UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 8-K

CURRENT REPORT
Pursuant to Section 13 OR 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): June 20, 2016 (June 14, 2016)

ACI WORLDWIDE, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) 0-25346 (Commission File Number) 47-0772104 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3520 Kraft Rd, Suite 300 Naples, FL 34105 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (239) 403-4600

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report) N/A

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

(e) Adoption of 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan

On June 14, 2016, at the 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of ACI Worldwide, Inc. (the "Company"), the Company's stockholders approved the ACI Worldwide, Inc. 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). For a description of the terms and conditions of the Plan, see "Summary Description of the 2016 Incentive Plan" under "Proposal 4 – Approval of the 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan" in the Company's Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 28, 2016 (the "2016 Proxy Statement"), which description is incorporated herein by reference. This description of the Plan does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Plan, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

New Form of Director Restricted Share Award Agreement

A new form of Restricted Share Award Agreement – Nonemployee Directors has been adopted for use under the Plan. This new form award agreement is substantially similar to the form award agreement that was used under the Company's 2005 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan and is attached to this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.2 and incorporated herein by reference.

New Form of Change-in-Control Employment Agreement

On June 14, 2016, the Compensation and Leadership Development Committee of the Company's Board of Directors approved a new form of Change-in-Control Employment Agreement (the "<u>CIC Agreement</u>") for use with the Company's current Named Executive Officers (the "<u>NEOs</u>") identified in the 2016 Proxy Statement. It is expected that all of the NEOs, each of whom is currently a party to a change in control employment agreement with the Company, will execute the new form CIC Agreement. Upon execution, the CIC Agreements will replace and supersede the change in control employment agreements that are currently in place with the NEOs. The following description of the CIC Agreement does not purport to be complete and is qualified in its entirety by reference to the CIC Agreement, a copy of which is filed as Exhibit 10.3 to this Current Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference.

The CIC Agreement provides that the Company will employ the executive for a two-year period following a change in control (as defined in the CIC Agreement) (the "Employment Period"). During the Employment Period, the Company will (i) pay the executive a base salary equal to the highest annual rate of base salary paid or payable to the executive for the 12-month period prior to the change in control, (ii) award the executive for each fiscal period during the Employment Period total annual and quarterly bonus opportunities equal to at least the executive's target annual and quarterly bonus opportunities for the year in which the change in control occurs, and (iii) allow the executive opportunities to participate in the Company's incentive, savings and retirement plans to an extent no less favorable than opportunities provided for by the Company in the 120-day period prior to the effective date of any change in control.

The CIC Agreement also sets forth the obligations of the Company in the event the Executive's employment terminates during the Employment Period. The following is a summary of such obligations of the Company.

Termination of Employment Other than for Cause or by the Executive for Good Reason The CIC Agreement provides that if the executive's employment is terminated during the Employment Period other than for cause or the executive's death or disability, or the executive terminates employment for good reason, the executive will be entitled to receive from the Company certain payments and benefits, contingent upon the receipt of a release of claims as set forth in the CIC Agreement. These payments and benefits include (i) the lump sum of (a) the executive's unpaid current year annual base salary through the date of termination, a portion of current year bonus based on the current year target annual bonus, prorated through the date of termination and any accrued and unpaid vacation pay (together, the "Accrued Obligations"), plus (b) two or, in the case of Philip G. Heasley, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, only, three times, the sum of the annual base salary and target annual bonus; (ii) continued participation at the Company's cost in welfare benefits plans in which the executive would have been participating, for two or, in the case of Mr. Heasley only, three years, from the date of termination or until the executive receives equivalent benefits from a subsequent employer, in which case, welfare benefits plans provided pursuant to the CIC Agreement shall be secondary to those provided under such other plans during the

applicable period of eligibility; (iii) outplacement services at the Company's sole expense not to exceed \$50,000; (iv) any unpaid amounts that are vested benefits or that the executive is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any other contract or agreement with the Company or the affiliated companies at or subsequent to the date of termination (the "Other Benefits"); and (v) the executive shall become fully vested in, and entitled to immediately exercise all stock-based awards, other than certain excluded awards, granted to the executive under any plans or agreement of the Company.

<u>Death</u>. The CIC Agreement provides that if the executive's employment is terminated by reason of the executive's death the Company shall provide the executive's estate or beneficiaries with the Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under the CIC Agreement.

<u>Disability</u>. The CIC Agreement provides that if the executive's employment is terminated by reason of the executive's disability the Company shall provide the executive with the Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under the CIC Agreements.

Termination of Employment for Cause or by Executive other than for Good Reason. The CIC Agreement provides that if the executive's employment is terminated for cause the Company shall provide the executive with the executive's annual base salary through the date of termination, and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under the CIC Agreement. If the executive voluntarily terminates employment, excluding a termination for good reason, the Company shall provide to the executive the Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under the CIC Agreement.

No Tax Gross-Up. The CIC Agreement does not require the Company to pay the executive any gross up payments for excise taxes that may be imposed upon the executive as a result of any payments made pursuant to the CIC Agreement.

Item 5.07 Submission of Matters to a Vote of Security Holders.

The Company held its 2016 Annual Meeting of Stockholders on June 14, 2016. At the Annual Meeting, the stockholders voted on the following four proposals which are further described in the 2016 Proxy Statement.

Proposal 1: The stockholders elected each of the following ten nominees to the Board of Directors to hold office until the 2017 Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

Nominee	Votes For	Votes Withheld/Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
Janet O. Estep	104,624,899	1,493,038	4,117,388
James C. Hale	103,528,258	2,589,679	4,117,388
Philip G. Heasley	105,157,686	960,251	4,117,388
James C. McGroddy	104,359,225	1,758,712	4,117,388
Charles E. Peters, Jr.	105,203,720	914,217	4,117,388
David A. Poe	105,211,869	906,068	4,117,388
Adalio T. Sanchez	103,189,678	2,928,259	4,117,388
John M. Shay, Jr.	103,498,400	2,619,537	4,117,388
Jan H. Suwinski	102,275,614	3,842,323	4,117,388
Thomas W. Warsop III	103,188,967	2,928,970	4,117,388

Proposal 2: The stockholders ratified the appointment of Deloitte & Touche LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2016.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions
109,919,166	160,379	155,780

Proposal 3: The stockholders approved, on an advisory basis, the executive compensation as described in the 2016 Proxy Statement.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
73,001,537	32,969,394	147,005	4,117,389

Proposal 4: The stockholders approved the ACI Worldwide, Inc. 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan.

Votes For	Votes Against	Abstentions	Broker Non-Votes
93,221,636	12,815,418	80,881	4,117,390

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 10.1 ACI Worldwide, Inc. 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan
- 10.2 Form of Restricted Share Award Agreement Nonemployee Director for the Company's 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan
- 10.3 Form of Change-in-Control Employment Agreement

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ACI WORLDWIDE, INC.

Dated: June 20, 2016

By: /s/ Dennis P. Byrnes

Dennis P. Byrnes

Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, General Counsel and Secretary

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ACI WORLDWIDE, INC.

2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (Approved by the Stockholders June 14, 2016)

- 1. **PURPOSE.** The purpose of the 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan is to attract and retain directors, officers and other employees for ACI Worldwide, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and its Subsidiaries and to provide to such persons incentives and rewards for superior performance.
- 2. **DEFINITIONS.** As used in this Plan,
- (a) "Appreciation Right" means a right granted pursuant to Section 5 of this Plan, and will include both Tandem Appreciation Rights and Free-Standing Appreciation Rights.
- (b) "Award" means any Option, Appreciation Right, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units or Other Awards granted under this Plan.
- (c) "Award Agreement" means an agreement, certificate, resolution or other type or form of writing or other evidence approved by the Board that sets forth the terms and conditions of the Awards granted. An Award Agreement may be in an electronic medium, may be limited to notation on the books and records of the Company and, with the approval of the Board, need not be signed by a representative of the Company or a Participant.
- (d) "Base Price" means the price to be used as the basis for determining the Spread upon the exercise of a Free-Standing Appreciation Right and a Tandem Appreciation Right.
- (e) "Board" means the Board of Directors of the Company and, to the extent of any delegation by the Board to a committee (or subcommittee thereof) pursuant to Section 16 of this Plan, such committee (or subcommittee).
- (f) "CIC Agreement" means a Change-in-Control Employment Agreement that the Company may, as determined by the Board, enter into with certain Participants from time to time.
- (g) "Code" means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, and includes a reference to the underlying final regulations. A reference to any provision of the Code shall include reference to any successor provision of the Code.
- (h) "Common Shares" means the shares of Class A Common Stock, par value \$.005 per share, of the Company or any security into which such Common Shares may be changed by reason of any transaction or event of the type referred to in Section 12 of this Plan.
 - (i) "Company" means ACI Worldwide, Inc., a Delaware corporation formerly known as Transaction Systems Architects, Inc.
- (j) "Covered Employee" means a Participant who is, or is determined by the Board to be likely to become, a "covered employee" within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code or any successor provision.

- (k) "Date of Grant" means the date specified by the Board on which a grant of any Award under this Plan will become effective (which date will not be earlier than the date on which the Board takes action with respect thereto).
 - (1) "Director" means a member of the Board of Directors of the Company.
- (m) "Exchange Act" means the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, and the rules and regulations thereunder, as such law, rules and regulations may be amended from time to time.
- (n) "Free-Standing Appreciation Right" means an Appreciation Right granted pursuant to Section 5 of this Plan that is not granted in tandem with an Option.
- (o) "Incentive Stock Options" means Options that are intended to qualify as "incentive stock options" under Section 422 of the Code or any successor provision.
- (p) "Management Objectives" means the measurable performance objective or objectives established pursuant to this Plan for Participants who have received grants of Performance Shares or Performance Units or, when so determined by the Board, Options, Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, dividend credits and Other Awards pursuant to this Plan. Management Objectives may be described in terms of Company-wide objectives or objectives that are related to the performance of the individual Participant or of the Subsidiary, division, department, region or function within the Company or Subsidiary in which the Participant is employed. The Management Objectives may be made relative to the performance of other companies. The Management Objectives applicable to any Award to a Covered Employee will be based on specified levels of, or growth in, one or more of the following criteria, or any derivative thereof:
 - 1. cash flow/net assets ratio;
 - debt/capital ratio;
 - 3. return on total capital;
 - 4. return on equity;
 - 5. earnings per share;
 - revenue;
 - 7. total return to stockholders (which may be measured by stock price);
 - 8. backlog
 - 9. contribution margins;
 - 10. sales;
 - 11. bookings;
 - 12. contract value
 - 13. operating income; and
 - 14. earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization.

The Board may specify that such performance measures shall be adjusted to exclude any one or more of (i) nonrecurring or unusual items, (ii) gains or losses on the dispositions of discontinued operations, (iii) the cumulative effects of changes in accounting principles, (iv) the writedown of any asset, and (v) charges for restructuring and rationalization programs. If the Board determines that a change in the business, operations, corporate structure or capital structure of the Company, or the manner in which it conducts its business, or other events or circumstances render the Management Objectives unsuitable, the Board may in its discretion modify such Management Objectives or the related minimum acceptable level of achievement, in whole or in part, as the Board deems appropriate and equitable, except in the case of a Covered Employee where such action would result in the loss of the otherwise available

exemption of the Award under Section 162(m) of the Code. In such case, the Board will not make any modification of the Management Objectives or minimum acceptable level of achievement with respect to such Covered Employee.

- (q) "Non-Employee Director" means a person who is a "non-employee director" of the Company within the meaning of Rule 16b-3 of the Securities and Exchange Commission promulgated under the Exchange Act.
- (r) "Market Value per Share" means, as of any particular date, (i) the closing sale price (price for last trade) per Common Share as reported on the principal exchange on which Common Shares are then trading, if any, or, if applicable and provided that the Common Shares are not then-traded on such principal exchange, the NASDAQ Global Select Stock Market, or if there are no sales on such day, on the next preceding trading day during which a sale occurred, or (ii) if clause (i) does not apply, the fair market value of the Common Shares as determined by the Board.
 - (s) "Nonqualified Stock Option" means an Option that is not an Incentive Stock Option.
 - (t) "Optionee" means the optionee named in an Award Agreement evidencing an outstanding Option.
 - (u) "Option Price" means the purchase price payable on exercise of an Option.
- (v) "**Option**" means the right to purchase Common Shares upon exercise of an option granted pursuant to Section 4 or Section 9 of this Plan. An Option may be either an Incentive Stock Option or a Nonqualified Stock Option.
 - (w) "Other Award" means an award or bonus granted under Section 10 of this Plan.
- (x) "Participant" means a person who is selected by the Board to receive benefits under this Plan and who is at the time an officer, or other key employee of the Company or any one or more of its Subsidiaries, or who has agreed to commence serving in any of such capacities within 90 days of the Date of Grant, and will also include each Non-Employee Director who receives an Award under this Plan.
- (y) "**Performance Period**" means, in respect of a Performance Share or Performance Unit or Qualified Performance-Based Award, a period of time established pursuant to Section 8 or Section 9, respectively, of this Plan within which the Management Objectives relating to such Performance Share, Performance Unit or Qualified Performance-Based Award are to be achieved.
- (z) "Performance Share" means a bookkeeping entry that records the equivalent of one Common Share awarded pursuant to Section 8 or Section 9 of this Plan.
 - (aa) "Performance Unit" means a bookkeeping entry that records a unit equivalent to \$1.00 awarded pursuant to Section 8 or Section 9 of this Plan.
 - (bb) "Plan" means this ACI Worldwide, Inc. 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan, as amended.
- (cc) "Qualified Performance-Based Award" means an Award that is either (i) intended to qualify for a Section 162(m) Exemption, and is made subject to the performance of certain Management Objectives, or (ii) an Option or Appreciation Right.

- (dd) "Restricted Stock" means Common Shares granted or sold pursuant to Section 6 or Section 9 of this Plan as to which neither the substantial risk of forfeiture nor the prohibition on transfers has expired.
- (ee) "Restriction Period" means the period of time during which Restricted Stock Units are subject to deferral, a substantial risk of forfeiture (based on the passage of time, the achievement of performance goals, or upon the occurrence of other events as determined by the Board, in its discretion) and other restrictions on transfer, as provided in Section 7 or Section 9 of this Plan.
- (ff) "Restricted Stock Unit" means an award made pursuant to Section 7 or Section 9 of this Plan of the right to receive Common Shares or cash at the end of a specified period.
- (gg) "Section 162(m) Exemption" means the exemption from the limitation on deductibility imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code or any successor provision thereto.
- (hh) "**Spread**" means the excess of the Market Value per Share on the date when an Appreciation Right is exercised, or on the date when Options are surrendered in payment of the Option Price of other Options, over the Option Price or Base Price provided for in the related Option or Appreciation Right, respectively.
- (ii) "Subsidiary" means a corporation, company or other entity (i) more than 50 percent of whose outstanding shares or securities (representing the right to vote for the election of directors or other managing authority) are, or (ii) which does not have outstanding shares or securities (as may be the case in a partnership, joint venture or unincorporated association), but more than 50 percent of whose ownership interest representing the right generally to make decisions for such other entity is, now or hereafter, owned or controlled, directly or indirectly, by the Company; except that, for purposes of determining whether any person may be a Participant for purposes of any grant of Incentive Stock Options, "Subsidiary" means any corporation in which at the time the Company owns or controls, directly or indirectly, more than 50 percent of the total combined voting power represented by all classes of stock issued by such corporation.
 - (jj) "Tandem Appreciation Right" means an Appreciation Right granted pursuant to Section 5 of this Plan that is granted in tandem with an Option.

