### Limitation on Ability to Pay Dividends

We anticipate that future earnings will be retained to finance the continuing development of our business. In addition, our bank credit facility prohibits us from declaring or paying any dividends or other distributions on our capital stock except for the monthly \$0.50 per share dividend on our Series B convertible preferred stock, which amounts to \$90,000 in the aggregate per year. Accordingly, we do not anticipate paying cash dividends on our common stock in the foreseeable future. The payment of any future dividends will be at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend upon, among other things, future earnings, the success of our business activities, regulatory and capital requirements, our lenders, our general financial condition and general business conditions.

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## FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This prospectus contains or incorporates by reference statements that constitute “forward-looking statements” within the meaning of Section 27A of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), and Section 21E of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the “Exchange Act”). In some cases, you can identify forward-looking statements by terminology such as “may,” “will,” “should,” “intend,” “expect,” “plan,” “anticipate,” “believe,” “estimate,” “potential,” or “continue” or the negative of such terms or other comparable terminology. You are cautioned that any such forward-looking statements involve significant known and unknown risks, uncertainties and other factors that may cause our or our industry’s actual results, levels of activity, performance or achievements to be materially different from any future results, levels of activity, performance or achievements expressed or implied by those forward-looking statements. These factors include the effectiveness of management’s strategies and decisions, general economic and business conditions, developments in technology, new or modified statutory or regulatory requirements and changing prices and market conditions. These forward-looking statements reflect our best judgment about future events and trends based on the information currently available to us. Our results of operations can be affected by the assumptions we make or by risks and uncertainties known or unknown to us, including those described under “Risk Factors.” Therefore, we cannot guarantee the accuracy of the forward-looking statements. Actual events and results of operations may vary materially from our current expectations and assumptions.

## USE OF PROCEEDS

Unless we inform you otherwise in the prospectus supplement, we will use the net proceeds from the sale of the offered securities for general corporate purposes, which may include capital expenditures, working capital, acquisitions, repayment or refinancing of indebtedness, investments in our subsidiaries or repurchasing or redeeming our securities. Pending any specific application, we may initially invest funds in short-term marketable securities or apply them to the reduction of short-term indebtedness.

RATIO OF EARNINGS TO FIXED CHARGES AND  
EARNINGS TO COMBINED FIXED CHARGES AND PREFERENCE DIVIDENDS

We have computed the ratio of earnings to fixed charges and the ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends for each of the following periods on a consolidated basis. You should read the following ratios in conjunction with our consolidated financial statements and the notes to those financial statements that are incorporated by reference in this prospectus.

	Year Ended December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Ratio of Earnings to Fixed Charges	(4.85)(1)	5.41	6.53	7.75	6.27
Ratio of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preference Dividends	(4.77)(2)	5.33	6.35	7.37	5.74

(1) The ratio of earnings to fixed charges was less than 1:1 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. In order to achieve a ratio of earnings to fixed charges of 1:1, we would have had to generate an additional \$54.5 million of earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

(2) The ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends was less than 1:1 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. In order to achieve a ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends of 1:1, we would have had to generate an additional \$54.6 million of earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

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## PLAN OF DISTRIBUTION

We may use this prospectus and any accompanying prospectus supplement to sell our securities from time to time as follows:

- directly to purchasers;
- through agents;
- through underwriters;
- through dealers; and
- through any other method permitted by applicable law.

We, or agents designated by us, may directly solicit, from time to time, offers to purchase our securities. Any such agent may be deemed to be an underwriter as that term is defined in the Securities Act. We will name the agents involved in the offer or sale of our securities and describe any commissions payable by us to these agents in the prospectus supplement. Unless otherwise indicated in the prospectus supplement, these agents will be acting on a best efforts basis for the period of their appointment. The agents may be entitled under agreements (which may be entered into with us) to indemnification by us against specific civil liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The agents may also be our customers or may engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

If we utilize any underwriters in the sale of our securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will enter into an underwriting agreement with those underwriters at the time of sale to them. We will set forth the names of these underwriters and the terms of the transaction in the prospectus supplement, which will be used by the underwriters to make resales of our securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered to the public. We may indemnify the underwriters under the relevant underwriting agreement against specific liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The underwriters may also be our customers or may engage in transactions with or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

If we utilize a dealer in the sale of our securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered, we will sell those securities to the dealer, as principal. The dealer may then resell those securities to the public at varying prices to be determined by the dealer at the time of resale. We may indemnify the dealers against specific liabilities, including liabilities under the Securities Act. The dealers may also be our customers or may engage in transactions with, or perform services for us in the ordinary course of business.

To the extent that we make sales through one or more underwriters or agents in at-the-market offerings, we will do so pursuant to the terms of a sales agency financing agreement or other at-the-market offering arrangement between us and the underwriters or agents. If we engage in at-the-market sales pursuant to any such agreement, we will issue and sell securities through one or more underwriters or agents, which may act on an agency basis or on a principal basis. During the term of any such agreement, we may sell securities on a daily basis in exchange transactions or otherwise as we agree with the underwriters or agents. The agreement will provide that any securities sold will be sold at prices

related to the then-prevailing market prices for our securities. Therefore, exact figures regarding proceeds that will be raised or commissions to be paid cannot be determined at this time. Pursuant to the terms of any agreement, we also may agree to sell, and the relevant underwriters or agents may agree to solicit offers to purchase, blocks of our common stock or other securities. The terms of any such agreement will be set forth in more detail in a prospectus supplement to this prospectus. In the event that any underwriter or agent acts as principal or broker-dealer acts as underwriter, it may engage in certain transactions that stabilize, maintain or otherwise affect the price of our securities. We will describe any such activities in the prospectus supplement relating to the transaction.

The place and time of delivery for the securities in respect of which this prospectus is delivered will be set forth in the prospectus supplement.

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## DESCRIPTION OF DEBT SECURITIES

The following description sets forth certain general terms and provisions of the debt securities to which any prospectus supplement may relate. Other terms, and the particular terms of a specific series of debt securities (which differ from the terms described below), will be described in the prospectus supplement relating to that series. The debt securities will be senior debt securities or subordinated debt securities. The senior debt securities will be issued under an indenture (the “Senior Indenture”) to be entered into among us and a trustee named in the applicable prospectus supplement, as trustee (the “Senior Trustee”), and the subordinated debt securities will be issued under a separate indenture (the “Subordinated Indenture”) to be entered into among us and a trustee to be named in the applicable prospectus supplement, as trustee (the “Subordinated Trustee”). The term “Trustee” used in this Prospectus shall refer to the Senior Trustee or the Subordinated Trustee, as appropriate. The Senior Indenture and the Subordinated Indenture are sometimes collectively referred to herein as the “Indentures” and individually as “Indenture.” The Indentures are subject to and governed by the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended (the “TIA”), and may be supplemented from time to time following execution.

