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**UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

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

For the quarterly period ended July 1, 2017

Or

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

Commission file number: 000-24049

CRA International, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction of
incorporation or organization)

200 Clarendon Street, Boston, MA
(Address of principal executive offices)

04-2372210
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

02116-5092
(Zip Code)

(617) 425-3000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§ 232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes No

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

Large accelerated filer

Accelerated filer

Non-accelerated filer
(Do not check if a smaller
reporting company)

Smaller reporting company
Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

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

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class
Common Stock, no par value per share

Outstanding at July 28, 2017
8,224,135 shares



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PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION

ITEM 1. Financial Statements

CRA International, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Income Statements (unaudited)

(In thousands, except per share data)

	Quarter Ended		Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016
Revenues	\$ 93,563	\$ 82,607	\$ 181,734	\$ 163,519
Costs of services	65,220	57,950	127,801	113,465
Gross profit	28,343	24,657	53,933	50,054
Selling, general and administrative expenses	20,259	16,856	38,975	36,077
Depreciation and amortization	2,236	2,121	4,199	3,970
Income from operations	5,848	5,680	10,759	10,007
GNU gain on sale of business assets	250	3,836	250	3,836
Interest expense, net	(133)	(120)	(245)	(227)
Other expense, net	(46)	(127)	(237)	(162)
Income before provision for income taxes	5,919	9,269	10,527	13,454
Provision for income taxes	(2,012)	(2,502)	(3,790)	(4,448)
Net income	3,907	6,767	6,737	9,006
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax	(94)	(1,552)	(71)	(1,369)
Net income attributable to CRA International, Inc.	\$ 3,813	\$ 5,215	\$ 6,666	\$ 7,637
Net income per share attributable to CRA International, Inc:				
Basic	\$ 0.45	\$ 0.60	\$ 0.79	\$ 0.86
Diluted	\$ 0.44	\$ 0.59	\$ 0.77	\$ 0.86
Weighted average number of shares outstanding:				
Basic	8,428	8,695	8,423	8,783
Diluted	8,618	8,779	8,619	8,825

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

CRA International, Inc.**Condensed Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income (unaudited)***(In thousands)*

	<u>Quarter Ended</u>		<u>Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended</u>	
	<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>July 2, 2016</u>	<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>July 2, 2016</u>
Net income	\$ 3,907	\$ 6,767	\$ 6,737	\$ 9,006
Other comprehensive income:				
Foreign currency translation adjustments	1,753	(1,938)	2,337	(1,915)
Comprehensive income	5,660	4,829	9,074	7,091
Less: comprehensive income attributable to noncontrolling interest	(94)	(1,552)	(71)	(1,369)
Comprehensive income attributable to CRA International, Inc.	<u>\$ 5,566</u>	<u>\$ 3,277</u>	<u>\$ 9,003</u>	<u>\$ 5,722</u>

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

CRA International, Inc.**Condensed Consolidated Balance Sheets (unaudited)***(In thousands, except share data)*

	<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Assets		
Current assets:		
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 14,668	\$ 53,530
Accounts receivable, net of allowances of \$6,910 at July 1, 2017 and \$4,253 at December 31, 2016	71,554	66,852
Unbilled services, net of allowances of \$2,695 at July 1, 2017 and \$1,720 at December 31, 2016	38,868	24,937
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	13,635	19,295
Forgivable loans	7,319	5,897
Total current assets	146,044	170,511
Property and equipment, net	36,854	36,381
Goodwill	87,740	74,764
Intangible assets, net	10,227	2,685
Deferred income taxes	10,083	10,049
Forgivable loans, net of current portion	22,211	28,065
Other assets	1,169	1,187
Total assets	<u>\$ 314,328</u>	<u>\$ 323,642</u>
Liabilities and shareholders' equity		
Current liabilities:		
Accounts payable	\$ 15,607	\$ 13,729
Accrued expenses	59,716	75,281
Deferred revenue and other liabilities	2,857	3,021
Current portion of deferred rent	1,010	1,499
Current portion of deferred compensation	597	570
Total current liabilities	79,787	94,100
Non-current liabilities:		
Deferred rent and facility-related non-current liabilities	17,029	15,191
Deferred compensation and other non-current liabilities	8,069	6,346
Deferred income taxes	315	122
Total non-current liabilities	25,413	21,659
Commitments and contingencies (Note 16)		
Shareholders' equity:		
Preferred stock, no par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized; none issued and outstanding	—	—
Common stock, no par value; 25,000,000 shares authorized; 8,197,612 shares and 8,333,990 shares issued and outstanding at July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, respectively	48,753	54,124
Retained earnings	171,122	166,914
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	(11,481)	(13,818)
Total CRA International, Inc. shareholders' equity	208,394	207,220
Noncontrolling interest	734	663
Total shareholders' equity	209,128	207,883
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	<u>\$ 314,328</u>	<u>\$ 323,642</u>

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

CRA International, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows (unaudited)

(In thousands)

	Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016
Operating activities:		
Net income	\$ 6,737	\$ 9,006
Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash used in operating activities:		
Depreciation and amortization	4,199	3,964
Impairment of intangible assets	510	—
GNU gain on sale of business assets	(250)	(3,836)
Deferred rent	1,202	3,154
Deferred income taxes	213	731
Share-based compensation expenses	3,052	3,105
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	—	(55)
Accounts receivable allowances	2,620	(425)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities:		
Accounts receivable	(6,344)	(3,855)
Unbilled services	(13,149)	(5,138)
Prepaid expenses and other current assets, and other assets	5,380	542
Forgivable loans	4,612	3,613
Incentive cash awards	609	—
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities	(17,874)	(15,881)
Net cash used in operating activities	<u>(8,483)</u>	<u>(5,075)</u>
Investing activities:		
Cash consideration paid for acquisitions	(16,163)	—
Purchases of property and equipment	(2,650)	(6,750)
GNU cash proceeds from sale of business assets	250	1,100
Net cash used in investing activities	<u>(18,563)</u>	<u>(5,650)</u>
Financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock, principally stock option exercises	2,699	—
Payments on notes payable	—	(75)
Borrowings under line of credit	11,500	5,000
Repayments under line of credit	(11,500)	(5,000)
Tax withholding payments reimbursed by restricted shares	(703)	(490)
Excess tax benefits from share-based compensation	—	55
Cash paid on dividend equivalents	(25)	—
Cash dividends paid to stockholders	(2,377)	—
Repurchases of common stock	(12,417)	(15,140)
Net cash used in financing activities	<u>(12,823)</u>	<u>(15,650)</u>
Effect of foreign exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents	1,007	441
Net decrease in cash and cash equivalents	<u>(38,862)</u>	<u>(25,934)</u>
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period	53,530	38,139
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	<u>\$ 14,668</u>	<u>\$ 12,205</u>
Noncash investing and financing activities:		
Issuance of common stock for acquired business	\$ 3,044	\$ 44
Repurchases of common stock payable	<u>\$ 1,046</u>	<u>\$ 1,315</u>
Purchases of property and equipment not yet paid for	<u>\$ 841</u>	<u>\$ 3,338</u>
Purchases of property and equipment by a third party	<u>\$ 450</u>	<u>\$ —</u>
Asset retirement obligations	<u>\$ —</u>	<u>\$ 1,522</u>
Supplemental cash flow information:		
Cash paid for income taxes	<u>\$ 5,229</u>	<u>\$ 1,592</u>
Cash paid for interest	<u>\$ 170</u>	<u>\$ 246</u>