3. SHARES AVAILABLE UNDER THE PLAN; INDIVIDUAL PARTICIPANT LIMITS

(a) **Number of Shares**. Subject to adjustment as provided in Section 3(b) and Section 12 of this Plan, the maximum number of Common Shares that may be issued or transferred to Participants and their beneficiaries in connection with Awards granted under the Plan shall be equal to the sum of: (i) 8,000,000 Common Shares plus any shares described in Section 3(b), and (ii) any Common Shares that are represented by options granted under the Company's 2005 Equity and Incentive Plan (the "Prior Plan") which are forfeited, expire or are canceled without delivery of Common Shares or which result in the forfeiture or relinquishment of Common Shares back to the Company. Such shares may be shares of original issuance or treasury shares or a combination of the foregoing.

(b) Share Calculation.

(i) To the extent that an Award is canceled, terminates, expires, is forfeited or lapses for any reason, any unissued Common Shares subject to the Award will again be available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan.

- (ii) Common Shares subject to Awards settled in cash will again be available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan.
- (iii) Shares surrendered or relinquished upon the payment of any Option Price for Options granted under this Plan or the Prior Plan by transfer to the Company of Common Shares or upon satisfaction of any withholding amount will again be available for issuance pursuant to Awards granted under this Plan.
- (iv) The number of shares available in Section 3(a) shall not be reduced to reflect any dividends or dividend equivalents that are reinvested into additional Common Shares or credited as additional Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares or Performance Units.
- (v) If, under this Plan, a Participant has given up the right to receive compensation in exchange for Common Shares based on fair market value, such Common Shares will not count against the number of shares available in Section 3(a) above.
- (c) **Individual Limits**. Notwithstanding anything in this Section 3, or elsewhere in this Plan to the contrary and subject to adjustment as provided in Section 12 of this Plan:
- (i) the aggregate number of Common Shares actually issued or transferred by the Company upon the exercise of Incentive Stock Options will not exceed 8,000,000 Common Shares;
- (ii) no Participant will be granted Options, Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, or Other Awards under this Plan, in the aggregate, for more than 3,000,000 Common Shares during any calendar year; and
- (iii) notwithstanding any other provision of this Plan to the contrary, in no event will any Participant in any calendar year receive an award of Performance Shares or Performance Units having an aggregate maximum value as of their respective Dates of Grant in excess of \$9,000,000.
- (d) **Exclusion from Minimum Vesting Requirements**. Notwithstanding anything in this Plan to the contrary, up to 5% of the available Common Shares, as may be adjusted under Section 12 of this Plan, may be used for awards granted under Section 4 or Section 5 of this Plan that do not at grant comply with the applicable one-year minimum vesting period requirements set forth in such sections of this Plan.
- 4. **OPTIONS.** The Board may, from time to time and upon such terms and conditions as it may determine, authorize the granting to Participants of Options to purchase Common Shares. Each such grant may utilize any or all of the authorizations, and will be subject to all of the requirements contained in the following provisions:
- (a) **Type of Options and Eligibility**. Options granted under this Plan may be (i) Incentive Stock Options (ii) Nonqualified Stock Options, or (iii) combinations of the foregoing. Incentive Stock Options may only be granted to Participants who meet the definition of "employees" under Section 3401(c) of the Code.
- (b) **Number of Shares**. Each grant will specify the number of Common Shares to which it pertains subject to the limitations set forth in Section 3 of this Plan.

- (c) Exercise Price. Each grant will specify an Option Price per share, which may not be less than the Market Value per Share on the Date of Grant.
- (d) **Exercise Terms and Expiration.** An Option will be exercisable in accordance with such terms and conditions and during such periods established by the Board and set forth in the Award Agreement; <u>provided, however</u>, no Option will be exercisable more than 10 years from the Date of Grant.

(e) Special Terms for Incentive Stock Options.

- (i) Notwithstanding anything contained herein to the contrary, the aggregate Market Value per Share with respect to which Incentive Stock Options are exercisable for the first time by a Participant during any calendar year (under all incentive stock option plans of the Company or any Subsidiary) shall not exceed \$100,000 or such other limit set forth in the Code, as amended.
- (ii) No Incentive Stock Option shall be granted to an employee who, at the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted, owns (actually or constructively under the provisions of Section 424(d) of the Code) stock possessing more than 10% of the total combined voting power of all classes of stock of the Company or any Subsidiary, unless the Option Price is at least 110% of the Market Value per Share (determined as of the time the Incentive Stock Option is granted) of Common Shares subject to the Incentive Stock Option and the Incentive Stock Option by its terms is not exercisable more than five (5) years from the Date of Grant.
- (iii) To the extent that any provision of this Plan would prevent any Option that was intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option from qualifying as such, that provision will be null and void with respect to such Option. Such provision, however, will remain in effect for other Options and there will be no further effect on any provision of this Plan.

(f) Payment.

- (i) Each grant will specify whether the Option Price will be payable (i) in cash or by check acceptable to the Company or by wire transfer of immediately available funds, (ii) by the actual or constructive transfer to the Company of Common Shares owned by the Optionee for at least 6 months (or other consideration authorized pursuant to Section 4(f)(ii)) having a value at the time of exercise equal to the total Option Price, or (iii) by a combination of such methods of payment.
- (ii) The Board may determine, at or after the Date of Grant, that payment of the Option Price of any Nonqualified Stock Option may also be made in whole or in part in the form of Restricted Stock or other Common Shares that are forfeitable or subject to restrictions on transfer, or in the form of Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares (based, in each case, on the Market Value per Share on the date of exercise), other Options (based on the Spread on the date of exercise) or Performance Units. Unless otherwise determined by the Board at or after the Date of Grant, whenever any Option Price is paid in whole or in part by means of any of the forms of consideration specified in this Section 4(f)(ii), the Common Shares received upon the exercise of the Options will be subject to such risks of forfeiture or restrictions on transfer as may correspond to any that apply to the consideration surrendered, but only to the extent, determined with respect to the consideration surrendered, of (A) the number of shares or Performance Shares, (B) the Spread of any unexercisable portion of Options, or (C) the stated value of Performance Units.

- (iii) The Board reserves the discretion at or after the Date of Grant to provide for (a) the payment of a cash bonus at the time of exercise; (b) the availability of a loan at exercise; and (c) the right to tender in satisfaction of the Option Price nonforfeitable, unrestricted Common Shares, which are already owned by the Optionee and have a value at the time of exercise that is equal to the Option Price.
- (iv) To the extent permitted by law, any grant may provide for deferred payment of the Option Price from the proceeds of sale through a bank or broker on a date satisfactory to the Company of some or all of the shares to which such exercise relates.

(g) General.

- (i) Successive grants may be made to the same Participant whether or not any Options previously granted to such Participant remain unexercised.
- (ii) Each grant will specify the period or periods of continuous service by the Optionee with the Company or any Subsidiary that is necessary before the Options or installments thereof will become exercisable; <u>provided, however</u>, except as otherwise described in Section 3(d) of this Plan and this subsection, no Options may become exercisable sooner than the first anniversary of the Date of Grant of such Options. A grant of Options may provide for the earlier exercise of such Options in the event of the termination of the Optionee's employment for any reason or a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (iii) The exercise of an Option will result in the cancellation on a share- for-share basis of any Tandem Appreciation Right authorized under Section 5 of this Plan.
 - (iv) Any grant of Options may specify Management Objectives that must be achieved as a condition to the exercise of such rights.
- (h) Award Agreement. Each grant of Options will be evidenced by an Award Agreement and will contain such terms and provisions, consistent with this Plan, as the Board may approve.

5. APPRECIATION RIGHTS.

- (a) **Types of Appreciation Rights.** The Board may authorize the granting of (i) Tandem Appreciation Rights in respect of Options granted hereunder to any Optionee, and (ii) Free-Standing Appreciation Rights to any Participant. Each grant of Appreciation Rights may utilize any or all of the authorizations, and will be subject to all of the requirements, contained in the following provisions.
- (b) **Tandem Appreciation Rights.** A "**Tandem Appreciation Right**" will be a right of the Optionee, exercisable by surrender of the related Option, to receive from the Company an amount determined by the Board, which will be expressed as a percentage of the Spread (not exceeding 100 percent) at the time of exercise. Tandem Appreciation Rights may be granted at any time prior to the exercise or termination of the related Options; <u>provided, however</u>, that a Tandem Appreciation Right awarded in relation to an Incentive Stock Option must be granted concurrently with such Incentive Stock Option.
- (i) Any grant of Tandem Appreciation Rights will provide that such Tandem Appreciation Rights may be exercised only at a time when the related Option is also exercisable and at a time when the Spread is positive, and by surrender of the related Option for cancellation.

- (c) Free-Standing Appreciation Rights. A "Free-Standing Appreciation Right" will be a right of the Participant to receive from the Company an amount determined by the Board, which will be expressed as a percentage of the Spread (not exceeding 100 percent) at the time of exercise.
- (i) Each grant will specify in respect of each Free-Standing Appreciation Right a Base Price, which will be equal to or greater than the Market Value per Share on the day immediately preceding the Date of Grant;
- (ii) Successive grants may be made to the same Participant regardless of whether any Free-Standing Appreciation Rights previously granted to the Participant remain unexercised; and
 - (iii) No Free-Standing Appreciation Right granted under this Plan may be exercised more than 10 years from the Date of Grant.

(d) Payment.

- (i) Any grant may specify that the amount payable on exercise of an Appreciation Right may be paid by the Company in cash, in Common Shares or in any combination thereof and may either grant to the Participant or retain in the Board the right to elect among those alternatives.
- (ii) Any grant may specify that the amount payable on exercise of an Appreciation Right may not exceed a maximum specified by the Board at the Date of Grant.

(e) General.

- (i) Each grant may specify the period or periods of continuous service by the Participant with the Company or any Subsidiary that is necessary before the Appreciation Rights or installments thereof will become exercisable; <u>provided however</u>, except as otherwise described in Section 3(d) of this Plan or this subsection, no grant of Appreciation Rights may become exercisable sooner than first anniversary of the Date of Grant of such Appreciation Rights. A grant of Appreciation Rights may provide for the earlier exercise of such Appreciation Rights, in the event of the termination of the Participant's employment for any reason or a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (ii) Any grant may specify that such Appreciation Right may be exercised only in the event of, or earlier in the event of, a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (iii) Any grant of Appreciation Rights may specify Management Objectives that must be achieved as a condition of the exercise of such Appreciation Rights.
- (f) **Award Agreement.** Each grant of Appreciation Rights will be evidenced by an Award Agreement, which Award Agreement will describe such Appreciation Rights, identify the related Options (if applicable), and contain such other terms and provisions, consistent with this Plan, as the Board may approve.
- 6. **RESTRICTED STOCK.** The Board may also authorize the grant or sale of Restricted Stock to Participants. Each such grant or sale may utilize any or all of the authorizations, and will be subject to all of the requirements, contained in the following provisions.

- (a) **Ownership**. Each such grant or sale will constitute an immediate transfer of the ownership of Common Shares to the Participant in consideration of the performance of services, entitling such Participant to voting, dividend and other ownership rights, but subject to the substantial risk of forfeiture and restrictions on transfer hereinafter referred to.
- (b) **Consideration**. Each such grant or sale may be made without additional consideration or in consideration of a payment by such Participant that is less than the Market Value per Share at the Date of Grant.

(c) Substantial Risk of Forfeiture.

- (i) Each such grant or sale will provide that the Restricted Stock covered by such grant or sale will be subject to a "substantial risk of forfeiture" within the meaning of Section 83 of the Code for a period of not less than one year to be determined by the Board at the Date of Grant and may provide for the earlier lapse of such substantial risk of forfeiture in the event of a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (ii) Each such grant or sale will provide that during the period for which such substantial risk of forfeiture is to continue, the transferability of the Restricted Stock will be prohibited or restricted in the manner and to the extent prescribed by the Board at the Date of Grant (which restrictions may include, without limitation, rights of repurchase or first refusal in the Company or provisions subjecting the Restricted Stock to a continuing substantial risk of forfeiture in the hands of any transferee).

(d) General.

- (i) Any grant of Restricted Stock may specify Management Objectives that, if achieved, will result in termination or early termination of the restrictions applicable to such Restricted Stock. Each grant may specify in respect of such Management Objectives a minimum acceptable level of achievement and may set forth a formula for determining the number of shares of Restricted Stock on which restrictions will terminate if performance is at or above the minimum level, but falls short of full achievement of the specified Management Objectives.
- (ii) Unless otherwise directed by the Board, all certificates representing shares of Restricted Stock will be held in custody by the Company until all restrictions thereon will have lapsed, together with a stock power or powers executed by the Participant in whose name such certificates are registered, endorsed in blank and covering such Shares.
- (e) Award Agreement. Each grant or sale of Restricted Stock will be evidenced by an Award Agreement and will contain such terms and provisions, consistent with this Plan, as the Board may approve.
- 7. **RESTRICTED STOCK UNITS.** The Board may also authorize the granting or sale of Restricted Stock Units to Participants. Each such grant or sale may utilize any or all of the authorizations, and will be subject to all of the requirements contained in the following provisions.

(a) Payment.

(i) Each such grant or sale will constitute the agreement by the Company to deliver Common Shares or cash to the Participant in the future in consideration of the performance of services, but subject to the fulfillment of such conditions during the Restriction Period as the Board may specify.

(ii) Each such grant or sale may be made without additional consideration or in consideration of a payment by such Participant that is less than the Market Value per Share at the Date of Grant.

(b) Restriction Period.

- (i) Each such grant or sale will be subject to a Restriction Period, as determined by the Board at the Date of Grant, and may provide for the earlier lapse or other modification of such Restriction Period in the event of a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (ii) During the Restriction Period, the Participant will have no right to transfer any rights under his or her Award and will have no rights of ownership in the Restricted Stock Units and will have no right to vote them.
- (c) **Award Agreement**. Each grant or sale of Restricted Stock Units will be evidenced by an Award Agreement and will contain such terms and provisions, consistent with this Plan, as the Board may approve.
- 8. **PERFORMANCE SHARES AND PERFORMANCE UNITS.** The Board may also authorize the granting of Performance Shares and Performance Units that will become payable to a Participant upon achievement of specified Management Objectives during the Performance Period. Each such grant may utilize any or all of the authorizations, and will be subject to all of the requirements, contained in the following provisions.
- (a) **Shares and Units**. Each grant will specify the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units to which it pertains, which number may be subject to adjustment to reflect changes in compensation or other factors; <u>provided, however</u>, that no such adjustment will be made in the case of a Covered Employee where such action would result in the loss of the otherwise available exemption of the Award under Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (b) **Performance Period.** The Performance Period with respect to each Performance Share or Performance Unit will be such period of time, commencing with the Date of Grant as will be determined by the Board at the time of grant, which may be subject to earlier lapse or other modification in the event of a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (c) Achievement of Management Objectives. Any grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units will specify Management Objectives which, if achieved, will result in payment or early payment of the Award, and each grant may specify in respect of such specified Management Objectives a minimum acceptable level of achievement and will set forth a formula for determining the number of Performance Shares or Performance Units that will be earned if performance is at or above the minimum level, but falls short of full achievement of the specified Management Objectives. The grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units will specify that, before the Performance Shares or Performance Units will be earned and paid, the Board must certify that the Management Objectives have been satisfied.

(d) Payment.