The terms of the debt securities include those stated in the applicable Indenture and those made part of the Indenture by reference to the TIA. The debt securities are subject to all of those terms, and holders of debt securities are referred to the applicable Indenture and the TIA for a statement of those terms.

The statements set forth below in this section are brief summaries of certain provisions contained in the Indentures, do not purport to be complete and are subject to, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to, the Indentures, including the definitions of certain terms therein, and the TIA. Capitalized terms used in this section and not otherwise defined in this section will have the respective meanings assigned to them in the Indentures.

### General

The debt securities will be our direct obligations. The prospectus supplement relating to a particular issue of debt securities will describe the terms of those debt securities and the related Indenture, which may include (without limitation) the following:

- the title and series of the debt securities;
- any limit on the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities;
- the price or prices at which the debt securities will be issued;
- the maturity date or dates, or the method of determining the maturity date or dates, of the debt securities;
- the interest rate or rates (which may be fixed, variable or a combination thereof) per annum of the debt securities or the method of determining the interest rate or rates of the debt securities;
- if applicable, the date or dates from which interest on the debt securities will accrue or the method or methods by which the date or dates are to be determined, the interest payment dates, the date or dates on which payment of interest will commence and the regular record dates for any interest payable on such interest payment dates;
- if applicable, the date after which and the price or prices at which the debt securities may, pursuant to any optional redemption provisions, be redeemed at our option or at the option of the holders of the debt securities and the other

detailed terms and provisions of such optional redemption;

- the extent to which any of the debt securities will be issuable in temporary or permanent global form and, if so, the identity of the depository for the global debt security and any additional information related to the global debt securities;
  - the denomination or denominations of debt securities;
- whether the debt securities will be issued in registered or bearer form or both and, if in bearer form, the related terms and conditions and any limitations on issuance of such bearer debt securities (including exchange for registered debt securities of the same series);

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- information with respect to book-entry procedures;
- whether any of the debt securities will be issued as original issue discount securities;
- each office or agency where, subject to the terms of the Indenture, the debt securities may be presented for registration of transfer or exchange;
- if other than the U.S. dollar, the currencies or currency units in which the debt securities are issued and in which the principal of, premium and interest, if any, on, and additional amounts, if any, in respect of the debt securities will be payable;
  - if other than the Trustee, the identity of each security registrar, paying agent and authenticating agent; and
    - any other terms of the debt securities.

#### Covenants

Under the Indentures, we have agreed to:

- pay the principal of, interest and any premium on, the debt securities when due;
  - maintain a place of payment;
- deposit sufficient funds with any paying agent on or before the due date for any principal, interest or premium;
- deliver a certificate to the trustee at the end of each fiscal year reviewing our obligations under the Indentures; and
  - preserve and keep in full force and effect our existence, rights and franchises.

#### Events of Default

Unless otherwise specified in the applicable prospectus supplement, each of the following events will be an Event of Default under an Indenture with respect to any series of debt securities issued under that Indenture:

- failure to pay principal of (or premium, if any, on) any debt security of the series when due;
- failure to deposit a sinking fund payment or any other such analogous required payment, if any, when due by the terms of a debt security of the series;
  - failure to pay any interest on any debt security of the series when due, continued for 30 days;
- failure to perform or comply with any covenant in the applicable Indenture or related supplemental indenture, continued for 90 days after written notice as provided in the Indenture;
  - certain events in bankruptcy, insolvency or reorganization affecting us; and
- any other Event of Default set forth in the applicable Indenture or supplemental indenture relating to the debt securities of that series.

An Event of Default for a particular series of debt securities does not necessarily constitute an Event of Default for any other series of debt securities issued under an Indenture. The applicable Trustee may withhold notice to the holders of a series of debt securities of any default, except payment defaults on those debt securities, if it considers such withholding to be in the interest of the holders.

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If an Event of Default occurs and is continuing, then the applicable Trustee or the holders of a specified percentage in aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series may declare the entire principal amount of the debt securities of that series to be due and payable immediately; provided, however, that the holders of a majority of the aggregate principal amount of the debt securities of that series may, under certain circumstances, void the declaration.

Subject to provisions in each Indenture relating to its duties in case an Event of Default shall have occurred and be continuing, no Trustee will be under an obligation to exercise any of its rights or powers under that Indenture at the request or direction of any holders of debt securities then outstanding under that Indenture, unless such holders shall have offered to the applicable Trustee reasonable indemnity. In general, such reasonable indemnity is provided, the holders of a majority in aggregate principal amount of the outstanding debt securities of any series will have the right to direct the time, method and place of conducting any proceeding for any remedy available to the applicable Trustee or exercising any power conferred on the applicable Trustee for any series of debt securities.

#### Defeasance

When we use the term “defeasance,” we mean a discharge from some or all of our obligations under the applicable Indenture. We may choose to either discharge our obligations on the debt securities of any series in a legal defeasance or to be released from covenant restrictions on the debt securities of any series in a covenant defeasance. We may do so at any time after we deposit with the applicable trustee sufficient cash or government securities to pay the principal, any interest or premium and any other sums due on the stated maturity date or a redemption date of the debt securities of the series. If we choose the legal defeasance option, the holders of the debt securities of the series will not be entitled to the benefits of the applicable Indenture, except for certain obligations, including obligations to register the transfer or exchange of debt securities, to replace lost, stolen or mutilated debt securities, to pay principal and any premium or interest on the originally-stated due dates and certain other obligations set forth in the Indenture.

We may discharge our obligations under the Indentures or be released from covenant restrictions only if we meet certain requirements. Among other things, we must deliver to the trustee an opinion of our legal counsel to the effect that holders of the series of debt securities will not recognize income, gain or loss for U.S. federal income tax purposes as a result of such defeasance and will be subject to U.S. federal income tax on the same amount and in the same manner and at the same times as would have been the case if such deposit and defeasance had not occurred. In the case of legal defeasance only, this opinion must be based on either a ruling received from or published by the Internal Revenue Service or a change in U.S. federal income tax law since the date of the Indenture. No Event of Default with respect to the debt securities discharged shall have occurred or be continuing on the date of the deposit in furtherance of defeasance.