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

CRA International, Inc.

Condensed Consolidated Statement of Shareholders' Equity (unaudited)

(In thousands, except share data)

	Common Stock		Retained Earnings	Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss	CRA International, Inc. Shareholders' Equity	Noncontrolling Interest	Total Shareholders' Equity
	Shares Issued	Amount					
BALANCE AT DECEMBER 31, 2016	8,333,990	\$ 54,124	\$ 166,914	\$ (13,818)	\$ 207,220	\$ 663	\$ 207,883
Net income	—	—	6,666	—	6,666	71	6,737
Foreign currency translation adjustment	—	—	—	2,337	2,337	—	2,337
Issuance of common stock	89,312	3,044	—	—	3,044	—	3,044
Exercise of stock options	123,955	2,699	—	—	2,699	—	2,699
Share-based compensation expense for employees	—	3,001	—	—	3,001	—	3,001
Restricted share and unit vestings	58,953	—	—	—	—	—	—
Redemption of vested employee restricted shares for tax withholding	(19,519)	(703)	—	—	(703)	—	(703)
Cumulative effect of a change in accounting principle related to ASU 2016-09	—	—	48	—	48	—	48
Shares repurchases	(389,079)	(13,463)	—	—	(13,463)	—	(13,463)
Share-based compensation expense for non-employees	—	51	—	—	51	—	51
Accrued dividends on unvested units	—	—	(104)	—	(104)	—	(104)
Cash paid on dividend equivalents	—	—	(25)	—	(25)	—	(25)
Cash dividends paid to stockholders	—	—	(2,377)	—	(2,377)	—	(2,377)
BALANCE AT JULY 1, 2017	<u>8,197,612</u>	<u>\$ 48,753</u>	<u>\$ 171,122</u>	<u>\$ (11,481)</u>	<u>\$ 208,394</u>	<u>\$ 734</u>	<u>\$ 209,128</u>

See accompanying notes to the condensed consolidated financial statements.

CRA International, Inc.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements

(Unaudited)

1. Description of Business

CRA International, Inc. ("CRA") is a worldwide leading consulting services firm that applies advanced analytic techniques and in-depth industry knowledge to complex engagements for a broad range of clients. CRA offers services in two broad areas: litigation, regulatory, and financial consulting and management consulting. CRA operates in one business segment. CRA operates its business under its registered trade name, Charles River Associates.

2. Basis of Presentation and Estimates

The accompanying unaudited condensed consolidated financial statements reflect the results of operations, financial position, cash flows, and stockholders' equity as of and for the fiscal quarters and year-to-date periods ended July 1, 2017 and July 2, 2016, respectively. These financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the rules and regulations of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC") for Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q. Accordingly, these financial statements do not include all of the information and note disclosures required by accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("GAAP") for annual financial statements. In the opinion of management, these financial statements reflect all adjustments of a normal, recurring nature necessary for the fair statement of CRA's results of operations, financial position, cash flows, and stockholders' equity for the interim periods presented in conformity with GAAP. Results of operations for the interim periods presented herein are not necessarily indicative of results of operations for a full year. These financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements and notes thereto for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, included in our Annual Report on Form 10-K, filed with the SEC on March 15, 2017.

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires management to make significant estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of consolidated revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates in these condensed consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, allowances for accounts receivable and unbilled services, revenue recognition on fixed price contracts, depreciation of property and equipment, share-based compensation, valuation of acquired intangible assets, impairment of long lived assets, goodwill, accrued and deferred income taxes, valuation allowances on deferred tax assets, accrued compensation, accrued exit costs, and other accrued expenses. These items are monitored and analyzed by CRA for changes in facts and circumstances, and material changes in these estimates could occur in the future. Changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which they become known. CRA bases its estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that CRA believes to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from those estimates if CRA's assumptions based on past experience or other assumptions do not turn out to be substantially accurate.

3. Principles of Consolidation

The condensed consolidated financial statements include the accounts of CRA and its wholly owned subsidiaries. In addition, the condensed consolidated financial statements include CRA's interest in GNU123 Liquidating Corporation ("GNU", formerly known as NeuCo Inc.). All significant intercompany transactions and accounts have been eliminated.

CRA International, Inc.

Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)

(Unaudited)

3. Principles of Consolidation (Continued)

CRA's ownership interest in GNU was 55.89% for all periods presented. GNU's financial results have been consolidated with CRA, and the portion of GNU's results allocable to its other owners is shown as "noncontrolling interest."

GNU's interim reporting schedule is based on calendar month-ends, but its fiscal year end is the last Saturday of November. CRA's quarterly results could include a few days reporting lag between CRA's quarter end and the most recent financial statements available from GNU. CRA does not believe that the reporting lag will have a significant impact on CRA's consolidated income statements or financial condition.

