

ACI Worldwide, Inc. Announces Preliminary Results for Fourth Quarter 2013

Conference Call Scheduled for February 27th, 2014 at 8:30 am EST

NAPLES, Fla.--(BUSINESS WIRE)-- ACI Worldwide, Inc. (NASDAQ: ACIW), a leading international provider of <u>electronic</u> <u>payment and banking systems</u>, today announced preliminary unaudited financial results for the fourth quarter ended December 31, 2013. The expected results presented are based on preliminary data and are not final until the financial reporting process is complete. Full year non-GAAP revenues are now expected to be in a range of \$865 million to \$870 million, below our prior forecast of \$883 million to \$905 million. Full year non-GAAP operating income is now expected to be in a range of \$150 million to \$155 million, below our prior forecast of \$165 million to \$175 million. Full year adjusted EBITDA is now expected to be \$235 million to \$240 million, below our prior forecast of \$257 million to \$267 million. This revised guidance does not impact our expectations for 2014 as discussed at our recent investor day.

"ACI was unable to finalize several contracts we had expected to close in the quarter," stated Phil Heasley, President and CEO, ACI Worldwide. "While we are disappointed with the timing, we made the disciplined decision to defer certain contracts until 2014 to position ACI for better economic terms. Some of these contracts were consummated subsequent to quarter end and we continue to be in discussions with all others. Additionally, we had expected approximately \$7 million of income to be recorded in the fourth quarter that now must be recorded to the acquisition-related balance sheet, thus reducing operating income. Overall, we are increasingly optimistic that our structural efforts in 2013 have positioned us well for 2014 and beyond. We look forward to providing additional color when we provide final results and detailed 2014 guidance later this month."

ACI plans to report final financial results for the fourth quarter 2013 on February 27, 2014. Management will host a conference call at 8:30 am EST to discuss the results. Interested persons may access a real-time audio broadcast of the teleconference at <u>http://www.aciworldwide.com/investorrelations</u> or use the following numbers for dial in participation: US/Canada: (866) 914-7436, International/Local: +1 (817) 385-9117. Please provide your name, the conference name ACI Worldwide, Inc. and conference ID code 76644361.

There will be a replay available for two weeks on (855) 859-2056 for US/Canada Dial-In and +1 (404) 537- 3406 for International/Local Dial-In participants.

About ACI Worldwide

ACI Worldwide, the Universal Payments Company, powers electronic payments and banking for more than 5,000 financial institutions, retailers, billers and processors around the world. ACI software enables \$13 trillion in payments each day, processing transactions for more than 250 of the leading global retailers, and 21 of the world's 25 largest banks. Through our comprehensive suite of software products and hosted services, we deliver a broad range of solutions for payments processing; card and merchant management; <u>online banking</u>; mobile, branch and voice banking; <u>fraud detection</u>; trade finance; and <u>electronic bill presentment</u> and payment. To learn more about ACI, please visit <u>www.aciworldwide.com</u>. You can also find us on Twitter @ACI_Worldwide.

To supplement our financial results presented on a GAAP basis, we use the non-GAAP measures indicated in the tables, which exclude certain business combination accounting entries related to the acquisition of S1, Online Resources and Official Payments and significant transaction related expenses, as well as other significant non-cash expenses such as depreciation, amortization and share-based compensation, that we believe are helpful in understanding our past financial performance and our future results. The presentation of these non-GAAP financial measures should be considered in addition to our GAAP results and are not intended to be considered in isolation or as a substitute for the financial information prepared and presented in accordance with GAAP. Management generally compensates for limitations in the use of non-GAAP financial measures by relying on comparable GAAP financial measures and providing investors with a reconciliation of non-GAAP financial measures only in addition to and in conjunction with results presented in accordance with GAAP. We believe that these non-GAAP financial measures reflect an additional way of viewing aspects of our operations that, when viewed with our GAAP results, provide a more complete understanding of factors and trends affecting our business. Certain non-GAAP measures include:

- Non-GAAP revenue: revenue plus deferred revenue that would have been recognized in the normal course of business by S1, Online Resources and Official Payments if not for GAAP purchase accounting requirements. Non-GAAP revenue should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, revenue.
- Non-GAAP operating income: operating income (loss) plus deferred revenue that would have been recognized in the

normal course of business by S1, Online Resources and Official Payments if not for GAAP purchase accounting requirements and significant transaction related expenses. Non-GAAP operating income should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, operating income.

Adjusted EBITDA: net income (loss) plus income tax expense, net interest income (expense), net other income (expense), depreciation, amortization and non-cash compensation, as well as deferred revenue that would have been recognized in the normal course of business by S1, Online Resources and Official Payments if not for GAAP purchase accounting requirements and significant transaction related expenses. Adjusted EBITDA should be considered in addition to, rather than as a substitute for, operating income.

Forward-Looking Statements

This press release contains forward-looking statements based on current expectations that involve a number of risks and uncertainties. Generally, forward-looking statements do not relate strictly to historical or current facts and may include words or phrases such as "believes," "will," "expects," "anticipates," "intends," and words and phrases of similar impact. The forward-looking statements are made pursuant to safe harbor provisions of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995.

Forward-looking statements in this press release include, but are not limited to, statements regarding: (i) expectations regarding 2013 financial results; and (ii) the expectations for 2014.

All of the foregoing forward-looking statements are expressly gualified by the risk factors discussed in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Such factors include but are not limited to, increased competition, the performance of our strategic product, BASE24-eps, demand for our products, restrictions and other financial covenants in our credit facility, consolidations and failures in the financial services industry, customer reluctance to switch to a new vendor, the accuracy of management's backlog estimates, the maturity of certain products, our strategy to migrate customers to our next generation products, ratable or deferred recognition of certain revenue associated with customer migrations and the maturity of certain of our products, failure to obtain renewals of customer contracts or to obtain such renewals on favorable terms, delay or cancellation of customer projects or inaccurate project completion estimates, volatility and disruption of the capital and credit markets and adverse changes in the global economy, our existing levels of debt, impairment of our goodwill or intangible assets, litigation, future acquisitions, strategic partnerships and investments, risks related to the expected benefits to be achieved in the transaction with Online Resources, the complexity of our products and services and the risk that they may contain hidden defects or be subjected to security breaches or viruses, compliance of our products with applicable legislation, governmental regulations and industry standards, our compliance with privacy regulations, the protection of our intellectual property in intellectual property litigation, the cyclical nature of our revenue and earnings and the accuracy of forecasts due to the concentration of revenue generating activity during the final weeks of each guarter, business interruptions or failure of our information technology and communication systems, our offshore software development activities, risks from operating internationally, including fluctuations in currency exchange rates, exposure to unknown tax liabilities, and volatility in our stock price. For a detailed discussion of these risk factors, parties that are relying on the forward-looking statements should review our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission, including our most recently filed Annual Report on Form 10-K, Registration Statement on Form S-4, and subsequent reports on Forms 10-Q and 8-K.

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