#### Subordination

Debt securities of a series may be subordinated to our “Senior Indebtedness,” which we define generally as money borrowed, including guarantees, by us or, if applicable to any series of outstanding debt securities, by our subsidiaries and guaranteed by us that is not expressly subordinate or junior in right of payment to any of our or, if applicable, any of our subsidiary’s other indebtedness. Subordinated debt securities will be subordinate in right of payment, to the extent and in the manner set forth in the Indenture, the related supplemental indenture and the prospectus supplement relating to such series, to the prior payment of all of our indebtedness and, if applicable, that of any of our subsidiaries that is designated as “Senior Indebtedness” with respect to the series. Under any Subordinated Indenture, payment of the principal, interest and premium, if any, on the subordinated debt securities will generally be subordinated and junior in right of payment to the prior payment in full of all Senior Indebtedness. The Subordinated Indenture will provide that no payment of principal, interest and any premium on the subordinated debt securities may be made in the event:

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of any insolvency, bankruptcy or similar proceeding involving us or our property until payment in full of the Senior Indebtedness; or

- we fail to pay the principal, interest, premium, if any, or any other amounts on any Senior Indebtedness when due or during the continuance of certain defaults on any Senior Indebtedness unless such payments are approved by the representatives of all forms of the Senior Indebtedness.

Any Subordinated Indenture will not limit the amount of Senior Indebtedness that we may incur.

No Personal Liability of Officers, Directors, Employees or Stockholders

No director, officer, employee or stockholder, as such, of ours or any of our affiliates shall have any personal liability in respect of our obligations under any Indenture or the debt securities by reason of his, her or its status as such.

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DESCRIPTION OF CAPITAL STOCK

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INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

The following is a description of our capital stock and a summary of the rights of our stockholders and provisions pertaining to indemnification of our directors and officers. You should also refer to our Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and our Bylaws, which are incorporated by reference in this prospectus, and to Texas law.

General

The Company has an authorized capitalization of 110,000,000 shares of capital stock, consisting of 100,000,000 shares of common stock, \$0.01 par value, and 10,000,000 shares of preferred stock, \$1.00 par value, of which 1,000,000 shares have been designated Series A Preferred Stock and 1,000,000 shares have been designated Series B Convertible Preferred Stock. We have reserved a total of 468,324 shares of our common stock for grants of options and restricted stock awards under our stock plans. As of May 4, 2010, there were 13,737,189 shares of common stock, 1,122 shares of Series A Preferred Stock and 15,000 shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock outstanding. As of such date, there were 536 holders of record of common stock, four holders of Series A Preferred Stock and three holders of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock.

Common Stock

**Dividends.** The holders of shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock are entitled to dividends before the payment of any dividends to holders of shares of common stock. The holders of shares of common stock have no right or preference to the holders of shares of any other class of capital stock of the Company in respect of the declaration or payment of any dividends or distributions by the Company. The holders of shares of common stock shall be entitled to equally receive any dividends or distributions if and when declared by the Board of Directors out of any funds legally available for that purpose.

**Liquidation, Dissolution or Winding Up.** Subject to the required cash payments to the Series A Preferred Stock and the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, the remainder of the assets of the Company, if any, shall be divided and distributed ratably among the holders of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock and the common stock.

**Redemption.** No shares of common stock are callable or redeemable by the Company.

**Conversion.** No holder of common stock has the right to convert or exchange any such shares with or into any other shares of capital stock of the Company.

**Voting.** Each share of common stock entitles the holder thereof to one vote, in person or by proxy, at any and all meetings of the shareholders of the Company on all propositions presented to the shareholders generally. Except as specifically provided in the TBOC or in the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, or Bylaws, the

affirmative vote required for stockholder action shall be that of holders of a majority of the shares entitled to vote and represented at a meeting at which a quorum is present. Voting is non-cumulative.

Preemptive Rights. No holder of any security of the Company is entitled to preemptive rights.

#### Preferred Stock

The following description of the terms of the preferred stock sets forth the general terms and provisions of the preferred stock to which any prospectus supplement may relate. Other terms of any series of the preferred stock offered by any prospectus supplement will be described in that prospectus supplement. The description of the provisions of the preferred stock set forth below and in any prospectus supplement does not purport to be complete and is subject to and qualified in its entirety by reference to our Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, relating to each series of the preferred stock.

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The preferred stock may be issued from time to time by our Board of Directors as shares of one or more series. Subject to the provisions of our Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and limitations prescribed by law, our Board of Directors is expressly authorized to adopt resolutions to issue the shares, fix the number of shares, change the number of shares constituting any series and provide for or change the voting powers, designations, preferences and relative, participating, optional or other special rights, qualifications, limitations or restrictions thereof, including dividend rights (including whether dividends are cumulative), dividend rates, terms of redemption (including sinking fund provisions), redemption prices, conversion rights and liquidation preferences of the shares constituting any class or series of the preferred stock, in each case without any action or vote by the holders of common stock.

The preferred stock shall have the dividend, liquidation, redemption and voting rights set forth in a prospectus supplement relating to a particular series of the preferred stock. Reference is made to the prospectus supplement relating to the particular series of the preferred stock offered by the prospectus supplement for specific terms, including:

- the designation and stated value per share of such preferred stock and the number of shares offered;
  - the amount of liquidation preference per share;
  - the initial public offering price at which the preferred stock will be issued;
- the dividend rate or method of calculation, the dates on which dividends shall be payable, the form of dividend payment and the dates from which dividends shall begin to accumulate, if any;
  - any redemption or sinking fund provisions;
  - any conversion or exchange rights; and
- any additional voting, dividend, liquidation, redemption, sinking fund and other rights, preferences, privileges, limitations and restrictions.

The preferred stock will, when issued, be fully paid and nonassessable and will have no preemptive rights. The rights of the holders of each series of the preferred stock will be subordinate to the rights of our general creditors.

#### Certain Anti-Takeover Effects of Certain Provisions of the Company's Articles of Incorporation, Bylaws and the Texas Business Corporation Act

The Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws contain certain provisions that could make the acquisition of the Company by means of a tender or exchange offer, a proxy contest or otherwise more difficult. The description of such provisions, set forth below, is intended only as a summary and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws, each of which is filed as an exhibit to the registration statement of which this prospectus forms a part.