- (i) Each grant will specify the time and manner of payment of Performance Shares or Performance Units that have been earned.
- (ii) Any grant may specify that the amount payable with respect thereto may be paid by the Company in cash, in Common Shares or in any combination thereof and may either grant to the Participant or retain in the Board the right to elect among those alternatives.
- (iii) Any grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units may specify that the amount payable or the number of Common Shares issued with respect thereto may not exceed a maximum specified by the Board at the Date of Grant.
- (e) **Award Agreement**. Each grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units will be evidenced by an Award Agreement and will contain such other terms and provisions, consistent with this Plan, as the Board may approve.
- 9. **AWARDS TO NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTORS.** The Board may authorize the grant or sale of any Award available under this Plan to Non-Employee Directors, from time to time, upon such terms and conditions as it may determine and subject to the terms and conditions pertaining to the type of Award granted, as described in this Plan.
- (a) **Payment for Options**. Options may be exercised by a Non-Employee Director only upon payment to the Company in full of the Option Price of the Common Shares to be delivered. Such payment will be made in cash or in Common Shares then owned by the Optionee for at least six months, or in a combination of cash and such Common Shares.
- (b) **Employee Status.** If a Non-Employee Director subsequently becomes an employee of the Company or a Subsidiary while remaining a member of the Board, any Options held under the Plan by such individual at the time of such commencement of employment will not be affected thereby.
- (c) **Director Compensation Substitution.** Non-Employee Directors, pursuant to this Section 9, may be awarded, or may be permitted to elect to receive, pursuant to procedures established by the Board, all or any portion of their annual retainer, meeting fees or other fees in Common Shares in lieu of cash.
- (d) **Award Agreement.** Each grant of Awards pursuant to this Section 9 will be evidenced by an Award Agreement and will contain such other terms and provisions, consistent with this Plan, as the Board may approve.

10. OTHER AWARDS.

(a) Other Awards. The Board may, subject to limitations under applicable law, grant to any Participant such other awards that may be denominated or payable in, valued in whole or in part by reference to, or otherwise based on, or related to, Common Shares or factors that may influence the value of such shares, including, without limitation, convertible or exchangeable debt securities, other rights convertible or exchangeable into Common Shares, purchase rights for Common Shares, Awards with value and payment contingent upon performance of the Company or specified Subsidiaries, affiliates or other business units thereof or any other factors designated by the Board, and Awards valued by reference to the book value of Common Shares or the value of securities of, or the performance of specified

Subsidiaries or affiliates or other business units of the Company. The Board shall determine the terms and conditions of such Other Awards. Common Shares delivered pursuant to an Award in the nature of a purchase right granted under this Section 10 shall be purchased for such consideration, paid for at such time, by such methods, and in such forms, including, without limitation, cash, Common Shares, other awards, notes or other property, as the Board shall determine.

- (b) **Cash Awards**. Cash awards, as an element of or supplement to any other award granted under this Plan, may also be granted pursuant to this Section 10.
- (c) **Share Bonus.** The Board may grant Common Shares as a bonus, or may grant other awards in lieu of obligations of the Company or a Subsidiary to pay cash or deliver other property under this Plan or under other plans or compensatory arrangements, subject to such terms as shall be determined by the Board.

11. TRANSFERABILITY.

(a) Limits on Transferability. Except for transfers of Awards to the Company pursuant to Section 4(f)(ii), or as provided in Section 11(b) below, no Option, Appreciation Right or other derivative security granted under the Plan shall be transferable by the Participant except by will or the laws of descent and distribution or, except with respect to an Incentive Stock Option, pursuant to a domestic relations order (within the meaning of Rule 16a-12 promulgated under the Exchange Act). Except as otherwise determined by the Board, Options and Appreciation Rights will be exercisable during the Participant's lifetime only by him or her or, in the event of the Participant's legal incapacity to do so, by his or her guardian or legal representative acting on behalf of the Participant in a fiduciary capacity under state law and / or court supervision.

(b) Beneficiary Designations.

- (i) Notwithstanding Section 11(a) above, an Option, Appreciation Right or other derivative security granted under the Plan may be transferable upon the death of the Participant, without payment of consideration therefor, to any one or more family members (as defined in the General Instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933) of the Participant, as may have been designated in writing by the Participant by means of a form of beneficiary designation approved by the Company. Such beneficiary designation may be made at any time by the Participant and shall be effective when it is filed, prior to the death of the Participant, with the Company. Any beneficiary designation may be changed by the filing of a new beneficiary designation, which will cancel any beneficiary designation previously filed with the Company.
- (ii) Notwithstanding Section 11(a) above, an Option, Appreciation Right or other derivative security granted under the Plan may be transferable by the Participant without payment of consideration therefor, to any one or more family members (as defined in the General Instructions to Form S-8 under the Securities Act of 1933) of the Participant; provided, however, that such transfer will not be effective until notice of such transfer is delivered to the Company; and provided, further, however, that any such transferee is subject to the same terms and conditions hereunder as the Participant.
- (c) Additional Restrictions on Transfer. The Board may specify at the Date of Grant that part or all of the Common Shares that are (i) to be issued or transferred by the Company upon the exercise of Options or Appreciation Rights, upon the termination of the Restriction Period applicable to Restricted Stock Units or upon payment under any grant of Performance Shares or Performance Units or (ii) no longer subject to the substantial risk of forfeiture and restrictions on transfer referred to in Section 6 of this Plan, will be subject to further restrictions on transfer.

12. ADJUSTMENTS.

- (a) **Outstanding Awards.** The Board shall make or provide for such adjustments in the number of Common Shares covered by outstanding Options, Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock Units, and Performance Shares granted hereunder and, if applicable, in the number of Common Shares covered by Other Awards, in the Option Price and Base Price provided in outstanding Options and Appreciation Rights, and in the kind of shares covered thereby, as the Board, in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, determines is equitably required to prevent dilution or enlargement of the rights of Participants or Optionees that otherwise would result from (a) any stock dividend, stock split, combination of shares, recapitalization, reclassification or other change in the capital structure of the Company, or (b) any merger, consolidation, spin-off, split-off, spin-out, split-up, reorganization, partial or complete liquidation or other distribution of assets, issuance of rights or warrants to purchase securities, or (c) any other corporate transaction or event having an effect similar to any of the foregoing. Moreover, in the event of any such transaction or event, the Board, in its discretion, may provide in substitution for any or all outstanding Awards under this Plan such alternative consideration as it, in good faith, may determine to be equitable in the circumstances and may require in connection therewith the surrender of all Awards so replaced.
- (b) **Share Limitations.** The Board shall also make or provide for such adjustments in the number and kind of Common Shares specified in Section 3 of this Plan as the Board in its sole discretion, exercised in good faith, may determine is appropriate to reflect any transaction or event described in this Section 12; <u>provided, however</u>, that any such adjustment to the number specified in Section 3(c)(i) will be made only if and to the extent that such adjustment would not cause any Option intended to qualify as an Incentive Stock Option to fail so to qualify.
- 13. **FRACTIONAL SHARES.** The Company will not be required to issue any fractional Common Shares pursuant to this Plan. The Board may provide for the elimination of fractions or for the settlement of fractions in cash.
- 14. **WITHHOLDING TAXES.** To the extent that the Company is required to withhold federal, state, local or foreign taxes in connection with any payment made or benefit realized by a Participant or other person under this Plan, and the amounts available to the Company for such withholding are insufficient, it will be a condition to the receipt of such payment or the realization of such benefit that the Participant or such other person make arrangements satisfactory to the Company for payment of the balance of such taxes required to be withheld, which arrangements (in the discretion of the Board) may include relinquishment of a portion of such benefit.
- 15. **FOREIGN EMPLOYEES.** In order to facilitate the making of any grant or combination of grants under this Plan, the Board may provide for such special terms for Awards to Participants who are foreign nationals or who are employed by the Company or any Subsidiary outside of the United States of America or who provide services to the Company under an agreement with a foreign nation or agency, as the Board may consider necessary or appropriate to accommodate differences in local law, tax policy or custom. Moreover, the Board may approve such supplements to or amendments, restatements or alternative versions of this Plan as it may consider necessary or appropriate for such purposes, without thereby affecting the terms of this Plan as in effect for any other purpose, and the Secretary or other appropriate officer of the Company may certify any such document as having been approved and adopted in the same manner as this Plan. No such special terms, supplements, amendments or restatements, however, will include any provisions that are inconsistent with the terms of this Plan as then in effect unless this Plan could have been amended to eliminate such inconsistency without further approval by the stockholders of the Company.

16. ADMINISTRATION OF THE PLAN.

- (a) **Board or Committee.** This Plan will be administered by the Board, which may from time to time delegate all or any part of its authority under this Plan to the Compensation Committee of the Board (or a subcommittee thereof), as constituted from time to time; <u>provided, however</u>, such committee shall consist of two or more members of the Board, all of whom shall qualify as an "outside director" pursuant to Section 162(m) of the Code and a "Non-Employee Director." To the extent of any such delegation, references in this Plan to the Board will be deemed to be references to such committee or subcommittee. A majority of the committee (or subcommittee) will constitute a quorum, and the action of the members of the committee (or subcommittee) present at any meeting at which a quorum is present, or acts unanimously approved in writing, will be the acts of the committee (or subcommittee).
- (b) **Interpretation and Construction.** The interpretation and construction by the Board of any provision of this Plan or of any agreement, notification or document evidencing the grant of Options, Appreciation Rights, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Shares, Performance Units or Other Awards and any determination by the Board pursuant to any provision of this Plan or of any such agreement, notification or document will be final and conclusive. No member of the Board will be liable for any such action or determination made in good faith.
- (c) **Delegation.** The Board or, to the extent of any delegation as provided in Section 16(a), the committee, may delegate to one or more of its members or to one or more officers of the Company, or to one or more agents or advisors, such administrative duties or powers as it may deem advisable, and the Board, the committee, or any person to whom duties or powers have been delegated as aforesaid, may employ one or more persons to render advice with respect to any responsibility the Board, the committee or such person may have under the Plan. The Board or the committee may, by resolution, authorize one or more officers of the Company to do one or both of the following on the same basis as the Board or the committee: (i) designate employees to be recipients of Awards under this Plan; and (b) determine the size of any such Awards; <u>provided, however</u>, that (A) the Board or the Committee shall not delegate such responsibilities to any such officer for Awards granted to an employee who is an officer, Director, or more than 10% beneficial owner of any class of the Company's equity securities that is registered pursuant to Section 11 of the Exchange Act, as determined by the Board in accordance with Section 16 of the Exchange Act; (B) the resolution providing for such authorization sets forth the total number of Common Shares such officer(s) may grant; and (iii) the officer(s) shall report periodically to the Board or the committee, as the case may be, regarding the nature and scope of the Awards granted pursuant to the authority delegated.
- (d) No Other Awards. The terms of the Plan govern all Awards granted under the Plan, and in no event will the Board have the power to grant any Award under the Plan that is contrary to any of the provisions of the Plan.

17. AMENDMENTS.

(a) **Right to Amend the Plan.** The Board may at any time and from time to time amend the Plan in whole or in part; <u>provided, however</u>, that any amendment which must be approved by the stockholders of the Company in order to comply with applicable law or the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market's National Market or, if the Common Shares are not traded on the NASDAQ Stock Market's National Market, the principal national securities exchange upon which the Common Shares are traded or quoted, will not be effective unless and until such approval has been obtained.

- (b) No Re-Pricing of Options or Appreciation Rights. The Board will not, without the further approval of the stockholders of the Company, authorize the amendment of any outstanding Option to reduce the Option Price or any outstanding Appreciation Right to reduce the Base Price. Furthermore, no Option or Appreciation Right will be exchanged for cash or cancelled and replaced with Awards having a lower Option Price or Base Price, as applicable, without further approval of the stockholders of the Company. This Section 17(b) is intended to prohibit the repricing of "underwater" Options and Appreciation Rights and will not be construed to prohibit the adjustments provided for in Section 12 of this Plan.
- (c) **Amendments to Awards**. The Board may amend the terms of any Award theretofore granted under this Plan prospectively or retroactively, but subject to Section 12 above, no such amendment shall impair the rights of any holder without his or her consent.
- 18. ACCELERATION OF VESTING UPON TERMINATION OF EMPLOYMENT. In case of termination of employment by reason of death, disability or normal or early retirement, or in the case of an unforeseeable emergency or other special circumstances, of a Participant who holds an Option or Appreciation Right not immediately exercisable in full, or any shares of Restricted Stock as to which the substantial risk of forfeiture or the prohibition or restriction on transfer has not lapsed, or any Restricted Stock Units as to which the Restriction Period has not been completed, or any Performance Shares or Performance Units which have not been fully earned, or any Other Awards subject to any vesting schedule or transfer restriction, or who holds Common Shares subject to any transfer restriction imposed pursuant to Section 11(b) of this Plan, the Board may, in its sole discretion, accelerate the time at which such Option, Appreciation Right or Other Award may be exercised or the time at which such substantial risk of forfeiture or prohibition or restriction on transfer will lapse or the time when such Restriction Period will end or the time at which such Performance Shares or Performance Units will be deemed to have been fully earned or the time when such transfer restriction will terminate or may waive any other limitation or requirement under any such Award.
- 19. **GOVERNING LAW.** The Plan and all Awards, grants and actions taken thereunder shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the internal substantive laws of the State of Delaware.
- 20. **TERMINATION OF THE PLAN.** The Plan shall be effective as of the date it is approved by both the Board and the stockholders of the Company. The Board may, in its discretion, terminate this Plan at any time. No grant will be made under this Plan after June 14, 2026, but all grants made on or prior to such date will continue in effect thereafter subject to the terms thereof and of this Plan. Termination of this Plan will not affect the rights of Participants or their successors under any Awards outstanding hereunder and not exercised in full on the date of termination.

21. PROVISIONS APPLICABLE TO ALL AWARDS.

- (a) Dividends and Dividend Equivalents.
- (i) The Board may, at or after the Date of Grant of an Award (other than Incentive Stock Options), provide the Participant the right to receive dividends or dividend equivalents which may be either paid on a current, deferred or contingent basis or credited to an account for the Participant.
 - (ii) With respect to Restricted Stock, the Board may require that any or all

dividends or other distributions paid thereon during the period of time for which such Restricted Stock is subject to substantial risk of forfeiture or other transfer restriction be automatically deferred and reinvested in additional shares of Restricted Stock, which may be subject to the same restrictions as the underlying Restricted Stock.

- (iii) Any dividends or dividend equivalents may be settled in cash, Common Shares or a combination of both as determined in the Board's sole discretion.
- (b) **Deferrals**. The Board may permit Participants to elect to defer the issuance of Common Shares or the settlement of Awards in cash under the Plan pursuant to such rules, procedures or programs as it may establish for purposes of this Plan. The Board also may provide that deferred issuances and settlements include the payment or crediting of dividend equivalents or interest on the deferral amounts.
- (c) **Surrender or Deferral of Compensation.** The Board may condition the grant of any Award or combination of Awards authorized under this Plan on the surrender or deferral by the Participant of his or her right to receive a cash bonus or other compensation otherwise payable by the Company or a Subsidiary to the Participant.

(d) Qualified Performance-Based Awards.