On April 13, 2016, a buyer acquired substantially all of the business assets and assumed substantially all of the liabilities of GNU for a purchase price of \$1.35 million. Of this amount, \$1.1 million was received at closing, with the remaining \$0.25 million payable on or after April 13, 2017, subject to contingencies, as outlined in the asset purchase agreement, which remaining amount was paid in full on May 3, 2017. GNU recognized a gain on sale of its business assets of \$0.25 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2017, of which \$0.14 million is attributed to CRA, and \$3.8 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2016, of which \$2.1 million is attributed to CRA.

4. Recent Accounting Standards Adopted

Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting

In March 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued ASU No. 2016-09, *Compensation-Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Improvements to Employee Share-Based Payment Accounting* ("ASU 2016-09"). ASU 2016-09 requires all of the tax effects related to share-based payments to be recorded through the income statement. The new pronouncement also allows for the option of estimating awards expected to vest or accounting for forfeitures when they occur. In the statement of cash flows, cash paid by employers when withholding shares for tax withholding purposes should be classified as a financing activity whereas cash flows resulting from excess tax benefits should be reported in operating activities. The amendments in this update are effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2016, and interim periods within those annual periods. Accordingly, CRA adopted ASU No. 2016-09 on January 1, 2017, resulting in the recognition of a tax benefit of \$0.3 million for the quarter ended April 1, 2017, in CRA's condensed consolidated income statements. CRA had traditionally classified employee taxes paid through employer share withholdings as financing activities, therefore no further adjustment was necessary. CRA elected to classify excess tax benefits from share-based compensation as operating activities on a prospective basis beginning in the quarter ended April 1, 2017. Additionally, CRA did not make any changes to its accounting for forfeitures and continues to estimate forfeitures based on historical experience.

5. Recent Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted

Revenue from Contracts with Customers

In August 2015, FASB issued ASU No. 2015-14, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers (Topic 606): Deferral of the Effective Date* ("ASU 2015-14"). ASU 2015-14 defers by one year the effective date of ASU No. 2014-09, *Revenue from Contracts with Customers* ("ASU 2014-09"). The deferral results in ASU 2014-09 being effective for fiscal years, and interim periods within those fiscal

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****5. Recent Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted (Continued)**

years, beginning after December 15, 2017. The main provision of ASU 2014-09 is to recognize revenue when control of the goods or services transfers to the customer, as opposed to the existing guidance of recognizing revenue when the risks and rewards transfer to the customer. The standard is expected to have an impact on the amount and timing of revenue recognized and the related disclosures on CRA's financial statements. CRA will adopt ASU 2014-09 during the first quarter of 2018 and CRA expects to adopt this new standard using the modified retrospective method, which requires a cumulative-effect adjustment to retained earnings in the period of adoption. We currently anticipate that the most significant impact to us of adopting this guidance will occur with contracts which include variable consideration. Our preliminary assessments of the impact of our adoption of this guidance are subject to change. We will continue to evaluate the impact of our pending adoption of this guidance to our consolidated financial statements to conclude whether the impact of our adoption of this standard will have a material impact to our financial position, results of operations, cash flows and disclosures.

Leases (Topic 842)

In February 2016, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-02, *Leases (Topic 842)* ("ASU 2016-02"). ASU 2016-02 establishes a comprehensive new lease accounting model. The new standard clarifies the definition of a lease, requires a dual approach to lease classification similar to current lease classifications, and causes lessees to recognize leases on the balance sheet as a lease liability with a corresponding right-of-use asset for leases with a lease term of more than twelve months. The new standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2018. Early adoption is permitted. The new standard requires a modified retrospective transition for capital or operating leases existing at or entered into after the beginning of the earliest comparative period presented in the financial statements, but it does not require transition accounting for leases that expire prior to the date of initial application. CRA has not yet determined the effects, if any, that the adoption of ASU 2016-02 may have on its financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or disclosures.

Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash

In November 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-18, *Statement of Cash Flows (Topic 230): Restricted Cash* ("ASU 2016-18"). ASU 2016-18 amends ASC 230 to add or clarify guidance on the classification and presentation of restricted cash in the statement of cash flows. The new standard requires cash and cash equivalents balances on the statement of cash flows to include restricted cash and cash equivalent balances. ASU 2016-18 requires the registrant to provide appropriate disclosures about its accounting policies pertaining to restricted cash in accordance with GAAP. Additionally, changes in restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents that result from transfers between cash, cash equivalents, and restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents should not be presented as cash flow activities in the statement of cash flows. A registrant with a material balance of amounts generally described as restricted cash and restricted cash equivalents must disclose information about the nature of the restrictions. The new standard is effective for interim and annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017. CRA believes that the adoption of ASU 2016-18 will not have a material impact on its financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or disclosures.

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****5. Recent Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted (Continued)***Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business*

On January 5, 2017, the FASB issued a new ASU No. 2017-01, *Business Combinations (Topic 805): Clarifying the Definition of a Business* ("ASU 2017-01"). ASU 2017-01 clarifies the definition of a business with the objective of adding guidance to assist companies and other reporting organizations with evaluating whether transactions should be accounted for as acquisitions (or disposals) of assets or businesses. Under the amendments, a business is an integrated set of activities and assets that is capable of being conducted and managed for the purpose of providing a return in the form of dividends, lower costs, or other economic benefits directly to investors or other owners, members, or participants. For public companies, ASU 2017-01 is effective for annual periods beginning after December 15, 2017, including interim periods within those periods. Early application of the amendments in ASU 2017-01 is allowed for transactions of which the acquisition date occurs before the issuance date or effective date of the amendments, only when the transaction has not been reported in financial statements that have been issued or made available for issuance; and for transactions in which a subsidiary is deconsolidated or a group of assets is derecognized that occur before the issuance date or effective date of the amendments, only when the transaction has not been reported in financial statements that have been issued or made available for issuance. CRA has not yet determined the effects, if any, that the adoption of ASU 2017-01 may have on its financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or disclosures.