**Preferred Stock.** The Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, authorize the Board of Directors to establish one or more series of preferred stock and to determine, with respect to any series of preferred stock, the terms and rights of such series. The Company believes that the ability of the Board of Directors to issue one or more series of preferred stock will provide the Company with flexibility in structuring possible future financings and acquisitions and in meeting other corporate needs that may arise. The authorized shares of preferred stock, as well as shares of common stock, will be available for issuance without further action by the Company's shareholders, unless such action is required by the Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, applicable laws or the rules of any stock exchange or

automated quotation system on which the Company's securities may be listed or traded.

Although the Board of Directors has no intention at the present time of doing so, it could issue a series of preferred stock that could, depending on the terms of such series, impede the completion of a merger, tender offer or other takeover attempt. The Board of Directors will make any determination to issue such shares based on its judgment as to the best interests of the Company and its shareholders. The Board of Directors, in so acting, could issue preferred stock having terms that could discourage an acquisition attempt through which an acquiror otherwise would be able to change the composition of the Board of Directors, including a tender or exchange offer or other transaction that some or a majority of the Company's shareholders might believe to be in their best interests or in which shareholders might receive a premium for their stock over the then current market price of such stock.

Special Meeting of Shareholders. The Bylaws provide that special meetings of shareholders may be called by the President or the Chairman of the Board of Directors and shall be called by the President or the Secretary at the request in writing of a majority of the Board of Directors or at the request in writing of shareholders owning 30% of the capital stock of the Company issued and outstanding and entitled to vote. Such provisions, together with the other anti-takeover provisions described herein, could also have the effect of discouraging a third party from initiating a proxy contest, making a tender or exchange offer or otherwise attempting to obtain control of the Company.

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Texas Anti-Takeover Law. Section 21.606 of the TBOC imposes a special voting requirement for the approval of certain business combinations and related party transactions between public corporations and affiliated shareholders unless the transaction or the acquisition of shares by the affiliated shareholder is approved by the board of directors of the corporation prior to the affiliated shareholder becoming an affiliated shareholder. Section 21.606 prohibits certain mergers, sales of assets, reclassifications and other transactions (defined as business combinations) between a shareholder beneficially owning 20% or more of the outstanding stock of a Texas public corporation (such shareholder being defined as an affiliated shareholder) for a period of three years following the date the shareholder acquired the shares representing 20% or more of the corporation's voting power unless two-thirds of the unaffiliated shareholders approve the transaction at a meeting held no earlier than six months after the shareholder acquires that ownership. The provisions requiring such a vote of shareholders do not apply to a transaction with an affiliated shareholder if such transaction or the purchase of shares by the affiliated shareholder is approved by the board of directors before the affiliated shareholder acquires beneficial ownership of 20% of the shares or if the affiliated shareholder was an affiliated shareholder prior to December 31, 1996 and continued as such through the date of the transaction. Section 21.607 contains a provision that allows a corporation to elect out of the statute by an amendment to its articles of incorporation or bylaws prior to December 31, 1997. Section 21.606 could have the effect of delaying, deferring or preventing a change in control of the Company.

#### Indemnification of Directors and Officers

Section 8.101 of the TBOC provides that a corporation may indemnify any director or officer who was, is or is threatened to be named as a defendant or respondent in a proceeding because he is or was a director or officer, provided that the director or officer (i) conducted himself in good faith, (ii) reasonably believed (a) in the case of conduct in his official capacity, that his conduct was in the corporation's best interests or (b) in all other cases, that his conduct was at least not opposed to the corporation's best interests and (iii) in the case of any criminal proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe his conduct was unlawful. Subject to certain exceptions, a director or officer may not be indemnified if such person is found liable to the corporation or if such person is found liable on the basis that he improperly received a personal benefit. Under Texas law, reasonable expenses incurred by a director or officer may be paid or reimbursed by the corporation in advance of a final disposition of the proceeding after the corporation receives a written affirmation by the director or officer of his good faith belief that he has met the standard of conduct necessary for indemnification and a written undertaking by or on behalf of the director or officer to repay the amount if it is ultimately determined that the director or officer is not entitled to indemnification by the corporation. Texas law requires a corporation to indemnify an officer or director against reasonable expenses incurred in connection with a proceeding in which he is named a defendant or respondent because he is or was a director or officer if he is wholly successful in the defense of the proceeding.

Texas law also permits a corporation to purchase and maintain insurance or another arrangement on behalf of any person who is or was a director or officer against any liability asserted against him and incurred by him in such a capacity or arising out of his status as such a person, whether or not the corporation would have the power to indemnify him against that liability under Section 8.101 of the TBOC.

The Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws provide for indemnification of its officers and directors and the advancement to them of expenses in connection with proceedings and claims, to the fullest extent permitted under the TBOC. Such indemnification may be made even though directors and officers would not otherwise be entitled to indemnification under other provisions of the Company's Bylaws.

The above discussion of the TBOC, the Company's Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws is not intended to be exhaustive and is qualified in its entirety by such statute, the Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws, respectively.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act may be permitted to directors, officers or persons controlling the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, the Registrant has been informed that in the opinion of the SEC such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act and therefore is unenforceable.

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## Transfer Agent and Registrar

The transfer agent and registrar for the common stock is American Stock Transfer & Trust Company, New York, New York.

## DESCRIPTION OF WARRANTS

We may issue warrants to purchase our senior debt securities, subordinated debt securities, common stock or preferred stock. Warrants may be issued independently or together with any other securities and may be attached to, or separate from, such securities. Each series of warrants will be issued under a separate warrant agreement to be entered into between us and a warrant agent. In addition to this summary, you should refer to the warrant agreement, including the forms of warrant certificate representing the warrants, which relates to the specific warrants being offered for the complete terms of the warrant agreement and the warrants. That warrant agreement, together with the terms of the warrant certificate and warrants, will be filed with the SEC in connection with the offering of the specific warrants.