- (i) The provisions of the Plan are intended to ensure that all Options and Appreciation Rights granted hereunder to any Covered Employee shall qualify for the Section 162(m) Exemption; provided that the Option Price or Base Price of such Award is not less than the Market Value per Share on the Date of Grant. In addition to Performance Shares and Performance Units, when granting any other Award, the Board may designate such Award as a Qualified Performance-Based Award, based upon a determination that the recipient is or may be a Covered Employee with respect to such Award, and the Board wishes such Award to qualify for the Section 162(m) Exemption. If an Award is so designated, the Board shall establish Management Objectives for such Award within the time period prescribed by Section 162(m) of the Code.
- (ii) Each Qualified Performance-Based Award (other than an Option or Appreciation Right shall be earned, vested and payable (as applicable) only upon the achievement of the Management Objectives established by the Board, together with the satisfaction of any other conditions as the Board may determine to be appropriate.
- (iii) The Board may provide, in its sole and absolute discretion, either in connection with the grant thereof or by amendment thereafter, that achievement of the Management Objectives will be waived upon the death or disability of the Participant, or upon a change in control of the Company, as may be defined in the Award Agreement or CIC Agreement.
- (iv) Any payment of a Qualified Performance-Based Award granted with Management Objectives pursuant to this Plan shall be conditioned on the written certification of the Board in each case that the Management Objectives and any other material conditions were satisfied.
- (v) Sections 3(c)(ii) and (iv) set forth the maximum number of Common Shares or dollar value that may be granted in any one-year period to a Participant in designated forms of Qualified Performance-Based Awards.
 - (vi) Any grant of an Award intended to qualify as a Qualified Performance-

Performance-based Award will specify Management Objectives which, if achieved, will result in payment or early payment of the Award, and each grant may specify in respect of such specified Management Objectives a minimum acceptable level of achievement and will set forth a formula for determining the number of shares or units that will be earned if performance is at or above the minimum level, but falls short of full achievement of the specified Management Objectives. The grant of a Qualified Performance-based Award will specify that, before the Qualified Performance-based Award will be earned and paid, the Board must certify that the Management Objectives have been satisfied.

- (e) **Change in Control**. The Board may provide in an Award Agreement or CIC Agreement for provisions relating to a "change in control" of the Company (as such term is defined in the Award Agreement or CIC Agreement), including without limitation the acceleration of the exercisability, vesting or settlement of, or the lapse of restrictions or deemed satisfaction of performance objectives with respect to, an Award.
- (f) **Forfeiture Events.** The Board may specify in an Award Agreement that the Participant's rights, payments and benefits with respect to an Award shall be subject to reduction, cancellation, forfeiture or recoupment upon the occurrence of certain specified events, in addition to any otherwise applicable vesting or performance conditions of an Award. Such events shall include, but shall not be limited to, termination of employment for cause, violation of material Company or Subsidiary policies, violation of ethical codes or other codes of conduct, breach of noncompetition, confidentiality or other restrictive covenants that may apply to the Participant, or other conduct by the Participant that is detrimental to the business or reputation of the Company or any Subsidiary.

22. GENERAL PROVISIONS.

- (a) **No Rights to Awards; Non Uniform Awards.** No Participant or any eligible Participant shall have any claim to be granted any Award under the Plan. Neither the Company, its Subsidiaries nor the Board is obligated to treat Participants or eligible Participants uniformly, and determinations made under the Plan may be made by the Board selectively among eligible Participants who receive, or are eligible to receive, Awards (whether or not such eligible Participants are similarly situated).
- (b) No Exercises Contrary to Law. No Award under this Plan may be exercised by the holder thereof if such exercise, and the receipt of cash or stock thereunder, would be, in the opinion of counsel selected by the Board, contrary to law or the regulations of any duly constituted authority having jurisdiction over this Plan.
- (c) **No Right to Employment.** This Plan will not confer upon any Participant any right with respect to continuance of employment or other service with the Company or any Subsidiary, nor will it interfere in any way with any right the Company or any Subsidiary would otherwise have to terminate such Participant's employment or other service at any time.
- (d) **Authorized Leaves.** Absence on leave approved by a duly constituted officer of the Company or any of its Subsidiaries shall not be considered interruption or termination of service of any employee for any purposes of this Plan or Awards granted hereunder, except that no Awards may be granted to an employee while he or she is absent on leave.
- (e) **No Rights as a Stockholder.** No Participant shall have any rights as a stockholder with respect to any shares subject to Awards granted to him or her under this Plan prior to the date as of which he or she is actually recorded as the holder of such shares upon the stock records of the Company.

- (f) Conflicts. In the event any provision of any Award granted under the Plan shall conflict with any term in the Plan, the term in the Plan shall control.
- (g) **Headings.** The headings used in the Plan are for convenience only, do not constitute a part of the Plan, and shall not be deemed to limit, characterize, or affect in any way any provisions of the Plan, and all provisions of the Plan shall be construed as if no captions had been used in the Plan.
- (h) Successors and Assigns. The Plan is binding on and will inure to the benefit of any successor to the Company, whether by way of merger, consolidation, purchase, or otherwise.
- (i) **Severability.** If any provision of the Plan or any Award Agreement or CIC Agreement shall be held illegal or invalid for any reason, such illegality or invalidity shall not affect the remaining provisions of the Plan or Award Agreement or CIC Agreement, and the Plan and each Award Agreement and CIC Agreement shall each be construed and enforced as if the invalid provisions had never been set forth therein.
- (j) **No Strict Construction.** No rule of strict construction shall be applied against the Company or any other person in the interpretation of any of the terms of the Plan, any Award Agreement, any CIC Agreement or any Award granted under the Plan, or any rule, regulation or procedure established by the Board.

RESTRICTED SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT Non-Employee Director

THIS RESTRICTED SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is made and entered into as of the effective date set forth in Schedule A hereto (the "Effective Date" or "Grant Date"), between ACI Worldwide, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Corporation"), and the individual identified in Schedule A hereto, a Non-Employee Director of the Corporation or its Subsidiaries (the "Grantee"). Capitalized terms not otherwise defined herein shall have the meaning ascribed to such terms in the ACI Worldwide, Inc. 2016 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

WHEREAS, the Board has duly adopted, and the stockholders of the Corporation have approved, the Plan, which authorizes the Corporation to grant to eligible individuals restricted shares of the Corporation's common stock, par value of \$0.005 per share (the "Common Shares"); and

WHEREAS, the Corporation has determined that it is desirable and in the best interests of the Corporation and its stockholders to grant the Grantee a certain number of restricted shares of the Corporation's Common Shares in order to provide the Grantee with an incentive to advance the interests of the Corporation, all according to the terms and conditions set forth herein and in the Plan.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and for other good and valuable consideration, the receipt and sufficiency of which are hereby acknowledged, the parties hereto, intending to be legally bound hereby, agree as follows:

1. Grant of Restricted Shares.

- (a) The Corporation hereby grants to the Grantee an award (the "Award") of the number of Common Shares (the "Shares" or the "Restricted Shares") set forth in Schedule A on the terms and conditions set forth in this Agreement and as otherwise provided in the Plan.
- (b) The Grantee's rights with respect to the Award shall remain forfeitable at all times prior to the dates on which the restrictions shall lapse in accordance with Sections 2 and 3 hereof.

2. Terms and Rights as a Stockholder.

(a) Except as provided herein and subject to such other exceptions as may be determined by the Board in its discretion, the Restricted Shares shall vest and the "Restricted Period" for such Restricted Shares shall expire on the earlier to occur of (i) the date which is one year following the Grant Date and (ii) the day immediately prior to the date of the next annual meeting of the stockholders of the Corporation occurring following the Grant Date (in each case as such number may be adjusted in accordance with Section 8 hereof).

- (b) The Grantee shall have all rights of a stockholder with respect to the Restricted Shares, including the right to receive dividends and the right to vote such Shares, subject to the following restrictions:
 - (i) the Grantee shall not be entitled to delivery of any Shares until the expiration of the Restricted Period as to such Shares;
 - (ii) none of the Restricted Shares may be sold, assigned, transferred, pledged, hypothecated or otherwise encumbered or disposed of during the Restricted Period as to such Shares; and
 - (iii) except as otherwise determined by the Board at or after the grant of the Award hereunder, if the Grantee ceases to be a Non-Employee Director of the Corporation or any Subsidiary at any time for any reason, any of the Restricted Shares as to which the Restricted Period has not expired shall be forfeited, and all rights of the Grantee to such Shares shall terminate, without further obligation on the part of the Corporation and ownership of all such forfeited Restricted Shares shall be transferred back to the Corporation.

Any Shares, any other securities of the Corporation and any other property (except for cash dividends) distributed with respect to the Restricted Shares shall be subject to the same restrictions, terms and conditions as such Restricted Shares.

In order to facilitate the transfer back to the Corporation of any Restricted Shares that are forfeited and cancelled as described herein, including a transfer as payment of required withholding taxes as set forth in Section 10 of this Agreement, Grantee shall, upon the request of the Corporation, provide a stock power or other instrument of assignment (including a power of attorney) endorsed in blank, with a guarantee of signature if deemed necessary or appropriate by the Corporation.

(c) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the Restricted Shares shall vest and the Restricted Period shall automatically terminate as to all Restricted Shares awarded hereunder (as to which such Restricted Period has not previously terminated) if (i) the Grantee ceases to be a Non-Employee Director of the Corporation or a Subsidiary of the Corporation by reason of Disability (as defined in Section 22(e)(3) of the Code); (ii) the Grantee dies while serving as a Non-Employee Director of the Corporation or a subsidiary (or dies within a period of one month after termination of his service as a Non-Employee Director for any reason other than Disability or within a period of one year after his termination of service as a Non-Employee Director by reason of Disability); or (iii) there is a Change in Control (as defined in Section 7) if the Grantee is a Non-Employee Director of the Corporation or a Subsidiary on the date of such Change in Control.

3. Termination of Restrictions.

- (a) Upon the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period as to any portion of the Restricted Shares, or at such earlier time as may be determined by the Board, all restrictions set forth in this Agreement or in the Plan relating to such portion of the Restricted Shares shall lapse as to such portion of the Restricted Shares, and the appropriate number of Shares, free of the restrictions and restrictive stock legend or notation, as applicable, shall be delivered to the Grantee or the Grantee's beneficiary or estate, as the case may be, pursuant to the terms of this Agreement.
- (b) Notwithstanding the foregoing, the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period as to any portion of Restricted Shares shall be delayed in the event the Corporation reasonably anticipates that the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period, or the delivery of unrestricted Shares would constitute a violation of federal securities laws or other applicable law. If the expiration or termination of the Restricted Period, or the delivery of unrestricted Shares, is delayed by the provisions of this Section 3(b), such expiration, termination and/or delivery shall occur at the earliest date at which the Corporation reasonably anticipates such expiration, termination or delivery will not cause a violation of federal securities laws or other applicable law. For purposes of this Section 3(b), the delivery of Shares that would cause inclusion in gross income or the application of any penalty provision or other provision of the Code is not considered a violation of applicable law.

4. Delivery of Shares.

- (a) As of the date hereof, the Restricted Shares shall be registered in the name of the Grantee and held by the Corporation or transferred to a custodian appointed by the Corporation for the account of the Grantee subject to the terms and conditions of the Plan and shall remain in the custody of the Corporation or such custodian until their delivery to the Grantee or Grantee's beneficiary or estate as set forth in Sections 4(b) and (c) hereof or their reversion to the Corporation as set forth in Sections 2(b) and 6 hereof.
- (b) The Restricted Shares in respect of which the Restricted Period has lapsed pursuant to this Agreement shall be delivered to the Grantee as soon as practicable following the date on which the restrictions on such Restricted Shares lapse subject to Section 10 below. The Corporation shall issue the Restricted Shares either (i) in certificate form or (ii) in book entry form, registered in the name of the Grantee, with legends, or notations, as applicable, referring to the terms, conditions and restrictions applicable to the Award.
- (c) Restricted Shares in respect of which the Restricted Period lapsed upon the Grantee's death shall be delivered to the executors or administrators of the Grantee's estate in the manner described in Section 4(b) as soon as practicable following the receipt of proof of the Grantee's death satisfactory to the Corporation subject to Section 10 below.
 - (d) Any certificate issued representing Restricted Shares shall bear a legend in substantially the following form:

THIS CERTIFICATE AND THE SHARES OF STOCK REPRESENTED HEREBY ARE SUBJECT TO THE TERMS AND CONDITIONS (INCLUDING FORFEITURE AND RESTRICTIONS AGAINST TRANSFER) CONTAINED IN THE ACI WORLDWIDE, INC. 2016 EQUITY AND PERFORMANCE INCENTIVE PLAN (THE "PLAN") AND THE RESTRICTED SHARE AWARD AGREEMENT (THE "AGREEMENT") BETWEEN THE OWNER OF THE RESTRICTED SHARES REPRESENTED HEREBY AND ACI WORLDWIDE, INC. (THE "CORPORATION"). THE RELEASE OF SUCH SHARES FROM SUCH TERMS AND CONDITIONS SHALL BE MADE ONLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THE PLAN AND THE AGREEMENT, COPIES OF WHICH ARE ON FILE AT THE CORPORATION.

5. Effect of Lapse of Restrictions. To the extent that the Restricted Period applicable to any Restricted Shares shall have lapsed, the Grantee may receive, hold, sell or otherwise dispose of such Shares free and clear of the restrictions imposed under the Plan and this Agreement.

6. [Intentionally Omitted]

7. Change In Control. For purposes of this Agreement, "Change in Control" means:

(a) Any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (1) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Corporation (the "Outstanding Corporation Common Stock") or (2) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Corporation Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this definition of Change in Control, the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (a) any acquisition directly from the Corporation, (a)(b) any acquisition by the Corporation, (b)(c) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Corporation or any company controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Corporation, (c) (d) any acquisition by any Person pursuant to a transaction that complies with 7(c) below; or (d)(e) any acquisition of beneficial ownership of not more than 25% of the Outstanding Corporation Voting Securities by any Person that is entitled to and does report such beneficial ownership on Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act (a "13G Filer"), provided, however, that this clause (v) shall cease to apply when a Person who is a Schedule 13G Filer becomes required to file a Schedule 13D under the Exchange Act with respect to beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Outstanding Corporation Common Stock or Outstanding Corporation Voting Securities. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, if a Business Combination (as defined below) is completed during the Performance Period and the Outstanding Corporation Voting Securities are converted into voting securities of the Combined

Corporation (as defined below), but such Business Combination does not constitute a "Change in Control" under 7(c) below, "Outstanding Corporation Voting Securities" shall thereafter mean voting securities of the Combined Corporation entitled to vote generally in the election of the members of the Combined Corporation Board.

- (b) Any time at which individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board of Directors (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board of Directors other than as a result of a Business Combination that does not constitute a "Change in Control" under Section 7(c) below; *provided*, *however*, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Corporation's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board of Directors (an "Election Contest");
- (c) Consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Corporation, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Corporation or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Business Combination"), in each case unless, following such Business Combination, no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Corporation or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination (the "Combined Corporation")) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, such number of the then-Outstanding Corporation Voting Securities as would constitute a "Change in Control" under 7(a) above, and at least one-half of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (the "Combined Corporation Board") were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board of Directors providing for such Business Combination (the "Business Combination Agreement"); or
 - (d) Approval by the stockholders of the Corporation of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Corporation.

8. [Intentionally Omitted]

9. <u>Amendments</u>. Subject to any restrictions contained in the Plan, the Board may waive any conditions or rights under, amend any terms of, or alter, suspend, discontinue, cancel or terminate, the Award, prospectively or retroactively; provided that any such waiver, amendment, alteration, suspension, discontinuance, cancellation or termination which would adversely affect the rights of the Grantee or any holder or beneficiary of the Award shall not to that extent be effective without the consent of the Grantee, holder or beneficiary affected. Any amendment to the Plan shall be deemed to be an amendment to this Agreement to the extent that

the amendment is applicable hereto. The terms and conditions of this Agreement may not be modified, amended or waived, except by an instrument in writing signed by a duly authorized executive officer at the Corporation.