Intangibles—Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment

On January 26, 2017, the FASB issued a new ASU No. 2017-04, *Intangibles—Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Simplifying the Test for Goodwill Impairment* ("ASU 2017-04"). ASU 2017-04 simplifies the subsequent measurement of goodwill, and eliminates Step 2 from the goodwill impairment test. Under the amendments, an entity should perform its annual, or interim, goodwill impairment test by comparing the fair value of a reporting unit with its carrying amount. An entity should recognize an impairment charge for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. Additionally, an entity should consider income tax effects from any tax deductible goodwill on the carrying amount of the reporting unit when measuring the goodwill impairment loss, if applicable. The amendment also eliminated the requirements for any reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount to perform a qualitative assessment and, if it fails that qualitative test, to perform Step 2 of the goodwill impairment test. Therefore, the same impairment assessment applies to all reporting units. An entity is required to disclose the amount of goodwill allocated to each reporting unit with a zero or negative carrying amount of net assets. For public companies, ASU 2017-04 is effective for annual or interim goodwill impairment tests in fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2019. Early adoption is permitted for interim or annual goodwill impairment tests performed on testing dates after January 1, 2017. CRA has not yet determined the effects, if any, that the adoption of ASU 2017-04 may have on its financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or disclosures.

Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting

On May 10, 2017, the FASB issued a new ASU No. 2017-09, *Compensation—Stock Compensation (Topic 718): Scope of Modification Accounting* ("ASU 2017-09"). ASU 2017-09 updates guidance about

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****5. Recent Accounting Standards Not Yet Adopted (Continued)**

which changes to the terms or conditions of a share-based payment award require an entity to apply modification accounting in Topic 718. Under the amendments, an entity should account for the effects of a modification unless all the following conditions are met. First, the fair value (or calculated value or intrinsic value, if such an alternative measurement method is used) of the modified award is the same as the fair value (or calculated value or intrinsic value, if such an alternative measurement method is used) of the original award immediately before the original award is modified. If the modification does not affect any of the inputs to the valuation technique that the entity uses to value the award, the entity is not required to estimate the value immediately before and after the modification. Second, the vesting conditions of the modified award are the same as the vesting conditions of the original award immediately before the original award is modified. Third, the classification of the modified award as an equity instrument or a liability instrument is the same as the classification of the original award immediately before the original award is modified. The new standard is effective for annual and interim periods beginning after December 15, 2017. Early adoption is permitted, including adoption in any interim period, for public entities for reporting periods for which financial statements have not yet been issued. CRA will adopt ASU 2017-09 during the first quarter of 2018. CRA has not completed its assessment of this standard and has not yet determined whether the impact of the adoption of this standard on its financial position, results of operations, cash flows, or disclosures will be material.

6. Business Acquisitions

On January 30, 2017, CRA acquired substantially all of the assets and assumed certain liabilities of C1 Consulting LLC, an independent consulting firm, and its wholly-owned subsidiary C1 Associates (collectively, "C1") for initial consideration comprised of cash and CRA restricted common stock. The asset purchase agreement provided for additional purchase consideration to be paid for up to four years following the transaction in the form of an earnout, if specific performance targets are met. These earnout payments are payable in cash and CRA restricted common stock. The fair value of this obligation was measured as of the acquisition date and accounted for as a component of the purchase consideration, any adjustments to this initial valuation in future accounting periods will be reported as an adjustment to net income.

C1 provides management consulting services in the life sciences industry, and has built a reputation for its specialty consulting services. Acquiring C1 will assist CRA in expanding its geographical presence in the western part of the United States and Europe, servicing CRA's existing life sciences customers more efficiently, and providing opportunities to engage with new clients in both the United States and European markets.

The acquisition has been accounted for under the purchase method of accounting, and C1's results of operations have been included in the accompanying condensed consolidated income statements from the date of acquisition. The following is a preliminary allocation of the purchase price to the estimated fair value of assets acquired and liabilities assumed. The allocation of the purchase price will be finalized as CRA receives additional information relevant to the acquisition and completes its analysis of transaction-related activities. The final purchase price allocation may be different from the preliminary estimate reported, the impact of which is not expected to be material to CRA's results of operations for fiscal 2017.

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****6. Business Acquisitions (Continued)**

The following table shows CRA's acquired assets and liabilities assumed from the purchase of C1 Consulting (in thousands):

Assets Acquired:	
Current assets:	
Accounts receivable and unbilled receivables	\$ 3,898
Other current assets	10
Total current assets	<u>3,908</u>
Property and equipment	206
Other non-current assets	106
Intangible assets	8,800
Goodwill	12,240
Total assets acquired	<u>\$ 25,260</u>
Liabilities Assumed:	
Current liabilities:	
Deferred revenue	\$ 3,140
Accrued expenses and other current liabilities	600
Total current liabilities	<u>3,740</u>
Contingent consideration	2,357
Total liabilities assumed	<u>6,097</u>
Net assets acquired	<u>\$ 19,163</u>

The intangible assets acquired are comprised of non-compete agreements and the value of customer relationships, the fair value of which was determined using the incremental income method and multi-period excess earnings method, respectively. The non-compete agreements are being amortized over the stated term of five years on a straight-line basis. The customer relationships intangible is being amortized over a ten year life on a straight-line basis which approximates the expected pattern of economic benefit from this asset. The fair value of the contingent consideration was determined using a monte carlo simulation and will be accreted over the liabilities' measurement period to its expected future payment value on a straight-line basis. The fair value of the contingent acquisition liability will be reassessed on a quarterly basis by CRA using additional information as it becomes available and any change in the fair value estimate will be recorded in the earnings of that period.

Transaction related costs, which are principally legal and accounting service fees, amount to \$0.5 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 and are included in selling, general and administrative expenses on the condensed consolidated income statement.

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****7. Cash and Cash Equivalents**

Cash equivalents consist principally of money market funds with maturities of three months or less when purchased. As of July 1, 2017, a substantial portion of CRA's cash accounts was concentrated at a single financial institution, which potentially exposes CRA to credit risks. The financial institution has a short-term credit rating of A-2 by Standard & Poor's ratings services. CRA has not experienced any losses related to such accounts. CRA does not believe that there is significant risk of non-performance by the financial institution, and its cash on deposit is fully liquid. CRA continually monitors the credit ratings of the institution.

8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments

Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") Topic 820, *Fair Value Measurements and Disclosures*, establishes a fair value hierarchy that prioritizes the inputs used to measure fair value. The hierarchy gives the highest priority to quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities (Level 1 measurement), then priority to quoted prices for similar instruments in active markets, quoted prices for identical or similar instruments in markets that are not active and model-based valuation techniques for which all significant assumptions are observable in the market (Level 2 measurement), then the lowest priority to unobservable inputs (Level 3 measurement).