The applicable prospectus supplement will describe the terms of any series of warrants in respect of which this prospectus is being delivered, including, where applicable, the following:

- the title of such warrants;
- the aggregate number of such warrants;
- the price or prices at which such warrants will be issued;
- the currency or currencies, in which the price of such warrants will be payable;
- the securities or other rights, including rights to receive payment in cash or securities based on the value, rate or price of one or more specified commodities, currencies, securities or indices or any combination of the foregoing, purchasable upon exercise of such warrants;
- the price at which and the currency or currencies in which the securities or other rights purchasable upon exercise of such warrants may be purchased;
- the date on which the right to exercise such warrants shall commence and the date on which such right shall expire;
- if applicable, the minimum or maximum amount of such warrants which may be exercised at any one time;
  - if applicable, the anti-dilution provisions of such warrants;
  - if applicable, the redemption or call provisions of such warrants;
- if applicable, the designation and terms of the securities with which such warrants are issued and the number of such warrants issued with each such security;
- if applicable, the date on and after which such warrants and the related securities will be separately transferable;
  - information with respect to book-entry procedures, if any;

- if applicable, a discussion of any material U.S. federal income tax considerations; and
- any other terms of such warrants, including terms, procedures and limitations relating to the exchange and exercise of such warrants.

Until they exercise their warrants, holders of warrants will not have any of the rights of holders of the securities purchasable upon exercise, and will not be entitled to:

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- receive payments of principal of (or premium, if any, on) or interest, if any, on any debt securities purchasable upon exercise;
  - receive dividend payments, if any, with respect to any underlying securities; or
  - exercise the voting rights of any common stock or preferred stock purchasable upon exercise.

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## LEGAL MATTERS

In connection with particular offerings of our securities in the future, and if stated in the applicable prospectus supplement, the validity of those securities may be passed upon for us by Fulbright & Jaworski L.L.P. and for any underwriters or agents by counsel named in the applicable prospectus supplement.

## EXPERTS

The financial statements and management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting incorporated in this prospectus by reference to the Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009 have been so incorporated in reliance on the report of Hein & Associates LLP, an independent registered public accounting firm, given on the authority of said firm as experts in accounting and auditing.

## WHERE YOU CAN FIND MORE INFORMATION

We have filed with the SEC a registration statement on Form S-3 under the Securities Act with respect to the shares being offered under this prospectus. This prospectus, which is included in the registration statement, does not contain all of the information in the registration statement. For further information regarding the Company and our securities, please see the registration statement and our other filings with the SEC, including our annual, quarterly and current reports and proxy statements, which you may read and copy at the Public Reference Room maintained by the SEC at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. You may obtain information about the public reference room by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available to the public on the SEC's Internet website at <http://www.sec.gov>. Our Internet website address is <http://www.dxpe.com>.

We furnish holders of our common stock with annual reports containing financial statements audited by our independent auditors in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles following the end of each fiscal year. We file reports and other information with the SEC pursuant to the reporting requirements of the Exchange Act.

Our common stock is listed on NASDAQ, and we are required to file reports, proxy statements and other information with NASDAQ. You may read any document we file with NASDAQ at the offices of The NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., which is located at 9600 Blackwell Road, Rockville, MD 20850.

Descriptions in this prospectus of documents are intended to be summaries of the material, relevant portions of those documents, but may not be complete descriptions of those documents. For complete copies of those documents, please refer to the exhibits to the registration statement and other documents filed by us with the SEC.

## INCORPORATION OF CERTAIN INFORMATION BY REFERENCE

The SEC allows us to "incorporate by reference" the information we have filed with the SEC, which means that we can disclose important information to you without actually including the specific information in this prospectus by referring you to those documents. The information incorporated by reference is an important part of this prospectus and later information that we file with the SEC will automatically update and supersede this information. Therefore, before you decide to invest in a particular offering under this shelf registration, you should always check for reports we may have filed with the SEC after the date of this prospectus. We incorporate by reference into this prospectus the documents listed below and any future filings we make with the SEC under Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act until the applicable offering under this prospectus and any prospectus supplement is terminated, other

than information furnished to the SEC under Item 2.02 or 7.01 of Form 8-K and which is not deemed filed under the Exchange Act and is not incorporated in this prospectus:

- Our Annual Report on Form 10-K for our fiscal year ended December 31, 2009, filed with the SEC on March 23, 2010.
- Our Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the SEC on April 5, 2010.
- The description of our common stock contained in our Registration Statement on Form 8-A, filed with the SEC on October 9, 1996.

We will provide, without charge, to each person to whom a copy of this prospectus has been delivered, upon written or oral request of such person, a copy of any or all of the documents incorporated by reference herein (other than certain exhibits to such documents not specifically incorporated by reference). Requests for such copies should be directed to:

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DXP Enterprises, Inc.  
7272 Pinemont Drive  
Houston, Texas 77040  
(713) 996-4700  
Attention: Corporate Secretary

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## PART II

## INFORMATION NOT REQUIRED IN PROSPECTUS

## Item 14. Other Expenses of Issuance and Distribution.

The following table sets forth the estimated expenses (other than underwriting discounts and commissions) to be incurred by the Company in connection with the issuance and distribution of the securities registered under this registration statement.

S E C	\$ 5,348
registration fee	
Printing and engraving expenses*	\$ 50,000
Legal fees and expenses*	\$250,000
Accounting fees and expenses*	\$100,000
Miscellaneous expenses*	\$ 19,652
Total	\$425,000

\* Estimated

## Item 15. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

The discussion under the heading “Description of Capital Stock and Indemnification of Directors and Officers – Indemnification of Directors and Officers” in the prospectus is incorporated by reference herein in its entirety.

## Item 16. Exhibits.

The exhibits listed in the Exhibit Index are filed as part of this registration statement.

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3.1	Restated Articles of Incorporation of DXP Enterprises, Inc., as amended (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.1 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-61953), filed with the SEC on August 20, 1998).
3.2	Bylaws of DXP Enterprises, Inc. (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 3.2 to the Company’s Registration Statement on Form S-4 (Reg. No. 333-10021), filed with the SEC on August 12, 1996).

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- 4.1 Form of common stock certificate (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 4.3 to the Company's Registration Statement on Form S-8 (Reg. No. 333-61953), filed with the SEC on August 20, 1998).
- \*\*4.2 Form of Senior Debt Indenture of DXP Enterprises, Inc.
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- \*\*\*25.1 The Statement of Eligibility on Form T-1 under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939 of the Trustee under the Senior Indenture will be incorporated herein by reference from a subsequent filing in accordance with Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act of 1939.
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\*\*\* To be filed with a Form 305B2 or other appropriate form in connection with an applicable offering.