10. Withholding of Taxes.

- (a) The Grantee shall be liable for any and all taxes, including withholding taxes, arising out of this grant or the vesting of Restricted Shares hereunder. In the event that the Corporation is required to withhold taxes as a result of the grant or vesting or subsequent sale of Shares hereunder, the Grantee shall at the election of the Corporation, in its sole discretion, either (i) surrender a sufficient number of whole Shares for which the Restricted Period has expired or other Common Shares owned by the Grantee, having a fair market value, as determined by the Corporation on the last day of the Restricted Period equal to the amount of such taxes, or (ii) make a cash payment, as necessary to cover all applicable required withholding taxes and required social security/insurance contributions at the time the restrictions on the Restricted Shares lapse, unless the Corporation, in its sole discretion, has established alternative procedures for such payment. If the number of shares required to cover all applicable withholding taxes and required social security/insurance contributions includes a fractional share, then Grantee shall deliver cash in lieu of such fractional share. All matters with respect to the total amount to be withheld shall be determined by the Corporation in its sole discretion.
- (b) Regardless of any action the Corporation takes with respect to any or all income tax, social security/insurance, payroll tax, payment on account or other tax-related withholding ("Tax-Related Items"), the Grantee acknowledges and agrees that the ultimate liability for all Tax-Related Items legally due by him is and remains the Grantee's responsibility and that the Corporation (i) makes no representations nor undertakings regarding the treatment of any Tax-Related Items in connection with any aspect of this grant of Restricted Shares, including the grant, vesting or release, the subsequent sale of Shares and receipt of any dividends; and (ii) does not commit to structure the terms or any aspect of this grant of Restricted Shares to reduce or eliminate the Grantee's liability for Tax-Related Items. The Grantee shall pay the Corporation any amount of Tax-Related Items that the Corporation may be required to withhold as a result of the Grantee's participation in the Plan or the Grantee's receipt of Restricted Shares that cannot be satisfied by the means previously described above in Section 10(a). The Corporation may refuse to deliver the Shares related thereto if the Grantee fails to comply with the Grantee's obligations in connection with the Tax-Related Items.
- (c) Grantee will notify the Corporation in writing if he or she files an election pursuant to Section 83(b) of the Code. The Grantee understands that he or she should consult with his or her tax advisor regarding the advisability of filing with the Internal Revenue Service an election under Section 83(b) of the Code, which must be filed no later than thirty (30) days after the date of the acquisition of the Shares pursuant to this Agreement, the Grant Date. This time period cannot be extended. The Grantee acknowledges that timely filing of a Section 83(b) election is the Grantee's sole responsibility.
- 11. <u>Plan Governs and Entire Agreement</u>. The Plan is incorporated herein by reference. The Grantee hereby acknowledges receipt of a copy of the Plan and agrees to be

bound by all of the terms and provisions thereof. The Plan and this Agreement constitute the entire agreement of the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof. The terms of this Agreement are subject to, and governed by, in all respects the terms and conditions of the Plan, and in the case of any inconsistency between the terms of this Agreement and the terms of the Plan, the terms of the Plan shall govern.

- 12. <u>Severability</u>. If any provision of this Agreement is, or becomes, or is deemed to be invalid, illegal, or unenforceable in any jurisdiction or as to any person or the Award, or would disqualify the Plan or Award under any laws deemed applicable by the Board, such provision shall be construed or deemed amended to conform to the applicable laws, or, if it cannot be construed or deemed amended without, in the determination of the Board, materially altering the intent of the Plan or the Award, such provision shall be stricken as to such jurisdiction, person or Award, and the remainder of the Plan and Award shall remain in full force and effect.
- 13. <u>Successors in Interest</u>. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon any successor to the Corporation. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of the Grantee's legal representatives. All obligations imposed upon the Grantee and all rights granted to the Corporation under this Agreement shall be binding upon the Grantee's heirs, executors, administrators and successors.
- 14. Non-Assignability. The Restricted Shares are personal to the Grantee and may not be sold, exchanged, assigned, transferred, pledged, encumbered or otherwise disposed of by the Grantee until the Restricted Period expires or terminates as provided in this Agreement; provided, however, that the Grantee's rights with respect to such Restricted Shares may be transferred by will or pursuant to the laws of descent and distribution. Any purported transfer or encumbrance in violation of the provisions of this Section 14, shall be void, and the other party to any such purported transaction shall not obtain any rights to or interest in such Restricted Shares.
- 15. Compliance with Section 409A of the Code. To the extent applicable, it is intended that this Agreement and the Plan comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the Code, so that the income inclusion provisions of Section 409A(a)(1) of the Code do not apply to the Grantee.

16. Miscellaneous.

- (a) The interpretation and construction by the Board of any provision of the Plan or this Agreement shall be final and conclusive upon the Grantee, the Grantee's estate, executor, administrator, beneficiaries, personal representative and guardian and the Corporation and its successors and assigns.
- (b) This Agreement and its validity, interpretation, performance and enforcement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Delaware other than the conflict of laws provisions of such laws.

- (c) If the Grantee has received this or any other document related to the Plan translated into a language other than English and if the translated version is different than the English version, the English version will control.
- (d) No rule of strict construction shall be implied against the Corporation, the Board or any other person in the interpretation of any of the terms of the Plan, this Agreement or any rule or procedure established by the Board.
- (e) Wherever the word "Grantee" is used in any provision of this Agreement under circumstances where the provision should logically be construed to apply to the executors, the administrators, or the person or persons to whom the Restricted Shares may be transferred by will or the laws of descent and distribution, the word "Grantee" shall be deemed to include such person or persons.
- (f) Grantee agrees, upon demand of the Corporation or the Board, to do all acts and execute, deliver and perform all additional documents, instruments and agreements which may be reasonably required by the Corporation or the Board, as the case may be, to implement the provisions and purposes of this Agreement and the Plan.
- (g) All notices under this Agreement to the Corporation shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (i) if mailed or delivered to the Corporation at its principal office, addressed to the attention of Stock Plan Administration, (ii) if electronically delivered to the e-mail address, if any, for Stock Plan Administration or (iii) if so mailed, delivered or electronically delivered to such other address or e-mail address as the Corporation may hereafter designate by notice to the Optionee. Any notice hereunder by the Corporation to the Optionee shall be in writing and shall be deemed duly given (i) if mailed or delivered to the Optionee at Optionee's address listed in the Corporation's records, (ii) if electronically delivered to the e-mail address, if any, for Optionee listed in the Corporation's records or (iii) if so mailed, delivered or electronically delivered to such other address or e-mail address as the Optionee may hereafter designate by written notice given to the Corporation.
- 17. <u>Resolution of Disputes</u>. Any dispute or disagreement which may arise under, or as a result of, or in any way related to, the interpretation, construction or application of this Agreement shall be determined by the Board. Any determination made hereunder shall be final, binding and conclusive on the Grantee and the Corporation for all purposes.
- 18. Consent To Transfer Personal Data. By accepting this Award, Grantee voluntarily acknowledges and consents to the collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data as described in this Section 18. Grantee is not obliged to consent to such collection, use, processing and transfer of personal data. However, failure to provide the consent may affect Grantee's ability to participate in the Plan. The Corporation and its Subsidiaries hold certain personal information about Grantee, that may include Grantee's name, home address and telephone number, date of birth, social security number or other employee identification number, salary, nationality, job title, any shares of stock held in the Corporation, or details of any entitlement to shares of stock awarded, canceled, purchased, vested, or unvested, for the purpose of implementing, managing and administering the Plan ("Data") The Corporation and/or its

Subsidiaries will transfer Data amongst themselves as necessary for the purpose of implementation, administration and management of Grantee's participation in the Plan, and the Corporation and/or any of its Subsidiaries may each further transfer Data to any third parties assisting the Corporation in the implementation, administration and management of the Plan. These recipients may be located throughout the world, including the United States. Grantee authorizes them to receive, possess, use, retain and transfer the Data, in electronic or other form, for the purpose of implementing, administering and managing Grantee's participation in the Plan, including any requisite transfer of such Data as may be required for the administration of the Plan and/or the subsequent holding of shares of stock on Grantee's behalf by a broker or other third party with whom Grantee or the Corporation may elect to deposit any shares of stock acquired pursuant to the Plan. Grantee may, at any time, review Data, require any necessary amendments to it or withdraw the consents herein in writing by contacting the Corporation; however, withdrawing consent may affect Grantee's ability to participate in the Plan.

19. Electronic Delivery and Acceptance. The Corporation may, in its sole discretion, deliver any documents or notices related to current or future participation in the Plan by electronic means. By accepting the Restricted Shares, electronically or otherwise, Grantee hereby consents to receive such documents or notices by electronic delivery and agrees to participate in the Plan through an on-line or electronic system established and maintained by the Corporation or a third party designated by the Corporation, including the use of electronic signatures or click-through acceptance of terms and conditions or other electronic means such as an e-mail acknowledgement.

This Agreement will be deemed to be signed by the Corporation and Grantee upon Grantee's acceptance of the Notice of Grant of Award attached as Schedule A.

Schedule A (Attached)

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Change-in-Control Agreement

CHANGE IN CONTROL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

This CHANGE IN CONTROL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT (this "<u>Agreement</u>"), by and between ACI Worldwide, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "<u>Company</u>"), and the executive of the Company designated on the signature page to this Agreement (the "<u>Signature Page</u>") as the Executive (the "<u>Executive</u>") is entered into effective as of the date (the "<u>Contract Date</u>") set forth on the Signature Page.

WHEREAS, the Board of Directors of the Company (the "Board"), has determined that it is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders to assure that the Company will have the continued dedication of the Executive, notwithstanding the possibility, threat or occurrence of a Change in Control (as defined herein). The Board believes it is imperative to diminish the inevitable distraction of the Executive by virtue of the personal uncertainties and risks created by a pending or threatened Change in Control and to encourage the Executive's full attention and dedication to the Company in the event of any threatened or pending Change in Control, and to provide the Executive with compensation and benefits arrangements upon a Change in Control that ensure that the compensation and benefits expectations of the Executive will be satisfied and that provide the Executive with compensation and benefits arrangements that are competitive with those of other corporations. Therefore, in order to accomplish these objectives, the Board has authorized the Company to enter into this Agreement.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT IS HEREBY AGREED AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Certain Definitions.

- (a) "Effective Date" means the first date during the Change in Control Period (as defined herein) on which a Change in Control occurs. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if a Change in Control occurs during the Change in Control Period and if the Executive's employment with the Company is terminated within six months prior to the date on which the Change in Control occurs, and if it is reasonably demonstrated by the Executive that such termination of employment (1) was at the request of a third party that has taken steps reasonably calculated to effect a Change in Control or (2) otherwise arose in connection with or anticipation of a Change in Control, then "Effective Date" means the date immediately prior to the date of such termination of employment.
- (b) "Change in Control Period" means the period commencing on the date hereof and ending on the second anniversary of the date hereof; provided, however; that, commencing on the date one year after the date hereof, and on each annual anniversary of such date (such date and each annual anniversary thereof, the "Renewal Date"), unless previously terminated, the Change in Control Period shall be automatically extended so as to terminate two years from such Renewal Date, unless, at least 60 days prior to the Renewal Date, the Company shall give notice to the Executive that the Change in Control Period shall not be so extended.
 - (c) "Affiliated Company" means any company controlled by, controlling or under common control with the Company.
 - (d) "Change in Control" means:

- (1) Any individual, entity or group (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) or 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act")) (a "Person") becomes the beneficial owner (within the meaning of Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the Exchange Act) of 20% or more of either (A) the then-outstanding shares of common stock of the Company (the "Outstanding Company Common Stock") or (B) the combined voting power of the then-outstanding voting securities of the Company entitled to vote generally in the election of directors (the "Outstanding Company Voting Securities"); provided, however, that, for purposes of this Section I(d), the following acquisitions shall not constitute a Change in Control: (i) any acquisition directly from the Company, (ii) any acquisition by the Company, (iii) any acquisition by any employee benefit plan (or related trust) sponsored or maintained by the Company or any Affiliated Company, (iv) any acquisition by any Person pursuant to a transaction that complies with Sections 1 (d)(3)(A) and 1(d)(3)(B); or (v) any acquisition of beneficial ownership of not more than 25% of the Outstanding Company Voting Securities by any Person that is entitled to and does report such beneficial ownership on Schedule 13G under the Exchange Act (a "13G Filer"), provided, however, that this clause (v) shall cease to apply when a Person who is a Schedule 13G Filer becomes required to file a Schedule 13D under the Exchange Act with respect to beneficial ownership of 20% or more of the Outstanding Company Common Stock or Outstanding Company Voting Securities. Notwithstanding any other provision hereof, if a Business Combination (as defined below) is completed during the Change in Control Period and the Outstanding Company Voting Securities are converted into voting securities of the Combined Company (as defined below), but such Business Combination does not constitute a "Change in Control" under Section 1(d)(3), "Outstanding Company Voting Securities" shall thereafter mean voting securities
- (2) Any time at which individuals who, as of the date hereof, constitute the Board (the "Incumbent Board") cease for any reason to constitute at least a majority of the Board other than as a result of a Business Combination that does not constitute a "Change in Control" under Sections 1(d)(l) or 1(d)(3)(A); provided, however, that any individual becoming a director subsequent to the date hereof whose election, or nomination for election by the Company's stockholders, was approved by a vote of at least a majority of the directors then comprising the Incumbent Board shall be considered as though such individual were a member of the Incumbent Board, but excluding, for this purpose, any such individual whose initial assumption of office occurs as a result of an actual or threatened election contest with respect to the election or removal of directors or other actual or threatened solicitation of proxies or consents by or on behalf of a Person other than the Board (an "Election Contest");
- (3) Consummation of a reorganization, merger, statutory share exchange or consolidation or similar transaction involving the Company or any of its subsidiaries, a sale or other disposition of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company, or the acquisition of assets or stock of another entity by the Company or any of its subsidiaries (each, a "Business Combination"), in each case unless, following such Business Combination, (A) no Person (excluding any corporation resulting from such Business Combination or any employee benefit plan (or related trust) of the Company or such corporation resulting from such Business Combination (the "Combined Company")) beneficially owns, directly or indirectly, such number of the then-Outstanding Company Voting Securities as would constitute a "Change in Control" under Section 1(d)(l), and at least one-half of the members of the board of directors (or, for a non-corporate entity, equivalent governing body) of the entity resulting from such Business Combination (the "Combined Company Board") were members of the Incumbent Board at the time of the execution of the initial agreement or of the action of the Board providing for such Business Combination (the "Business Combination Agreement"), or (B) the

Executive and the Company, each acting in his, her or its respective sole discretion, enter into an amendment to this Agreement providing for the Executive's continued employment for not less than two years at levels of compensation and benefits that in the aggregate are not substantially less favorable to the Executive than those to which he or she was entitled prior to such Business Combination; or

(4) Approval by the stockholders of the Company of a complete liquidation or dissolution of the Company.