The following table shows CRA's financial instruments as of July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016 that are measured and recorded in the financial statements at fair value on a recurring basis (in thousands):

	July 1, 2017		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets or Liabilities	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<i>Assets:</i>			
Money market funds	\$ 4	\$ —	\$ —
Total Assets	\$ 4	\$ —	\$ —
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Contingent consideration liability	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,946
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 2,946

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8. Fair Value of Financial Instruments (Continued)

	December 31, 2016		
	Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets or Liabilities	Significant Other Observable Inputs	Significant Unobservable Inputs
	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3
<i>Assets:</i>			
Money market funds	\$ 10,024	\$ —	\$ —
Total Assets	\$ 10,024	\$ —	\$ —
<i>Liabilities:</i>			
Contingent consideration liability	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 549
Total Liabilities	\$ —	\$ —	\$ 549

The fair values of CRA's money market funds are based on quotes received from third-party banks.

The contingent consideration liabilities in the tables above are for estimated future contingent consideration payments related to prior acquisitions. The fair value measure of these liabilities are based on significant inputs not observed in the market and thus represent a Level 3 measurement. The significant unobservable inputs used in the fair value measurements of these contingent acquisition liabilities are CRA's measures of the estimated payouts based on internally generated financial projections and discount rates. The fair value of the contingent acquisition liabilities are reassessed on a quarterly basis by CRA using additional information as it becomes available and any change in the fair value estimates are recorded in the earnings of that period.

The following table summarizes the changes in the contingent consideration liabilities over the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 and the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 (in thousands):

	July 1, 2017	December 31, 2016
Beginning balance	\$ 549	\$ 773
Acquisitions	2,357	—
Remeasurement of acquisition-related contingent consideration	(296)	71
Accretion	589	—
Payments	(299)	(292)
Effects of foreign currency translation	46	(3)
Ending balance	\$ 2,946	\$ 549

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9. Forgivable Loans

Forgivable loan activity for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 and fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 is as follows (in thousands):

	July 1, 2017	December 31, 2016
Beginning balance	\$ 33,962	\$ 44,685
Advances	4,205	6,949
Accruals	—	316
Repayments	(130)	(709)
Reclassification to other receivables	(1,852)	—
Amortization	(6,873)	(16,575)
Effect of foreign currency translation	218	(704)
Ending balance	<u>\$ 29,530</u>	<u>\$ 33,962</u>
Current portion of forgivable loans	<u>\$ 7,319</u>	<u>\$ 5,897</u>
Non-current portion of forgivable loans	<u>\$ 22,211</u>	<u>\$ 28,065</u>

10. Goodwill and Intangible Assets

The changes in the carrying amount of goodwill during the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, are as follows (in thousands):

	Goodwill, gross	Accumulated impairment losses	Goodwill, net
Balance at December 31, 2016	\$ 151,181	\$ (76,417)	\$ 74,764
Goodwill adjustment related to acquisition	12,250	—	12,250
Effect of foreign currency translation	726	—	726
Balance at July 1, 2017	<u>\$ 164,157</u>	<u>\$ (76,417)</u>	<u>\$ 87,740</u>

Intangible assets that are separable from goodwill and have determinable useful lives are valued separately and amortized over their expected useful lives. There were impairment losses of \$0.5 million related to intangible assets during the second quarter of fiscal 2017. There were no impairment losses related to intangible assets during the second quarter of fiscal 2016.

The components of acquired identifiable intangible assets are as follows (in thousands):

	July 1, 2017	December 31, 2016
Non-competition agreements, net of accumulated amortization of \$411 and \$3,821, respectively	\$ 312	\$ 80
Customer relationships, net of accumulated amortization of \$2,505 and \$5,181, respectively	9,915	2,605
Total, net of accumulated amortization	<u>\$ 10,227</u>	<u>\$ 2,685</u>

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****11. Accrued Expenses**

Accrued expenses consist of the following (in thousands):

	July 1, 2017	December 31, 2016
Compensation and related expenses	\$ 46,997	\$ 67,582
Income taxes payable	346	534
Other	12,373	7,165
Total	<u>\$ 59,716</u>	<u>\$ 75,281</u>

As of July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, approximately \$32.9 million and \$53.9 million, respectively, of accrued bonuses were included above in "Compensation and related expenses".

12. Credit Agreement

CRA is party to a credit agreement that provides CRA with a \$125.0 million revolving credit facility and a \$15.0 million sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit. CRA may use the proceeds of the revolving credit facility to provide working capital and for other general corporate purposes. CRA may repay any borrowings under the revolving credit facility at any time, but no later than April 24, 2018. There were no borrowings outstanding under this revolving credit facility as of July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

As of July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016, the amount available under this revolving credit facility was reduced by certain letters of credit outstanding, which amounted to \$2.8 million and \$2.2 million, respectively. Under the credit agreement, CRA must comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. Compliance with these financial covenants is tested on a fiscal quarterly basis. As of July 1, 2017, CRA was in compliance with the covenants of its credit agreement.

13. Revenue Recognition

CRA offers consulting services in two broad areas: litigation, regulatory, and financial consulting and management consulting. Together, these two service areas comprised 100.0% of CRA's consolidated revenues for the fiscal quarter and fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017. CRA recognizes all project revenue on a gross basis based on consideration of the criteria set forth in ASC Topic 605-45, *Principal Agent Considerations*.

The contracts that CRA enters into and operates under specify whether the engagement will be billed on a time-and-materials or a fixed-price basis. Most of CRA's revenue is derived from time-and-materials service contracts. Revenues from time-and-materials service contracts are recognized as services are provided based upon hours worked and contractually agreed-upon hourly rates, as well as indirect fees based upon hours worked. Revenues from a majority of CRA's fixed-price engagements are recognized on a proportional performance method based on the ratio of costs incurred, substantially all of which are labor-related, to the total estimated project costs. In general, project costs are classified in costs of services and are based on the direct salary of the consultants on the engagement plus all direct expenses incurred to complete the engagement, including any amounts billed to CRA by its non-employee experts.