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Item 17. Undertakings.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement: (i) to include any prospectus required by Section 10(a)(3) of the Securities Act of 1933; (ii) to reflect in the prospectus any facts or events arising after the effective date of the registration statement (or the most recent post-effective amendment thereof) which, individually or in the aggregate, represent a fundamental change in the information set forth in the registration statement. Notwithstanding the foregoing, any increase or decrease in volume of securities offered (if the total dollar value of securities offered would not exceed that which was registered) and any deviation from the low or high end of the estimated maximum offering range may be reflected in the form of prospectus filed with the SEC pursuant to Rule 424(b) if, in the aggregate, the changes in volume and price represent no more than a 20 percent change in the maximum aggregate offering price set forth in the "Calculation of Registration Fee" table in the effective registration statement; and (iii) to include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement.

Provided, however, that (A) paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-8, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by (1)(i) and (1)(ii) is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement; and (B) paragraphs (1)(i), (1)(ii) and (1)(iii) above do not apply if the registration statement is on Form S-3 or Form F-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment by (i), (ii) and (iii) is contained in reports filed with or furnished to the SEC by the Registrant pursuant to Section 13 or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that are incorporated by reference in the registration statement, or is contained in a form of prospectus filed pursuant to Rule 424(b) that is part of the registration statement.

Provided further, however, that paragraphs (1)(i) and (1)(ii) above do not apply if the registration statement is for an offering of asset-backed securities on Form S-1 or Form S-3, and the information required to be included in a post-effective amendment is provided pursuant to Item 1100(c) of Regulation AB.

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered which remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

That, for the purpose of determining liability under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser:

(i) Each prospectus filed by the registrant pursuant to Rule 424(b)(3) shall be deemed to be part of the registration statement as of the date the filed prospectus was deemed part of and included in the registration statement; and

(ii) Each prospectus required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424(b)(2), (b)(5), or (b)(7) as part of a registration statement in reliance on Rule 430B relating to an offering made pursuant to Rule 415(a)(1)(i), (vii), or (x) for the purpose of providing the information required by Section 10(a) of the Securities Act of 1933 shall be deemed to be part of and included in the registration statement as of the earlier of the date such form of prospectus is first used after

effectiveness or the date of the first contract of sale of securities in the offering described in the prospectus. As provided in Rule 430B, for liability purposes of the issuer and any person that is at that date an underwriter, such date shall be deemed to be a new effective date of the registration statement relating to the securities in the registration statement to which the prospectus related, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof. Provided, however, that no statement made in a registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement or made in a document incorporated or deemed incorporated by reference into the registration statement or prospectus that is part of the registration statement will, as to a purchaser with a time of contract of sale prior to such effective date, supersede or modify any statement that was made in the registration statement or prospectus that was part of the registration statement or made in any such document immediately prior to such effective date.

Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers and controlling persons of the Registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the Registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the Registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer or controlling person of the Registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer or controlling person in connection with the securities being registered, the Registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Securities Act of 1933 and will be governed by the final adjudication of such issue.

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That, for the purpose of determining liability of the Registrant under the Securities Act of 1933 to any purchaser in the initial distribution of the securities, the undersigned Registrant undertakes that in a primary offering of securities of the undersigned Registrant pursuant to this registration statement, regardless of the underwriting method used to sell the securities to the purchaser, if the securities are offered or sold to such purchaser by means of any of the following communications, the undersigned Registrant will be a seller to the purchaser and will be considered to offer or sell such securities to such purchaser:

- (i) Any preliminary prospectus or prospectus of the undersigned Registrant relating to the offering required to be filed pursuant to Rule 424;
- (ii) Any free writing prospectus relating to the offering prepared by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant or used or referred to by the undersigned Registrant;
- (iii) The portion of any other free writing prospectus relating to the offering containing material information about the undersigned Registrant or its securities provided by or on behalf of the undersigned Registrant; and
- (iv) Any other communication that is an offer in the offering made by the undersigned Registrant to the purchaser.

The undersigned Registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the Registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes to file an application for the purpose of determining the eligibility of the trustee to act under subsection (a) of Section 310 of the Trust Indenture Act in accordance with the rules and regulations prescribed by the SEC under Section 305(b)(2) of the Trust Indenture Act.

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May 6, 2010

DXP Enterprises, Inc.  
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Ladies and Gentlemen:

We have acted as counsel to DXP Enterprises, Inc., a Texas corporation (the “Company”) with respect to certain legal matters in connection with the registration under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended (the “Securities Act”), of the offer and sale by the Company from time to time, pursuant to Rule 415 under the Securities Act of (i) debt securities in one or more series, which may be senior (“Senior Debt Securities”) or subordinated (“Subordinated Debt Securities”) and, together with the Senior Debt Securities, the “Debt Securities”), (ii) shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share (“Common Stock”), (iii) shares of preferred stock, par value \$1.00 per share (“Preferred Stock”) and (iv) warrants for the purchase of Debt Securities, Common Stock or Preferred Stock (“Warrants”), having an aggregate initial offering price not to exceed \$75,000,000. In addition, the Debt Securities, Preferred Stock and Warrants may be convertible into or exercisable for Common Stock or Preferred Stock, as the case may be, of the Company. The Debt Securities, Common Stock, Preferred Stock and Warrants are collectively referred to herein as the “Securities” and each, individually, as a “Security.”

We also have participated in the preparation of the Registration Statement on Form S-3 (the “Registration Statement”) to which this opinion is an exhibit of which the prospectus (the “Prospectus”) is a part. The Securities will be offered in amounts, at prices and on terms to be determined in light of market conditions at the time of sale and to be set forth in supplements (each a “Prospectus Supplement”) to the Prospectus. Capitalized terms not defined in this letter shall have the meanings given to them in the Prospectus.

The Debt Securities will be issued in one or more series pursuant to (i) a senior indenture (the “Senior Debt Securities Indenture”) or (ii) a subordinated indenture (the “Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture” and, together with the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, the “Indentures” and each, individually, an “Indenture”), each Indenture to be entered into by the Company and a financial institution to be named therein, as trustee (the “Trustee”), substantially in the forms attached as Exhibits 4.2 and 4.3, respectively, to the Registration Statement, and each as the same may hereafter be modified or supplemented from time to time, among other things, at the time of and in connection with the issuance of one or more series of the Debt Securities.