Section 2. Employment Period. The Company hereby agrees to continue the Executive in its employ, subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement, for the period commencing on the Effective Date and ending on the second anniversary of the Effective Date (the "Employment Period"), provided, however, that commencing on each annual anniversary of the Effective Date (such date and each annual anniversary thereof, the "Employment Period Renewal Date"), unless previously terminated, the Employment Period shall be automatically extended so as to terminate two years from such Employment Period Renewal Date, unless, at least 60 days prior to the Employment Period Renewal Date, the Company shall give notice to the Executive that the Employment Period shall not be so extended. The Employment Period shall terminate upon the Executive's termination of employment for any reason.; provided that the Employment Period shall be deemed to include the period beginning on the Effective Date through and including the Executive's Date of Termination. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if a Change in Control occurs during the Change in Control Period and if the Executive's employment with the Company is terminated within six months prior to the date on which the Change in Control occurs, then

(a) "Employment Period" means the period commencing on the date immediately prior to the Date of Termination through and including the date of the Change in Control and (b) from and after the Date of Termination, the Executive shall not be subject to any of the obligations or entitled to any of rights under Section 3 hereof, including but not limited to the payment of salary, bonus and incentives.

Section 3. Terms of Employment.

- (a) <u>Position and Duties</u>. (1) During the Employment Period, (A) the Executive's position (including status, offices, titles and reporting requirements), authority, duties and responsibilities shall be at least commensurate in all material respects with the most significant of those held, exercised and assigned at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date and (B) the Executive's services shall be performed at the office where the Executive was employed immediately preceding the Effective Date or at any other location less than 50 miles from such office.
 - (2) During the Employment Period, and excluding any periods of vacation and sick leave to which the Executive is entitled, the Executive agrees to devote reasonable attention and time during normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and, to the extent necessary to discharge the responsibilities assigned to the Executive hereunder, to use the Executive's reasonable best efforts to perform faithfully and efficiently such responsibilities. During the Employment Period, it shall not be a violation of this Agreement for the Executive to (A) serve on corporate, civic or charitable boards or committees, (B) deliver lectures, fulfill speaking engagements or teach at educational institutions and (C) manage personal investments, so long as such activities do not significantly interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities as an employee of the Company in accordance with this Agreement. It is expressly understood and agreed that, to the extent that any such activities have been conducted by the Executive prior to the Effective Date, the continued conduct of such activities (or the conduct of activities similar in nature and scope thereto) subsequent to the Effective Date shall not thereafter be deemed to interfere with the performance of the Executive's responsibilities to the Company.

(b) Compensation.

- (1) <u>Base Salary</u>. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall receive an annual base salary (the "<u>Annual Base Salary</u>") at an annual rate at least equal to the highest annual rate of base salary paid or payable, including any base salary that has been earned but deferred, to the Executive by the Company and the Affiliated Companies in respect of the 12-month period immediately preceding the month in which the Effective Date occurs. The Annual Base Salary shall be paid at such intervals as the Company pays executive salaries generally. During the Employment Period, the Annual Base Salary shall be reviewed at least annually, beginning no more than 12 months after the last salary increase awarded to the Executive prior to the Effective Date. Any increase in the Annual Base Salary shall not serve to limit or reduce any other obligation to the Executive under this Agreement. The Annual Base Salary shall not be reduced after any such increase and the term "Annual Base Salary" shall refer to the Annual Base Salary as so increased.
- (2) <u>Annual Bonus</u>. In addition to the Annual Base Salary, the Executive shall be awarded, for each fiscal year ending during the Employment Period, total annual and quarterly bonus opportunities in cash at least equal to the aggregate of the Executive's target annual and quarterly bonus opportunities for the year in which the Effective Date occurs (the "<u>Target Annual Bonus</u>") (if the Executive has not been eligible to earn such a bonus for any period prior to the Effective Date or no such Target Annual Bonus has been established for the fiscal year or quarters (as applicable) in which the Effective Date occurs, the "Target Annual Bonus" shall mean the Executive's most recent target annual and quarterly bonus opportunities as in effect for the year prior to the year in which the Effective Date occurs); *provided, however*; that (i) the performance measures applicable to such target bonus opportunities shall be comparable in terms of difficulty of achievement to the measures in effect with respect to the Target Annual Bonus prior to the Effective Date and (ii) in the determination of such bonuses, the Executive shall be treated as favorably as similarly situated executives of any acquiror of the Company. Each such annual bonus shall be paid no later than two and a half months after the end of the fiscal year for which the annual bonus is awarded, unless the Executive shall elect to defer the receipt of such annual bonus pursuant to an arrangement that meets the requirements of Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "<u>Code</u>"). For purposes of this Agreement, references to Section 409A of the Code shall include any proposed, temporary or final regulation, or any other formal guidance, promulgated with respect to such section by the U.S. Department of Treasury or the Internal Revenue Service.
- (3) <u>Incentive Savings and Retirement Plans</u>. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to participate in all cash incentive, equity incentive, savings and retirement plans, practices, policies and programs applicable generally to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies, but in no event shall such plans, practices, policies and programs provide the Executive with incentive opportunities (measured with respect to both regular and special incentive opportunities, to the extent, if any, that such distinction is applicable), savings opportunities and retirement benefit opportunities, in each case, less favorable, in the aggregate, than the most favorable of those provided by the Company and the Affiliated Companies for the Executive under such plans, practices, policies and programs as in effect at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, those provided generally at any time after the Effective Date to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies.

- (4) Welfare Benefit Plans. During the Employment Period, the Executive and/or the Executive's family, as the case may be, shall be eligible for participation in and shall receive all benefits under welfare benefit plans, practices, policies and programs provided by the Company and the Affiliated Companies (including, without limitation, medical, prescription, dental, disability, employee life, group life, accidental death and travel accident insurance plans and programs) to the extent applicable generally to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies, but in no event shall such plans, practices, policies and programs provide the Executive with benefits that are less favorable, in the aggregate, than the most favorable of such plans, practices, policies and programs in effect for the Executive at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, those provided generally at any time after the Effective Date to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies.
- (5) Expenses. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to receive prompt reimbursement for all reasonable expenses incurred by the Executive in accordance with the most favorable policies, practices and procedures of the Company and the Affiliated Companies in effect for the Executive at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies.
- (6) Office and Support Staff. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to an office or offices of a size and with furnishings and other appointments, and to exclusive personal secretarial and other assistance, at least equal to the most favorable of the foregoing provided to the Executive by the Company and the Affiliated Companies at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as provided generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies.
- (7) <u>Vacation</u>. During the Employment Period, the Executive shall be entitled to paid vacation in accordance with the most favorable plans, policies, programs and practices of the Company and the Affiliated Companies as in effect for the Executive at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies.

Section 4. Termination of Employment.

(a) <u>Death or Disability</u>. The Executive's employment shall terminate automatically if the Executive dies during the Employment Period. If the Company determines in good faith that the Disability (as defined herein) of the Executive has occurred during the Employment Period (pursuant to the definition of "<u>Disability</u>"), it may give to the Executive written notice in accordance with Section 11(b) of its intention to terminate the Executive's employment. In such event, the Executive's employment with the Company shall terminate effective on the 30th day after receipt of such notice by the Executive (the "<u>Disability Effective Date</u>"), *provided* that, within the 30 days after such receipt, the Executive shall not have returned to full-time performance of the Executive's duties. "<u>Disability</u>" means the absence of the Executive from the Executive's duties with the Company on a full-time basis for 180 consecutive business days as a result of incapacity due to mental or physical illness that is determined to be total and permanent by a physician selected by the Company or its insurers and acceptable to the Executive or the Executive's legal representative.

- (b) Cause. The Company may terminate the Executive's employment during the Employment Period with or without Cause. "Cause" means:
- (1) the Executive's conviction of, or entry of a plea of guilty or no contest to, a felony or any lesser crime of which fraud or dishonesty is an element,
- (2) the Executive's willful misconduct or willful omission of duties (other than any such misconduct or omission resulting from the Executive's incapacity due to physical or mental illness or following the Executive's delivery of a Notice of Termination for Good Reason) that is or could reasonably be expected to be injurious to the Company other than in an immaterial manner, or
- (3) the Executive's violation of any provision of (A) the Company's Code of Business Conduct and Ethics, as the same may be amended from time to time, or (B) the Company's Code of Ethics for the Chief Executive Officer and Senior Financial Officers, as the same may be amended from time to time (the "Code of Ethics") that is, in each case, materially and demonstrably injurious to the Company. For purposes of the foregoing sentence, the Executive shall be deemed to be subject to the provisions of the Code of Ethics regardless of whether the Executive is a Senior Officer as defined in the Code of Ethics or otherwise subject to the Code of Ethics.

For purposes of this Section 4(b), no act, or failure to act, on the part of the Executive shall be considered "willful" unless it is done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in bad faith or without reasonable belief that the Executive's action or omission was in the best interests of the Company. Any act, or failure to act, based upon authority (A) given pursuant to a resolution duly adopted by the Board, or if the Company is not the ultimate parent corporation of the Affiliated Companies and is not publicly-traded, the board of directors of the ultimate parent of the Company (the "Applicable Board"), (B) upon the instructions of the Chief Executive Officer of the Company, or (C) based upon the advice of counsel for the Company shall be conclusively presumed to be done, or omitted to be done, by the Executive in good faith and in the best interests of the Company. The cessation of employment of the Executive shall not be deemed to be for Cause unless (i) "Cause" as defined herein exists and (ii) there shall have been delivered to the Executive a copy of a resolution duly adopted by the affirmative vote of not less than three-quarters of the entire membership of the Applicable Board (excluding the Executive, if the Executive is a member of the Applicable Board) at a meeting of the Applicable Board called and held for such purpose (after reasonable notice is provided to the Executive and the Executive is given an opportunity, together with counsel for the Executive, to be heard before the Applicable Board), finding that, in the good faith opinion of the board, the Executive is guilty of the conduct described in Section 4(b)(1), 4(b)(2) or 4(b)(3), and specifying the particulars thereof in detail.

- (c) <u>Good Reason</u>. The Executive's employment may be terminated by the Executive for Good Reason or by the Executive voluntarily without Good Reason. "Good Reason" means:
 - (1) the assignment to the Executive of any duties inconsistent in any respect with the Executive's position (including status, offices, titles and reporting requirements), authority, duties or responsibilities as contemplated by Section 3(a), or any other diminution in such position, authority, duties or responsibilities, excluding for this purpose an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent action not taken in bad faith and that is remedied by the Company promptly after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;

- (2) any failure by the Company to comply with any of the provisions of Section 3(b), other than an isolated, insubstantial and inadvertent failure not occurring in bad faith and that is remedied by the Company promptly after receipt of notice thereof given by the Executive;
- (3) the Company's requiring the Executive (i) to be based at any office or location other than as provided in Section 3(a)(1)(B), (ii) to be based at a location other than the principal executive offices of the Company if the Executive was employed at such location immediately preceding the Effective Date, or (iii) to travel on Company business to a substantially greater extent than required immediately prior to the Effective Date;
 - (4) any purported termination by the Company of the Executive's employment otherwise than as expressly permitted by this Agreement; or
 - (5) any failure by the Company to comply with and satisfy Section 10(c).

The Executive's mental or physical incapacity following the occurrence of an event described above in clauses (1) through (5) shall not affect the Executive's ability to terminate employment for Good Reason. A termination by the Executive with Good Reason shall be effective only if, within 180 days of the Executive's first becoming aware of the circumstances giving rise to Good Reason, the Executive delivers a Notice of Termination for Good Reason by Executive to the Company, and, to the extent such circumstances are curable, the Company within 30 days following its receipt of such notification has failed to cure the circumstances giving rise to Good Reason.

- (d) Notice of Termination. Any termination by the Company for Cause, or by the Executive for Good Reason, shall be communicated by Notice of Termination to the other party hereto given in accordance with Section 11(b). "Notice of Termination" means a written notice that (1) indicates the specific termination provision in this Agreement relied upon, (2) to the extent applicable, sets forth in reasonable detail the facts and circumstances claimed to provide a basis for termination of the Executive's employment under the provision so indicated, and (3) if the Date of Termination (as defined herein) is other than the date of receipt of such notice, specifies the Date of Termination (which Date of Termination shall be not more than 30 days after the giving of such notice). The failure by the Executive or the Company to set forth in the Notice of Termination any fact or circumstance that contributes to a showing of Good Reason or Cause shall not waive any right of the Executive or the Company, respectively, hereunder or preclude the Executive or the Company, respectively, from asserting such fact or circumstance in enforcing the Executive's or the Company's respective rights hereunder.
- (e) <u>Date of Termination</u>. "<u>Date of Termination</u>" means (1) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company for Cause, or by the Executive for Good Reason, the date of receipt of the Notice of Termination or any later date specified in the Notice of Termination, (which date shall not be more than 30 days after the giving of such notice), as the case may be, (2) if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause or Disability, the date on which the Company notifies the Executive of such termination, (3) if the Executive resigns without Good Reason, the date on which the Executive notifies the Company of such termination, and (4) if the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of death or Disability, the date of death of the Executive or the Disability Effective Date, as the case may be.

Section 5. Obligations of the Company upon Termination.

(a) Good Reason; Other than for Cause, Death or Disability. If the Company terminates the Executive's employment other than for Cause, Death or Disability or the Executive terminates

employment for Good Reason during the Employment Period, and contingent upon the Executive's execution of the Release of Claims without revocation within the time period described in Section 8 below and the Executive's compliance with Section 9, the Executive shall be eligible to receive the following benefits:

- (1) the Company shall pay to the Executive, in a lump sum in cash within 60 days after the later of the Date of Termination or the date of the Change in Control, the aggregate of the following amounts:
 - (A) the sum of (i) the Executive's Annual Base Salary through the Date of Termination to the extent not theretofore paid, (ii) the product of (x) the Target Annual Bonus and (y) a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days in the current fiscal year through the Date of Termination and the denominator of which is 365 (the "Pro-Rata Bonus"), and (iii) any accrued vacation pay to the extent not theretofore paid (the sum of the amounts described in subclauses (i), (ii) and (iii), the "Accrued Obligations"); and
 - (B) the amount equal to the product of (i) two [or in the case of Philip G. Heasley, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, only, three times] and (ii) the sum of (x) the Executive's Annual Base Salary and (y) the Target Annual Bonus;
- (2) for two years [or in the case of Philip G. Heasley, the Company's Chief Executive Officer, only, three years] after the later of the Executive's Date of Termination, or the date of the Change in Control or such longer period as may be provided by the terms of the appropriate plan, program, practice or policy (the "Benefit Continuation Period"), the Company shall continue benefits to the Executive and/or the Executive's family at least equal to, and at the same after-tax cost to the Executive and/or the Executive's family, as those that would have been provided to them in accordance with the plans, programs, practices and policies described in Section 3(b)(4) (such benefits, the "Welfare Benefits") if the Executive's employment had not been terminated or, if more favorable to the Executive, as in effect generally at any time thereafter with respect to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies and their families; *provided, however*; that, the medical, dental, prescription drug and vision benefits provided during the Benefit Continuation Period shall be provided in such a manner that such benefits (and the costs and premiums thereof) are excluded from the Executive's income for federal income tax purposes (if the Company reasonably determines that providing continued coverage under one or more of its welfare plans contemplated herein could be taxable to the Executive, the Company shall provide such benefits at the level required hereby through the purchase of individual coverage); and, *provided, further*, that if the Executive becomes reemployed with another employer and is eligible to receive such benefits under another employer provided plan, the medical and other welfare benefits described herein shall be secondary to those provided under such other plan during such applicable period of eligibility. For purposes of determining eligibility (but not the time of commencement of benefits) of the Executive for retiree benefits pursuant to such plans, practices, programs and policies, th
- (3) the Company shall, at its sole expense as incurred, provide the Executive with outplacement services the scope and provider of which shall be selected by the Executive in the Executive's sole discretion, *provided* that the cost of such outplacement shall not exceed \$50,000; and *provided*, *further*, that such outplacement benefits shall commence as of the later of the Executive's Date of Termination or the date of the Change in Control and shall end not later than the last day of the second calendar year that begins after the Date of Termination; and