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****13. Revenue Recognition (Continued)**

CRA's billed and unbilled receivables consist of receivables from a broad range of clients in a variety of industries located throughout the U.S. and in other countries. CRA performs a credit evaluation of its clients to minimize its collectability risk. Periodically, CRA will require advance payment from certain clients. However, CRA does not require collateral or other security. CRA maintains accounts receivable allowances for estimated losses and disputed amounts resulting from clients' failures to make required payments. CRA bases its estimates on historical collection experience, current trends, and credit policy. In determining these estimates, CRA examines historical write-offs of its receivables and reviews client accounts to identify any specific customer collection issues. If the financial condition of any of CRA's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in an impairment of their ability or intent to make payment, additional allowances may be required.

A rollforward of the accounts receivable allowance is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>
	<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 4,253	\$ 3,648
Increases to reserve	4,618	2,761
Amounts written off	(1,968)	(2,156)
Effects of foreign currency translation	7	—
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 6,910</u>	<u>\$ 4,253</u>

A rollforward of the unbilled receivables allowance is as follows (in thousands):

	<u>Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended</u>	<u>Fiscal Year Ended</u>
	<u>July 1, 2017</u>	<u>December 31, 2016</u>
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 1,720	\$ 2,354
Increases to reserves	1,299	2,102
Amounts written off	(324)	(2,736)
Effects of foreign currency translation	—	—
Balance at end of period	<u>\$ 2,695</u>	<u>\$ 1,720</u>

Generally, amounts deemed uncollectible are recorded as a reduction to revenues. During fiscal 2016, \$1.1 million was recorded as a bad debt expense and reported as a component of selling, general and administrative expenses related to credit-related losses.

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13. Revenue Recognition (Continued)

Revenues also include reimbursable expenses, which include travel and other out-of-pocket expenses, outside consultants, and other reimbursable expenses. Reimbursable expenses are as follows (in thousands):

	Quarter Ended		Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016
Reimbursable expenses	\$ 10,648	\$ 8,511	\$ 19,788	\$ 16,541

CRA collects goods and services and value added taxes from customers and records these amounts on a net basis, which is within the scope of ASC Topic 605-45, *Principal Agent Considerations*.

14. Net Income per Share

CRA calculates basic and diluted earnings per common share using the two-class method. Under the two-class method, net earnings are allocated to each class of common stock and participating security as if all of the net earnings of the period had been distributed. CRA's participating securities consist of unvested share-based payment awards that contain a nonforfeitable right to receive dividends and therefore are considered to participate in undistributed earnings with common shareholders. Basic earnings per common share excludes dilution and is calculated by dividing net earnings allocable to common shares by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per common share is calculated by dividing net earnings allocable to common shares by the weighted-average number of common shares as of the balance sheet date, as adjusted for the potential dilutive effect of non-participating share-based awards. Net earnings allocable to these participating securities were not significant for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016.

The following table presents a reconciliation from net income to net income available to common shareholders (in thousands):

	Quarter Ended		Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016
Net income, as reported	\$ 3,813	\$ 5,215	\$ 6,666	\$ 7,637
Less: net income attributable to participating shares	24	37	44	54
Net income available to common shareholders	<u>\$ 3,789</u>	<u>\$ 5,178</u>	<u>\$ 6,622</u>	<u>\$ 7,583</u>

CRA International, Inc.**Notes to Condensed Consolidated Financial Statements (Continued)****(Unaudited)****14. Net Income per Share (Continued)**

The following table presents a reconciliation of basic to diluted weighted average shares of common stock outstanding (in thousands):

	Quarter Ended		Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016
Basic weighted average shares outstanding	8,428	8,695	8,423	8,783
Stock options	190	84	196	42
Diluted weighted average shares outstanding	<u>8,618</u>	<u>8,779</u>	<u>8,619</u>	<u>8,825</u>

For the second quarter and fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, the anti-dilutive share based awards that were excluded from the calculation of common stock equivalents for purposes of computing diluted weighted average shares outstanding amounted to 192,504 and 56,360 shares, respectively. For the second quarter and fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016, the anti-dilutive share based awards that were excluded from the calculation of common stock equivalents for purposes of computing diluted weighted average shares outstanding amounted to 532,734 and 958,857 shares, respectively. These share-based awards were anti-dilutive because their exercise price exceeded the average market price over the respective period.

On March 21, 2016 and May 3, 2017, CRA's Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$20.0 million and \$20.0 million, respectively, of CRA's common stock. Repurchases under these programs are discretionary and CRA may make repurchases under any of these programs in the open market (including under any Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by CRA) or in privately negotiated transactions, in each case in accordance with applicable insider trading and other securities laws and regulations. CRA records the retirement of its repurchased shares as a reduction to common stock. During the second quarter of fiscal year 2017, CRA repurchased and retired 389,079 shares under these share repurchase programs at an average price per share of \$34.63. During the second quarter and first half of fiscal 2016, CRA repurchased and retired 672,795 shares under these share repurchase programs at an average price per share of \$24.09. There was approximately \$15.6 million available for future repurchases under these programs as of July 1, 2017.

15. Income Taxes

CRA's effective income tax rates were 34.0% and 27.0% for the second quarters of fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016, respectively. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was higher than the prior year primarily due to the gain on the sale of business assets of GNU of approximately \$3.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2016, resulting in a disproportionately lower share of taxes in that quarter as the gain was offset by net operating losses that had a full valuation allowance. This increase in rate was partially offset by the second quarter of fiscal 2017 tax benefit related to stock-based compensation of approximately \$0.1 million, as well as the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration recorded as discrete items during the quarter. The effective tax rate in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate primarily due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings as well as the tax benefit related to

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stock-based compensation and the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration recorded as discrete items during the quarter. The effective tax rate in the second quarter of fiscal 2016 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings, as well as the sale of business assets described above.

CRA's effective income tax rates were 36.0% and 33.1% for the first half of fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016, respectively. The effective tax rate for the first half of 2017 was higher than the prior year primarily due to the gain on the sale of business assets of GNU of approximately \$3.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2016, resulting in a disproportionately lower share of taxes in that quarter as the gain was offset by net operating losses that had a full valuation allowance. Additionally, the effective tax rate for the first half of 2017 was higher than the prior year due to an unfavorable discrete item recorded in the first quarter. This increase in rate was partially offset by the year-to-date fiscal 2017 tax benefit related to stock-based compensation of approximately \$0.3 million, as well as the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration recorded as discrete items during the first and second quarters. The effective tax rate in the first half of fiscal 2017 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate primarily due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings, as well as the tax benefit related to stock-based compensation and the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration, offset partially by an unfavorable item, all recorded discretely during the first and second fiscal quarters of 2017. The effective tax rate in the first half of fiscal 2016 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate primarily due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings, as well as the sale of business assets described above.