Warrants to purchase Common Stock and Preferred Stock are collectively referred to herein as the “Stock Warrants.” Warrants to purchase Debt Securities are referred to herein as the “Debt Warrants.” The Stock Warrants and the Debt Warrants are collectively referred to herein as the “Securities Warrants.” The Stock Warrants will be issued under a stock warrant agreement (the “Stock Warrant Agreement”) between the Company and a financial institution to be determined, as stock warrant agent. The Debt Warrants will be issued under a debt warrant agreement (the “Debt Warrant Agreement”) between the Company and a financial institution to be determined, as debt warrant agent. The Stock Warrant Agreement and the Debt Warrant Agreement are collectively referred to herein as the “Warrant

Agreements.”

In rendering the opinions set forth below, we have examined and relied upon (i) the Registration Statement, including the Prospectus; (ii) the Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws of the Company; and (iii) the forms of the Indentures.

In connection with the foregoing, we also have examined originals or copies of such corporate records, as applicable, of the Company, certificates and other communications of public officials, certificates of officers of the Company and such other records, agreements, instruments and other documents as we have deemed necessary for the purpose of rendering the opinions expressed herein. As to questions of fact material to those opinions, we have, to the extent we deemed appropriate, relied on certificates of officers of the Company and on certificates and other communications of public officials. We have assumed the genuineness of all signatures on, and the authenticity of, all documents submitted to us as originals, the conformity to authentic original documents of all documents submitted to us as copies, the due authorization, execution and delivery by the parties thereto of all documents examined by us and the legal capacity of each individual who signed any of those documents.

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In rendering the opinions expressed below with respect to the Securities, we have assumed that:

- (1) the Registration Statement and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments) will have become effective and comply with all applicable laws;
- (2) a Prospectus Supplement with respect to each issued Security will have been prepared and filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") describing the corresponding Securities offered thereby;
- (3) all Securities will be issued and sold in compliance with applicable federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement, as amended and in effect, and the corresponding Prospectus Supplement;
- (4) a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to any Securities offered will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto;
- (5) the Restated Articles of Incorporation, as amended, and Bylaws of the Company will not have been amended in any manner that would affect any legal conclusion set forth herein, and the Statement of Resolution in respect of the Preferred Stock to which it applies will be in conformity therewith and with applicable law;
- (6) the consideration paid for any shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock will comply with Sections 21.160(a), 21.160(b) and 21.161(a) of the Texas Business Organizations Code, as amended, or any successor provision;
- (7) at the time of any offering or sale of Securities, the Company will have such number of shares of Common Stock or Preferred Stock, if applicable, as set forth in such offering or sale, authorized and available for issuance;
- (8) all Securities issuable upon conversion, exchange or exercise of any Security being offered will be duly authorized, created and, if appropriate, reserved for issuance upon such conversion, exchange or exercise;
- (9) each supplemental indenture to either Indenture pursuant to which any series of Debt Securities are issued will comply with such Indenture as theretofore supplemented and related to such series, and the form and terms of such Debt Securities will comply with such Indenture as then supplemented and related to such series (including by such supplemental indenture);
- (10) none of the terms of any Security to be established subsequent to the date hereof nor the issuance and delivery of such Security, nor the compliance by the Company with the terms of such Security, will violate any applicable law or will result in the violation of any provision of any instrument or agreement then binding on the Company or any restriction imposed by any court or governmental body having jurisdiction over the Company;
- (11) the receipt by each person to whom or for whose benefit a Security is to be issued (collectively, the "Holders") of a certificate for such Security or the receipt by an applicable depository, acting as agent, on behalf of all Holders of the class or series of Securities of which such Security is one, of a certified receipt or other writing then evidencing such Securities, and the issuance and sale of and payment for the Securities so acquired, are in accordance with the applicable purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board") and the Registration Statement, as amended and in effect (including the Prospectus and the applicable Prospectus Supplement); and

(12) for all purposes of our opinions herein expressed at all times material thereto there will be a single institution acting as Trustee for the holders of Debt Securities outstanding under the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, or the Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture, as the case may be.

Based upon the foregoing, and having regard for such legal considerations as we deem relevant, we are of the opinion that:

(i) With respect to authorized but unissued Common Stock, assuming (a) the taking by the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of such Common Stock, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) the due issuance and delivery of such Common Stock, upon payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, such Common Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

(ii) With respect to authorized but unissued Preferred Stock, assuming (a) the taking by the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance of a series of the Preferred Stock, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) the due issuance and delivery of such series of the Preferred Stock, upon payment therefor in accordance with the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board, such shares of the Preferred Stock will be validly issued, fully paid and nonassessable.

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(iii) With respect to any series of Debt Securities to be issued under the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, assuming (a) the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, all then existing and applicable supplements thereto and the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Debt Securities are issued, if any, executed and delivered at the time of and in connection with the issuance of such Debt Securities, have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and validly executed, delivered and authenticated by the Trustee, (b) the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, as then and theretofore supplemented, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (c) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to approve the Senior Debt Securities Indenture, the issuance and terms of such series of Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (d) the Debt Securities of such series have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Senior Debt Securities Indenture (as then supplemented and applicable) and the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement has been approved by the Board, upon payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, such series of Debt Securities will be legally issued and constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company.

(iv) With respect to any series of Debt Securities to be issued under the Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture, assuming (a) the Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture, all then existing and applicable supplements thereto and the supplemental indenture pursuant to which such Debt Securities are issued, if any, executed and delivered at the time of and in connection with the issuance of such Debt Securities, have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and validly executed, delivered and authenticated by the Trustee, (b) the Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture, as then and theretofore supplemented, has been duly qualified under the Trust Indenture Act of 1939, as amended, (c) the Company has taken all necessary corporate action to approve the Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture, the issuance and terms of such series of Debt Securities, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (d) the Debt Securities of such series have been duly executed, authenticated, issued and delivered in accordance with the terms of the Subordinated Debt Securities Indenture (as then supplemented and applicable) and the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement has been approved by the Board, upon payment (or delivery) of the consideration therefor provided for therein, such series of Debt Securities will be legally issued and constitute valid and legally binding obligations of the Company.

(v) With respect to the Warrants, assuming (a) the taking by the Board of all necessary corporate action to authorize and approve the issuance and terms of the Warrants, the terms of the offering thereof and related matters and (b) the due execution, issuance and delivery of the Warrants, upon payment of fair consideration or reasonably equivalent value therefor as provided for in the applicable definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement approved by the Board and otherwise in accordance with the applicable Warrant Agreement, such Warrants will be legally issued and constitute valid and binding obligations of the Company under applicable state law governing the Warrant Agreement.