- (4) the Executive will become fully vested in, and entitled to exercise immediately all stock-based awards granted to the Executive under any plans or agreements of the Company, as of the later of the Executive's Date of Termination or the date of the Change in Control; provided that the Executive's Date of Termination occurs within twenty-four (24) months following a Change in Control or within six (6) months preceding a Change in Control. The Executive will be entitled to exercise all stock-based awards that are stock options or stock appreciation rights for a period of not less than 12 months following the later of the date of the Change in Control or the Executive's Date of Termination, provided that such exercise period shall not in any event extend beyond the last day of the original term of the relevant stock-related award. The acceleration of vesting and exercisability under this Section will apply notwithstanding any provision in the 2005 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan or any other plan or agreement that would prevent the acceleration and vesting of the awards or cause them to be canceled, rescinded or otherwise impaired. For purposes of this Section 5(a)(4), stockbased awards shall include stock options, restricted shares, restricted stock units and any other equity-based compensation awards; provided, however, that (A) certain stock-based awards awarded to the Executive under the Company's 2005 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan prior to the Contract Date which are subject to a change in control provision in the respective award agreement as set forth on Appendix A hereto shall not be subject to the terms of this Agreement (any such awards under clause (A) collectively, the "Excluded Awards") and (B) certain stock-based awards awarded to the Executive under the Company's 2005 Equity and Performance Incentive Plan prior to the Contract Date which were subject to a change in control provision in any Prior Agreement as set forth on Appendix B hereto shall not be subject to the terms of this Section 5(a)(4) (any such awards under clause (B) collectively, the "Prior Awards"). Other than options or stock appreciation rights that are exempt from Section 409A of the Code, the delivery of shares of common stock or cash (as applicable) in settlement of any stock-based awards (or portion thereof) described in this Section that (i) do not constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made as soon as practicable following the applicable vesting event, but no later than the "applicable 2 1/2 month period" as described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-l(b) (4); and (ii) constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made on the first permissible payment event under Section 409A of the Code on which the shares or cash would otherwise be delivered or paid. Notwithstanding the definition of "change in control" or "change of control" in any agreement, plan or arrangement governing such stock-based awards, the definition of Change in Control in this Agreement shall supersede such definitions in all respects with respect to such stock-based awards.
- (5) to the extent not theretofore paid or provided, the Company shall timely pay or provide to the Executive any Other Benefits (as defined in Section 6) in accordance with the terms of the underlying plans or agreements.
- (b) <u>Death</u>. If the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of the Executive's death during the Employment Period, the Company shall provide the Executive's estate or beneficiaries with the Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under this Agreement. The Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive's estate or beneficiary, as applicable, in a lump sum in cash within 30 days of the Date of Termination. With respect to the provision of the Other Benefits, the term "Other Benefits" as utilized in this Section 5(b) shall include, without limitation, and the Executive's estate and/or beneficiaries shall be entitled to receive, benefits at least equal to the most favorable benefits provided by the Company and the Affiliated Companies to the estates and beneficiaries of peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies under such plans, programs, practices and policies relating to

death benefits, if any, as in effect with respect to other peer executives and their beneficiaries at any time during the 120 day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive's estate and/or the Executive's beneficiaries, as in effect on the date of the Executive's death with respect to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies and their beneficiaries.

- (c) <u>Disability</u>. If the Executive's employment is terminated by reason of the Executive's Disability during the Employment Period, the Company shall provide the Executive with the Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under this Agreement. The Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days of the Date of Termination. With respect to the provision of the Other Benefits, the term "Other Benefits" as utilized in this Section 5(c) shall include, and the Executive shall be entitled after the Disability Effective Date to receive, disability and other benefits at least equal to the most favorable of those generally provided by the Company and the Affiliated Companies to disabled executives and/or their families in accordance with such plans, programs, practices and policies relating to disability, if any, as in effect generally with respect to other peer executives and their families at any time during the 120-day period immediately preceding the Effective Date or, if more favorable to the Executive and/or the Executive's family, as in effect at any time thereafter generally with respect to other peer executives of the Company and the Affiliated Companies and their families.
- (d) <u>Cause; Other Than for Good Reason</u>. If the Executive's employment is terminated for Cause during the Employment Period or if the Executive terminates his employment other than for Good Reason during the Employment Period, the Company shall provide the Executive with the Executive's Annual Base Salary through the Date of Termination, and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under this Agreement. If the Executive voluntarily terminates employment during the Employment Period, excluding a termination for Good Reason, the Company shall provide to the Executive the Accrued Obligations and the timely payment or delivery of the Other Benefits, and shall have no other severance obligations under this Agreement. In such case, all the Accrued Obligations shall be paid to the Executive in a lump sum in cash within 30 days of the Date of Termination.
- (e) Other. Without limiting the applicability of Section 5, if the Company terminates the Executive's employment without Cause or by reason of the Executive's Disability during the Employment Period and a notice of termination is given or such termination is effective within 15 months after the election of one or more individuals to the Board who were first nominated or recommended for election to the Board by any Person other than the Board or its Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (or any Board committee performing similar functions (together with the Board, the "N&G Committee")) and such nomination was not recommended by the N&G Committee before such nomination or recommendation was first publicly announced by such Person or following the institution of an Election Contest proposing the election of one or more directors to the Board who, at the time such proposal is first publicly announced, were not recommended for election to the Board by the Board or the N&G Committee, then the Effective Date shall mean the date immediately preceding such termination and such termination shall be deemed to have occurred during the Employment Period for purposes of this Agreement. For the avoidance of doubt, this Section 5(e) will not apply if the Executive's employment is terminated by the Executive (whether or not Good Reason exists) or the Executive terminates employment for death or Disability. Notwithstanding any other provision in this Agreement to the contrary, if Section 5(e) applies and the Company terminates the Executive's employment (i) without Cause, then, contingent upon the Executive's execution of the Release of Claims without revocation within the time period described in Section 8 below and the Executive's compliance with Section 9, the Executive shall be eligible to receive the payments and

benefits set forth in Section 5(a) within the time periods specified in Section 5(a) as to payment of such benefits from and after the Executive's Date of Termination, without regard to any provision requiring such benefits to be payable upon the later of the Date of Termination or the date of the Change in Control; provided, however, that the Executive shall not be entitled to any payment or benefit under Section 5(a)(4); and (ii) if the Executive's termination occurs by reason of the Executive's Disability during the Employment Period, then the Executive shall be entitled to the payments and benefits set forth in Section 5(c) within the time periods specified in Section 5(c).

(f) 409A Compliance. Notwithstanding the provisions of Section 5, in the event that the Executive is a "specified employee" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code (as determined in accordance with the methodology established by the Company as in effect on the Date of Termination) and if any portion of the payments or benefits to be received by the Executive under this Agreement upon his or her separation from service, including Section 5, would be considered deferred compensation under Section 409A of the Code, amounts that would otherwise be payable under this Agreement, as applicable, during the six-month period immediately following the Date of Termination (other than the amountsnot subject to Section 409A of the Code) shall instead be paid, with interest on any delayed payment at the applicable federal rate provided for in Section 7872(f)(2)(A) of the Code ("Interest"), on the earlier of (i) the first business day after the date that is six months following the Executive's "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code and (ii) the Executive's death (the applicable date, the "Delayed Payment Date"). Each payment and benefit to be made or provided to the Executive under this Agreement shall be considered to be a separate payment and not one of a series of payments for purposes of Section 409A of the Code. A termination of employment shall not be deemed to have occurred for purposes of any provision of this Agreement providing for the payment of any amounts or benefits subject to Section 409A of the Code upon or following a termination of employment unless such termination is also a "separation from service" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code. Notwithstanding any other provision to the contrary in this Section 5, the Welfare Benefits provided pursuant to Section 5(a)(2) that are not non-taxable medical benefits, "disability pay" or "death benefit plans" within the meaning of Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-l(a)(5), and the reimbursement or in-kind benefits provided pursuant to Sections 73 and 7, shall be treated as follows (the "Reimbursement Rules"): (i) the amount of such benefits provided during one taxable year shall not affect the amount of such benefits provided in any other taxable year, except that to the extent such benefits consist of the reimbursement of expenses referred to in Section 105(b) of the Code, a limitation may be imposed on the amount of such reimbursements over some or all of the Benefit Continuation Period, as described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-3(i)(1)(iv)(B), (ii) to the extent that any such benefits consist of reimbursement of eligible expenses, such reimbursement must be made on or before the last day of the calendar year following the calendar year in which the expense was incurred, and (iii) no such benefit may be liquidated or exchanged for another benefit. To the extent the period under which the Executive must sign and not revoke the Release of Claims (as described in Section 8 of this Agreement) spans two calendar years, then the payment of any severance pay and benefits contingent upon the execution of such Release of Claims without revocation shall not commence until the second calendar year, but shall continue to be paid within the timeframe described under Section 5(a).

Section 6. Non-exclusivity of Rights. Nothing in this Agreement shall prevent or limit the Executive's continuing or future participation in any plan, program, policy or practice provided by the Company or the Affiliated Companies and for which the Executive may qualify, nor, subject to Section 11 (f), shall anything herein limit or otherwise affect such rights as the Executive may have under any other contract or agreement with the Company or the Affiliated Companies. Except as otherwise provided in this Agreement, amounts that are vested benefits or that the Executive is otherwise entitled to receive under any plan, policy, practice or program of or any other contract or agreement with the Company or the Affiliated Companies at or subsequent to the Date of Termination

("Other Benefits") shall be payable in accordance with such plan, policy, practice or program or contract or agreement, except as explicitly modified by this Agreement. Without limiting the generality of the foregoing, the Executive's resignation under this Agreement with or without Good Reason, shall in no way affect the Executive's ability to terminate employment by reason of the Executive's "retirement" under any compensation and benefits plans, programs or arrangements of the Affiliated Companies, including without limitation any retirement or pension plans or arrangements or to be eligible to receive benefits under any compensation or benefit plans, programs or arrangements of the Affiliated Companies, including without limitation any retirement or pension plan or arrangement of the Affiliated Companies or substitute plans adopted by the Company or its successors, and any termination which otherwise qualifies as Good Reason shall be treated as such even if it is also a "retirement" for purposes of any such plan. Notwithstanding the foregoing, if the Executive receives payments and benefits pursuant to Section 5(a) of this Agreement, the Executive shall not be entitled to any severance pay or benefits under any severance plan, program or policy of the Company and the Affiliated Companies, unless otherwise specifically provided therein in a specific reference to this Agreement.

Section 7. Full Settlement. The Company's obligation to make the payments provided for in this Agreement and otherwise to perform its obligations hereunder shall not be affected by any set-off, counterclaim, recoupment, defense or other claim, right or action that the Company may have against the Executive or others. In no event shall the Executive be obligated to seek other employment or take any other action by way of mitigation of the amounts payable to the Executive under any of the provisions of this Agreement, and such amounts shall not be reduced whether or not the Executive obtains other employment. The Company agrees to pay as incurred (within 10 days following the Company's receipt of an invoice from the Executive) at any time from the date of this Agreement through the Executive's remaining lifetime or, if longer, through the 20th anniversary of the Effective Date, to the full extent permitted by law, all reasonable legal fees and expenses that the Executive may incur as a result of any contest (regardless of the outcome thereof) by the Company, the Executive or others of the validity or enforceability of, or liability under, any provision of this Agreement or any guarantee of performance thereof (including as a result of any contest by the Executive about the amount of any payment pursuant to this Agreement), plus, in each case, Interest; provided that (a) the Executive shall have submitted an invoice for such fees and expenses at least 10 days before the end of the calendar year next following the calendar year in which such fees and expenses were incurred and (b) such reimbursements or in-kind benefits comply with the Reimbursement Rules.

Section 8. Release of Claims. In consideration for and as a condition precedent to receiving the severance pay or benefits outlined in this Agreement, the Executive agrees to execute a Release of Claims in the form substantially similar to the form attached as Appendix C ("Release of Claims"). The Executive acknowledges and agrees that if he fails to execute and deliver the Release of Claims to the Company within 21 days (or, if required by applicable law, 45 days) from the Executive's Date of Termination or revokes such Release of Claims prior to the "Effective Date" (as such term is defined in the Release of Claims) of the Release of Claims, the Executive shall forfeit the severance pay and benefits outlined in this Agreement.

Section 9. Confidential Information; Other Restrictive Covenants.

(a) <u>Confidential Information</u>. The Executive shall hold in a fiduciary capacity for the benefit of the Company all secret or confidential information, knowledge or data relating to the Company or the Affiliated Companies, and their respective businesses, which information, knowledge or data shall have been obtained by the Executive during the Executive's employment by the Company or the Affiliated Companies and which information, knowledge or data shall not be or become public knowledge (other than by acts by the Executive or representatives of the Executive in

violation of this Agreement). After termination of the Executive's employment with the Company, the Executive shall not, without the prior written consent of the Company or as may otherwise be required by law or legal process, communicate or divulge any such information, knowledge or data to anyone other than the Company and those persons designated by the Company. In no event shall an asserted violation of the provisions of this Section 9 constitute a basis for deferring or withholding any amounts otherwise payable to the Executive under this Agreement.

- (b) <u>Covenants Following Termination of Employment</u>. For a period of one (1) year following the termination of the Executive's employment during the Employment Period, the Executive will not:
 - (1) enter into or engage in any business that competes with the Company's Business within the Restricted Territory (as defined in Section 9(c));
 - (2) solicit customers with whom the Executive had any contact or for which the Executive had any responsibility (either direct or supervisory) at the Date of Termination or at any time during the one (1) year prior to such Date of Termination, whether within or outside of the Restricted Territory, or solicit business, patronage or orders for, or sell, any products and services in competition with, or for any business that competes with the Company's Business within the Restricted Territory;
 - (3) divert, entice or otherwise take away any customers, business, patronage or orders of the Company within the Restricted Territory, or attempt to do so;
 - (4) promote or assist, financially or otherwise, any person, firm, association, partnership, corporation or other entity engaged in any business that competes with the Company's Business within the Restricted Territory; or
 - (5) solicit or induce or attempt to solicit or induce any employee(s), sales representative(s), agent(s) or consultant(s) of the Company and/or its affiliated companies to terminate their employment, representation or other association with the Company and/or its affiliated companies, *provided* that the foregoing shall not apply to general advertising not specifically targeted at employees, sales representatives, agents or consultants of the Company and/or its affiliated companies.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall not be a violation of this Section 9(b) for the Executive to join a division or business line of a commercial enterprise with multiple divisions or business lines if such division or business line is not competitive with the Company's Business, *provided* that the Executive performs services solely for such non-competitive division or business line, and performs no functions on behalf of (and has no involvement with or direct or indirect responsibilities with respect to) businesses competitive with the Company's Business. Nothing in this Section 9(b) shall prohibit the Executive from being a passive owner of not more than 4.9% of the outstanding equity interest in any entity which is publicly traded, so long as the Executive has no active participation in the business of such corporation.

(c) <u>Restricted Territory</u>. For the purposes of Section 9(b), the Restricted Territory shall be defined as and limited to the geographic area(s) within a 100 mile radius of any and all areas in which the Company was located immediately prior to the Effective Date in, to, or for which Executive worked, to which Executive was assigned or had any responsibility (either direct or supervisory) at the Date of Termination and at any time during the one (1) year prior to the Date of Termination.