CRA has not provided for deferred income taxes or foreign withholding taxes on undistributed earnings from its foreign subsidiaries as of July 1, 2017 because such earnings are considered to be indefinitely reinvested. CRA does not rely on these unremitted earnings as a source of funds for its domestic business, as it expects to have sufficient cash flow from operations and availability from its U.S. revolving credit facility to fund its U.S. operational and strategic needs.

16. Commitments and Contingencies

On April 21, 2017, CRA entered into the first amendment of the New York, New York lease for an additional 16,587 square feet of office space. The lease for the additional space commenced on April 15, 2017 and will expire on April 30, 2028. The amendment also extends the term of the previously leased space of 25,261 square feet of the same office building to the same date. The annual base rent for the additional space will be approximately \$1.2 million per year subject to an increase of approximately 8% after five years. The amendment includes a base rent abatement of approximately \$1.2 million as well as a tenant improvement allowance of approximately \$1.4 million.

On May 8, 2017, CRA entered into the first amendment of the Chicago, Illinois lease to extend the term of the leased space of 41,642 square feet, for an additional ten years ending on July 31, 2028. Beginning on August 1, 2018, the annual base rent will be approximately \$1.1 million per year, subject to annual increases of approximately 2.5% per year. The amendment includes a base rent abatement of approximately \$0.9 million, as well as a tenant improvement allowance of approximately \$2.3 million.

CRA is subject to legal actions arising in the ordinary course of business. In management's opinion, CRA believes it has adequate legal defenses and/or insurance coverage with respect to the

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16. Commitments and Contingencies (Continued)

eventuality of such actions. CRA does not believe any settlement or judgment relating to any pending legal action would materially affect its financial position or results of operations.

17. Subsequent Events

On July 27, 2017, CRA announced that its Board of Directors declared a quarterly cash dividend of \$0.14 per common share, payable on September 15, 2017 to shareholders of record as of August 29, 2017.

ITEM 2. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations

Forward-Looking Statements

Except for historical facts, the statements in this quarterly report are forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements are merely our current predictions of future events. These statements are inherently uncertain, and actual events could differ materially from our predictions. Important factors that could cause actual events to vary from our predictions include those discussed below under the heading "Risk Factors." We assume no obligation to update our forward-looking statements to reflect new information or developments. We urge readers to review carefully the risk factors described in the other documents that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission, or SEC. You can read these documents at www.sec.gov.

Our principal Internet address is www.crai.com. Our website provides a link to a third-party website through which our annual, quarterly, and current reports, and amendments to those reports, are available free of charge. We believe these reports are made available as soon as reasonably practicable after we file them electronically with, or furnish them to, the SEC. We do not maintain or provide any information directly to the third-party website, and we do not check its accuracy.

Our website also includes information about our corporate governance practices. The Investor Relations page of our website provides a link to a web page where you can obtain a copy of our code of business conduct and ethics applicable to our principal executive officer, principal financial officer, and principal accounting officer.

Critical Accounting Policies and Significant Estimates

The discussion and analysis of our financial condition and results of operations are based upon our condensed consolidated financial statements, which have been prepared in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the U.S. ("U.S. GAAP"). The preparation of these financial statements requires us to make significant estimates and judgments that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, as well as the related disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities, at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Estimates in these condensed consolidated financial statements include, but are not limited to, allowances for accounts receivable and unbilled services, revenue recognition on fixed price contracts, depreciation of property and equipment, share-based compensation, valuation of acquired intangible assets, impairment of long lived assets, goodwill, accrued and deferred income taxes, valuation allowances on deferred tax assets, accrued compensation, accrued exit costs, and other accrued expenses. These items are monitored and analyzed by management for changes in facts and circumstances, and material changes in these estimates could occur in the future. Changes in estimates are recorded in the period in which they become known. We base our estimates on historical experience and various other assumptions that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances. Actual results may differ from our estimates if our assumptions based on past experience or our other assumptions do not turn out to be substantially accurate.

Apart from the additional business combinations accounting policy included below, we have described our significant accounting policies in Note 1 to our consolidated financial statements included in our annual report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2016, which was filed with the SEC on March 15, 2017. We have reviewed our accounting policies, identifying those that we believe to be critical to the preparation and understanding of our consolidated financial statements in the list set forth below. See the disclosure under the heading "Critical Accounting Policies" in Item 7 of Part II of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for fiscal 2016 for a detailed description of these policies and their potential effects on our results of operations and financial condition.

- Revenue recognition and allowances for accounts receivable and unbilled services
- Share-based compensation expense

- Deferred compensation
- Valuation of goodwill and other intangible assets
- Accounting for income taxes

We did not adopt any changes in the first half of fiscal 2017 that had a material effect on these critical accounting policies nor did we make any changes to our accounting policies in the first half of fiscal 2017 that changed these critical accounting policies.

Business Combinations. We recognize and measure identifiable assets acquired, and liabilities assumed, of our acquirees as of the acquisition date at fair value. Fair value measurements require extensive use of estimates and assumptions, including estimates of future cash flows to be generated by the acquired assets. In addition, we recognize and measure contingent consideration at fair value as of the acquisition date. Contingent consideration obligations that are classified as liabilities are remeasured at fair value each reporting period with the changes in fair value resulting from either the passage of time, revised expectations of performance, or ultimate settlement to the amount or timing of the initial measurement recognized in the consolidated statements of comprehensive income.