The foregoing opinions are subject to the following:

(a) The enforceability of any document, instrument or Security may be limited or affected by (i) bankruptcy, insolvency, reorganization, moratorium, liquidation, rearrangement, fraudulent transfer, fraudulent conveyance and other similar laws (including court decisions) now or hereafter in effect and affecting the rights and remedies of creditors generally or providing for the relief of debtors, (ii) the refusal of a particular court to grant equitable remedies, including without limitation specific performance and injunctive relief, (iii) general principles of equity (regardless of whether such remedies are sought in a proceeding in equity or at law) and (iv) with respect to any Debt Securities denominated in a currency other than United States dollars, the requirement that a claim (or a foreign currency judgment in respect of such a claim) with respect to such Securities be converted to United States dollars at a rate of exchange prevailing on a date determined pursuant to applicable law or governmental authority.

(b) In rendering the foregoing opinions, we express no opinion as to the legality, validity, enforceability or binding effect of provisions of each of the referenced agreements relating to indemnities and rights of contribution to the extent prohibited by public policy or that might require indemnification for losses or expenses caused by negligence, gross negligence, willful misconduct, fraud or illegality of an indemnified party.

(c) We express no opinion as to any provision that (i) relates to severability or separability or (ii) purports to require all amendments, supplements or waivers to be in writing.

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This opinion speaks as of its date and we undertake no, and hereby disclaim any, duty to advise as to changes of fact or law coming to our attention after the delivery hereof on such date. For the purposes of the opinions expressed above, we have assumed that, at the time of the execution and delivery of each Indenture, each supplemental indenture and

each Warrant Agreement to be used in connection with an issuance of Warrants, and at the time of the issuance and delivery of each Security, (a) the Company will be validly existing and in good standing under the law of the State of Texas, it will have full power and authority to execute, deliver and perform its obligations under such Indenture, supplemental indenture, Warrant Agreement or Security, as the case may be, and there shall have occurred no change in applicable law (statutory or decisional), rule or regulation or in any other relevant fact or circumstance, that (in any such case) would adversely affect our ability to render at such time an opinion containing the same legal conclusions herein set forth and subject only to such (or fewer) assumptions, limitations and qualifications as are contained herein and (b) in the case of the Securities, at the time of issuance, execution and delivery thereof or of the instrument evidencing the same (i) the Registration Statement, and any amendments thereto (including post-effective amendments), will have become effective and will comply with all applicable laws, (ii) a Prospectus Supplement will have been prepared and filed with the SEC describing the Securities offered thereby, (iii) all Securities will have been issued and sold in compliance with applicable U.S. federal and state securities laws and in the manner stated in the Registration Statement, as amended and in effect, and the corresponding Prospectus Supplement and (iv) a definitive purchase, underwriting or similar agreement with respect to any Securities offered will have been duly authorized and validly executed and delivered by the Company and the other parties thereto.

The opinions expressed herein are limited exclusively to the federal laws of the United States of America, the laws of the State of New York and the laws of the State of Texas, and we are expressing no opinion as to the effect of the laws of any other jurisdiction.

We hereby consent to the references to this firm under the caption "Legal Matters" in the Prospectus and to the filing of this opinion as an exhibit to the Registration Statement. By giving such consent, we do not admit that we are within the category of persons whose consent is required under Section 7 of the Securities Act or the rules and regulations thereunder.

Very truly yours,

/s/ FULBRIGHT &  
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## Statement of Computation of Ratios

## Calculation of Ratios of Earnings to Fixed Charges

Ratio of earnings to fixed charges is computed by dividing income before taxes and fixed charges by fixed charges. Fixed charges consist of interest charges and interest portion of rent.

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(Loss) income before income taxes	\$(54,482)	\$ 42,284	\$ 28,897	\$ 19,404	\$ 8,615
Add:					
Interest expense	5,245	6,130	3,344	1,943	1,000
Interest portion of rent (1)	4,067	3,450	1,879	930	635
(Loss) earnings as defined	\$(45,170)	\$ 51,864	\$ 34,120	\$ 22,277	\$ 10,250
Interest expense	5,245	6,130	3,344	1,943	1,000
Interest portion of rent (1)	4,067	3,450	1,879	930	635
Fixed charges as defined	\$ 9,312	\$ 9,580	\$ 5,223	\$ 2,873	\$ 1,635
Ratio of (loss) earnings to fixed charges	(4.85)x(2)	5.41x	6.53x	7.75x	6.27x

## Calculation of Ratios of Earnings to Combined Fixed Charges and Preference Dividends

Ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends is computed by dividing income before taxes and fixed charges plus preference dividends.

	Fiscal Years Ending December 31,				
	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
(Loss) income before income taxes	\$(54,482)	\$ 42,284	\$ 28,897	\$ 19,404	\$ 8,615
Add:					
Interest expense	5,245	6,130	3,344	1,943	1,000
Interest portion of rent (1)	4,067	3,450	1,879	930	635
(Loss) earnings as defined	\$(45,170)	\$ 51,864	\$ 34,120	\$ 22,277	\$ 10,250
Interest expense	5,245	6,130	3,344	1,943	1,000
Interest portion of rent (1)	4,067	3,450	1,879	930	635
Preferred stock dividends	150	150	150	150	150
Total combined fixed charges and preference dividends as defined	\$ 9,462	\$ 9,730	\$ 5,373	\$ 3,023	\$ 1,785
Ratio of (loss) earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends	(4.77)x(3)	5.33x	6.35x	7.37x	5.74x



- (1) Represents one-third of total rent expense which we believe is a reasonable estimate of the interest component of rent expense.
- (2) The ratio of earnings to fixed charges was less than 1:1 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. In order to achieve a ratio of earnings to fixed charges of 1:1, we would have had to generate an additional \$54.5 million of earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.
- (3) The ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends was less than 1:1 for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009. In order to achieve a ratio of earnings to combined fixed charges and preference dividends of 1:1, we would have had to generate an additional \$54.6 million of earnings in the fiscal year ended December 31, 2009.

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CONSENT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

We hereby consent to the incorporation by reference in this Registration Statement on Form S-3 of our report dated March 23, 2010 relating to the financial statements and financial statement schedules, which appear in DXP Enterprises, Inc.'s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2009. We also consent to the reference to us under the heading "Experts" in such Registration Statement.

/s/ Hein & Associates LLP

Houston, Texas  
May 6, 2010

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