(d) <u>Company's Business</u>. For purposes of Section 9(b), the Company's Business is defined to be the development and sale of software products that facilitate electronic payments, as further described in any and all manufacturing, marketing and sales manuals and materials of the Company in effect immediately prior to the Effective Date, or of any other products or services substantially similar to or readily suitable for any such described products.

Section 10. Successors.

- (a) This Agreement is personal to the Executive, and, without the prior written consent of the Company, shall not be assignable by the Executive other than by will or the laws of descent and distribution. This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be enforceable by the Executive's legal representatives.
- (b) This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the Company and its successors and assigns. Except as provided in Section 10(c), without the prior written consent of the Executive, this Agreement shall not be assignable by the Company.
- (c) The Company will require any successor (whether direct or indirect, by purchase, merger, consolidation or otherwise) to all or substantially all of the business and/or assets of the Company to assume expressly and agree to perform this Agreement in the same manner and to the same extent that the Company would be required to perform it if no such succession had taken place. "Company" means the Company as hereinbefore defined and any successor to its business and/or assets as aforesaid that assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement by operation of law or otherwise. In the event of a Change in Control during the Change in Control Period, (i) any stock-based award held by the Executive with performance-based vesting conditions (other than the Excluded Awards, as defined in Section 5(a)(4)) shall, immediately prior to such Change in Control and without any further action on the part of the Company or the Executive, be deemed to have satisfied the performance-based vesting conditions at the greater of the target level or the pro rata portion (as defined below) of the level of achievement of the performance goals the Compensation Committee, in its reasonable discretion, determines the Executive likely would have received for the performance period during which the Executive's employment with the Company terminated had the Executive's employment not terminated and shall thereafter vest, unless sooner accelerated, monthly in equal installments over the remaining performance period (each a "Modified Award") and (ii) the Board shall cause any successor to assume any such Modified Award. The delivery of shares of common stock or cash (as applicable) in settlement of any such Modified Award (or portion thereof) that (i) does not constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made as soon as practicable following the applicable vesting event, but no later than the "applicable 2 ½ month period" as described in Treasury Regulation Section 1.409A-l(b)(4); and (ii) does constitute "nonqualified deferred compensation" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code shall be made on the first permissible payment event under Section 409A of the Code on which the shares or cash would otherwise be delivered or paid. In the event of a Change in Control in which the Company's common stock ceases to be listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Global Select Market or the Company's common stock is converted into any consideration other than shares of common stock listed on the New York Stock Exchange or the Nasdaq Global Select Market, immediately prior to such Change in Control, the Board shall in its reasonable discretion take one of the following actions: (i) terminate such awards as of immediately prior to the consummation of the Change in Control in consideration of a payment equal the excess of the fair market value of such award (as reasonably determined by the Board) over the exercise or conversion price, if any, of such award, (ii) accelerate all vesting conditions in such award such that the award is fully exercisable immediately prior to the consummation of such Change in Control with such vesting and notice of exercise contingent upon consummation of such Change in Control, (iii) issuance of substitute awards that will substantially preserve the realizable value and otherwise applicable

terms of any affected awards previously granted to the Executive and (iv) any combination of the foregoing. To avoid any ambiguity or doubt, the Company shall amend all applicable plans and award agreements to the extent necessary or advisable to reflect the terms of this Agreement. For purposes of this Section 10(c), the term "pro rata portion" shall mean a percentage, when expressed as a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of days during the applicable performance period in which the Executive was in continuous active employment with the Company, and the denominator of which is the number of days in such performance period.

Section 11. Miscellaneous.

- (a) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Delaware, without reference to principles of conflict of laws. The captions of this Agreement are not part of the provisions hereof and shall have no force or effect. This Agreement may not be amended or modified other than by a written agreement executed by the parties hereto or their respective successors and legal representatives.
- (b) All notices and other communications hereunder shall be in writing and shall be given by hand delivery to the other party or by registered or certified mail, return receipt requested, postage prepaid, addressed as follows:

If to the Executive:

At the most recent address on file at the Company.

if to the Company:

ACI Worldwide, Inc. 6060 Coventry Drive Elkhorn, NE 68022 Attention: General Counsel

or to such other address as either party shall have furnished to the other in writing in accordance herewith. Notice and communications shall be effective when actually received by the addressee.

- (c) In the event of a Change in Control, all Prior Awards shall vest in full, in each case immediately prior to the occurrence of such Change in Control.
- (d) The invalidity or unenforceability of any provision of this Agreement shall not affect the validity or enforceability of any other provision of this Agreement.
- (e) The Company may withhold from any amounts payable under this Agreement such United States federal, state or local or foreign taxes as shall be required to be withheld pursuant to any applicable law or regulation.
- (f) The Executive's or the Company's failure to insist upon strict compliance with any provision of this Agreement or the failure to assert any right the Executive or the Company may have hereunder, including, without limitation, the right of the Executive to terminate employment for Good Reason pursuant to Sections 4(c)(1) through 4(c)(5), shall not be deemed to be a waiver of such provision or right or any other provision or right of this Agreement.

- (g) The Executive and the Company acknowledge that, except as may otherwise be provided under any other written agreement between the Executive and the Company, the employment of the Executive by the Company is "at will" and, subject to Sections 1 and 5, prior to the Effective Date, the Executive's employment may be terminated by either the Executive or the Company at any time prior to the Effective Date, in which case the Executive shall have no further rights under this Agreement. Except as specifically provided herein, this Agreement shall supersede any other agreement ("Prior Agreement") between the parties with respect to the subject matter hereof; including, without limitation, any agreement set forth on Appendix D attached hereto and incorporated herein by this reference.
- (h) No later than 10 days prior to the date of a Change in Control, the Company shall deliver cash, in an amount equal to the sum of (A) the aggregate of the cash amounts that could be payable under Section 5(a)(1), (2), (3) and (5) (plus any estimated Interest) and (B) the aggregate of the cash value of any amounts deferred by the Executive under any "nonqualified deferred compensation plan" within the meaning of Section 409A of the Code, to a "rabbi trust" (the "Trust") to be established by the Company prior to such delivery of cash with a nationally recognized financial institution as trustee (the "Trustee") to be held by the Trustee pursuant to the terms of the trust agreement entered into between the Company and the Trustee prior to the Effective Date; *provided*, *however*; that the Trust shall not be funded if the funding thereof would result in taxable income to the Executive by reason of Section 409A(b) of the Code or otherwise result in a violation of Section 409A of the Code. The Company shall be responsible for any fees and expenses of the Trustee. Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, if a Change in Control occurs during the Change in Control Period and if the Executive's employment with the Company is terminated within six months prior to the date on which the Change in Control occurs, this Section 11(h) shall not apply.
- (i) To the extent applicable, it is intended that this Agreement comply with the provisions of Section 409A of the Code. This Agreement shall be administered in a manner consistent with this intent.
- (j) Executive acknowledges and agrees that no change in control, as defined under this Agreement or any Prior Agreement, has occurred prior to the Contract Date.

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ACI Worldwide, Inc.	Executive
By:	Signature:
Its:	Printed Name:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the Executive has hereunto set the Executive's hand and, pursuant to the authorization from the Board, the Company has caused these presents to be executed in its name on its behalf, all effective as of $\,$, 2016.

APPENDIX A

Excluded Awards

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APPENDIX B

Prior Awards

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APPENDIX C

RELEASE OF CLAIMS

1. Parties.

The parties to Release of Claims (hereinafter "Release") are [EXECUTIVE'S NAME] and ACI Worldwide, Inc., a Delaware corporation, as hereinafter defined.

1.1. Executive and Releasing Parties.

For the purposes of this Release, "Executive" means [EXECUTIVE'S NAME], and "Releasing Parties" means Executive and his attorneys, heirs, legatees, personal representatives, executors, administrators, assigns, and spouse.

1.2. The Company and the Released Parties.

For the purposes of this Release the "Company" means ACI Worldwide, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and "Released Parties" means the Company and its predecessors and successors, affiliates, and all of each such entity's officers, directors, employees, insurers, agents, attorneys or assigns, in their individual and representative capacities.

2. Background And Purpose.

Executive was employed by the Company. Executive's employment is ending effective under the conditions described in Section 5(a) of the Executive's Change in Control Employment Agreement ("Agreement") by and between Executive and the Company dated [DATE OF CHANGE IN CONTROL EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT].

The purpose of this Release is to settle, and the parties hereby settle, fully and finally, any and all claims the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties, whether asserted or not, known or unknown, including, but not limited to, claims arising out of or related to Executive's employment, any claim for reemployment, or any other claims whether asserted or not, known or unknown, past or future, that relate to Executive's employment, reemployment, or application for reemployment (in each case except as set forth below).

3. Release.

In consideration for the payments and benefits set forth in Section 5(a) of the Agreement and other promises by the Company all of which constitute good and sufficient consideration, Executive, for and on behalf of the Releasing Parties, waives, acquits and forever discharges the Released Parties from any obligations the Released Parties have and all claims the Releasing Parties may have as of the Effective Date (as defined in Section 4 below) of this Release, including but not limited to, obligations and/or claims arising from the Agreement (other than any claim Executive may have against the Company after the date hereof with respect to nonperformance of the payment obligations of the Company set forth in Section 5(a) of the Agreement) or any other document or oral agreement relating to employment, compensation, benefits, severance or post-employment issues. Executive, for and on behalf of the Releasing Parties, hereby releases the Released Parties from any and all claims, demands, actions, or causes of action, whether known or unknown, arising from or related in any way to any employment of or past failure or refusal to employ Executive by the Company, or any other past claim that relates in any way to Executive's employment, compensation, benefits, reemployment, or application for employment, with the exception of any claim Executive may have against the Company for enforcement of the Agreement. The matters released include, but are not limited to, any claims under federal, state or local laws, including the Age Discrimination in Employment Act ("ADEA") as amended by the Older

Workers' Benefit Protection Act ("OWBPA"), any common law tort, contract or statutory claims, and any claims for attorneys' fees and costs. Further, Executive, for and on behalf of the Releasing Parties, waives and releases the Released Parties from any claims that this Release was procured by fraud or signed under duress or coercion so as to make the Release not binding. Executive is not relying upon any representations by the Company's legal counsel in deciding to enter into this Release. Executive understands and agrees that by signing this Release Executive, for and on behalf of the Releasing Parties, is giving up the right to pursue any legal claims that Executive or the Releasing Parties may have against the Released Parties with respect to the claims released hereby. Provided, nothing in this provision of this Release shall be construed to prohibit Executive from challenging the validity of the ADEA release in this Section of the Release or from filing a charge or complaint with the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or any state agency or from participating in any investigation or proceeding conducted by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission or state agency. However, the Released Parties will assert all such claims have been released in a final binding settlement.

Executive understands and agrees that this Release extinguishes all released claims, whether known or unknown, foreseen or unforeseen. Executive expressly waives any rights or benefits under Section 1542 of the California Civil Code, or any equivalent statute. California Civil Code Section 1542 provides as follows:

"A general release does not extend to claims which the creditor does not know or suspect to exist in his or her favor at the time of executing the release, which if known by him or her must have materially affected his or her settlement with the debtor."

Executive fully understands that, if any fact with respect to any matter covered by this Release is found hereafter to be other than or different from the facts now believed by Executive to be true, Executive expressly accepts and assumes that this Release shall be and remain effective, notwithstanding such difference in the facts.

3.1. IMPORTANT INFORMATION REGARDING ADEA RELEASE.

Executive understands and agrees that:

- (a) this Release is worded in an understandable way;
- (b) claims under ADEA that may arise after the date of this Release are not waived;
- (c) the rights and claims waived in this Release are in exchange for additional consideration over and above any consideration to which Executive was already undisputedly entitled;
- (d) Executive has been advised to consult with an attorney prior to executing this Release and has had sufficient time and opportunity to do so:
- (e) Executive has been given a period of time of 21 days (or, if required by applicable law, 45 days) (the "Statutory Period"), if desired, to consider this Release and understands that Executive may revoke his waiver and release of any ADEA claims covered by this Release within seven (7) days from the date Executive executes this Release. Notice of revocation must be in writing and received by ACI Worldwide, Inc., 6060 Coventry Drive, Elkhorn, NE 68022, Attn: General Counsel within seven (7) days after Executive signs this Release; and
- (f) any changes made to this Release, whether material or immaterial, will not restart the running of the Statutory Period.

3.2. Reservations Of Rights.

This Release shall not affect any rights which Executive may have under any medical insurance, disability plan, workers' compensation, unemployment compensation, indemnifications, applicable company stock incentive plan(s), or the 401(k) plan maintained by the Company.

3.3. No Admission Of Liability.

It is understood and agreed that the acts done and evidenced hereby and the release granted hereunder is not an admission of liability on the part of Executive or the Company or the Released Parties, by whom liability has been and is expressly denied.

4. Effective Date.

The "Effective Date" of this Release shall be the eighth calendar day after it is signed by Executive.

5. Confidentiality, Proprietary, Trade Secret And Related Information

Executive acknowledges the duty and agrees not to make unauthorized use or disclosure of any confidential, proprietary or trade secret information learned as an employee about the Company, its products, customers and suppliers, and covenants not to breach that duty. Moreover, Executive acknowledges that, subject to the enforcement limitations of applicable law, the Company reserves the right to enforce the terms of any offer letter, employment agreement, confidentially agreement, or any other agreement between Executive and the Company and any section(s) therein. Should Executive, Executive's attorney or agents be requested in any judicial, administrative, or other proceeding to disclose confidential, proprietary or trade secret information Executive learned as an employee of the Company, Executive shall promptly notify the Company of such request by the most expeditious means in order to enable the Company to take any reasonable and appropriate action to limit such disclosure.

6. Scope Of Release.

The provisions of this Release shall be deemed to obligate, extend to, and inure to the benefit of the parties; the Company's parents, subsidiaries, affiliates, successors, predecessors, assigns, directors, officers, and employees; and each party's insurers, transferees, grantees, legatees, agents, personal representatives and heirs, including those who may assume any and all of the above-described capacities subsequent to the execution and Effective Date of this Release.

7. Entire Release.

This Release and the Agreement signed by Executive contain the entire agreement and understanding between the parties and, except as reserved in Sections 3 and 5 of this Release, supersede and replace all prior agreements, written or oral, prior negotiations and proposed agreements, written or oral. Executive and the Company acknowledge that no other party, nor agent nor attorney of any other party, has made any promise, representation, or warranty, express or implied, not contained in this Release concerning the subject matter of this Release to induce this Release, and Executive and the Company acknowledge that they have not executed this Release in reliance upon any such promise, representation, or warranty not contained in this Release.

8. Severability.

Every provision of this Release is intended to be severable. In the event any term or provision of this Release is declared to be illegal or invalid for any reason whatsoever by a court of competent jurisdiction or by final and unappealed order of an administrative agency of competent jurisdiction, such illegality or invalidity should not affect the balance of the terms and provisions of this Release, which terms and provisions shall remain binding and enforceable.

9. References.	•
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The Company agrees to follow the applicable policy(ies) regarding release of employment reference information.

10. Parties May Enforce Release.

Nothing in this Release shall operate to release or discharge any parties to this Release or their successors, assigns, legatees, heirs, or personal representatives from any rights, claims, or causes of action arising out of, relating to, or connected with a breach of any obligation of any party contained in this Release.

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11. Govern	ning Law.		
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APPENDIX D

Prior Agreements