Recent Accounting Standards

See Note 5 to our condensed consolidated financial statements included in this quarterly report on Form 10-Q for a discussion of recent accounting standards that we have not yet adopted. Additionally, Note 5 should be read in conjunction with the disclosure under the heading "Recent Accounting Standards" contained in Note 1 of the consolidated financial statements and the notes contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Results of Operations—For the Quarter and Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended July 1, 2017, Compared to the Quarter and Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended July 2, 2016

The following table provides operating information as a percentage of revenues for the periods indicated:

	Quarter Ended		Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended	
	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016	July 1, 2017	July 2, 2016
Revenues	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%	100.0%
Costs of services	69.7	70.2	70.3	69.4
Gross profit	30.3	29.8	29.7	30.6
Selling, general and administrative expenses	21.7	20.4	21.4	22.1
Depreciation and amortization	2.4	2.6	2.3	2.4
Income from operations	6.3	6.9	5.9	6.1
GNU gain on sale of business assets	0.3	4.6	0.1	2.3
Interest expense, net	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Other expense, net	0.0	(0.2)	(0.1)	(0.1)
Income before provision for income taxes	6.3	11.2	5.8	8.2
Provision for income taxes	(2.2)	(3.0)	(2.1)	(2.7)
Net income	4.2	8.2	3.7	5.5
Net income attributable to noncontrolling interest, net of tax	(0.1)	(1.9)	0.0	(0.8)
Net income attributable to CRA International, Inc.	4.1%	6.3%	3.7%	4.7%

Quarter Ended July 1, 2017 Compared to the Quarter Ended July 2, 2016

Revenues. Revenues increased by \$11.0 million, or 13.3%, to \$93.6 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from \$82.6 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. Revenues increased primarily in our business consulting practice. The increase in net revenue was a result of an increase in gross revenues of \$13.5 million as compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2016, offset by an increase in write-offs and reserves of \$2.0 million as compared to the second quarter of 2016. Utilization was flat at 76% for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 and the second quarter of fiscal 2016, while overall headcount increased by 107 consultants, driven by the addition of 84 consultants from the C1 acquisition and other activities in the first half of fiscal 2017 as compared to the first half of fiscal 2016.

Overall, revenues outside of the U.S. represented approximately 20% and 24% of total revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 and the second quarter of fiscal 2016, respectively. Revenues derived from fixed-price engagements increased to 31% of total revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared with 18% for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. These percentages of revenue derived from fixed-price engagements depend largely on the proportion of our revenues derived from our management consulting business, which typically has a higher concentration of fixed-price service contracts. The increase in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2016 is primarily attributable to the acquisition of C1.

Costs of Services. Costs of services increased by \$7.2 million, or 12.4%, to \$65.2 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from \$58.0 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. The increase in costs of services was due primarily to an increase of \$4.2 million in employee compensation and fringe benefit costs attributable to salaries and benefits for our increased consulting headcount, primarily attributable to the C1 acquisition, an increase in incentive and retention compensation costs of \$0.2 million, \$0.6 million increase in accretion related to contingent consideration from prior acquisitions, and an increase in forgivable loan amortization of \$0.2 million. Additionally, client reimbursable expenses increased by \$2.1 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2016. Despite this increase, as a percentage of revenues, costs of services decreased to 69.7% for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from 70.2% for the second quarter of fiscal 2016, due primarily to the increase in revenue in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2016.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$3.4 million, or 20.1%, to \$20.3 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from \$16.9 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. Significant contributors to this increase were an increase in commissions to our nonemployee experts of \$0.6 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 as compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2016, as a higher percentage of our revenue for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was sourced by our nonemployee experts, as well as a \$0.9 million increase in other professional fees, \$0.5 million in intangible impairment charges incurred in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to none in the second quarter of fiscal 2016, a \$0.6 million increase in rent expense and a \$0.4 million increase in bad debt reserves and write-offs for loans to employees in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 as compared to the second quarter of fiscal 2016.

As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses increased to 21.7% for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from 20.4% for the second quarter of fiscal 2016 due primarily to the aforementioned increase in selling, general and administrative expenses modestly outpacing the increase in revenues in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 as compared with the second quarter of fiscal 2016. Commissions to our nonemployee experts increased to 2.4% of revenues for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to 2.0% of revenues for second quarter of fiscal 2016, as more revenue was sourced by nonemployee experts in the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

GNU Gain on Sale of Business Assets. On April 13, 2016, a buyer acquired substantially all of the business assets and assumed substantially all of the liabilities of GNU for a purchase price of \$1.35 million. Of this amount, \$1.1 million was received at closing, with the remaining \$0.25 million payable on or after April 13, 2017, subject to contingencies, as outlined in the asset purchase agreement, which remaining amount was paid in full on May 3, 2017. GNU recognized a gain on sale of its business assets of \$0.25 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2017, of which \$0.14 million is attributed to CRA, and \$3.8 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2016, of which \$2.1 million is attributed to CRA.

Provision for Income Taxes. The income tax provision was \$2.0 million, and the effective tax rate was 34.0%, for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 compared to \$2.5 million and 27.0% for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. The effective tax rate for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was higher than the prior year primarily due to the gain on sale of business assets of GNU of approximately \$3.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2016, resulting in a disproportionately lower share of taxes in that quarter as the gain was offset by net operating losses that had a full valuation allowance. This increase in rate was partially offset by the second quarter of fiscal 2017 tax benefit related to stock-based compensation of approximately \$0.1 million, as well as the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration recorded as discrete items during the quarter. The effective tax rate in the second quarter of fiscal 2017 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate primarily due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings, as well as the tax benefit related to stock-based compensation and the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration recorded as discrete items during the quarter. The effective tax rate in the second quarter of fiscal 2016 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings, as well as the sale of business assets described above.

Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest, Net of Tax. Our ownership interest in GNU was 55.89% for the second quarters of fiscal 2017 and fiscal 2016. GNU's financial results are consolidated with ours, and allocations of the noncontrolling interest's share of GNU's net income result in deductions to our net income, while allocations of the noncontrolling interest's share of GNU's net loss result in additions to our net income. The results of operations of GNU allocable to its other owners was net income of \$94 thousand for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 and net income of \$1.6 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2016.

Net Income Attributable to CRA International, Inc. Net income attributable to CRA International, Inc. decreased by \$1.4 million to \$3.8 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from \$5.2 million for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. The net income per diluted share was \$0.44 per share for the second quarter of fiscal 2017, compared to \$0.59 of net income per diluted share for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding decreased by approximately 161,000 shares to approximately 8,618,000 shares for the second quarter of fiscal 2017 from approximately 8,779,000 shares for the second quarter of fiscal 2016. The decrease in diluted weighted average shares outstanding was primarily due to the repurchase and retirement of shares of our common stock since the second quarter of fiscal 2016, offset in part by an increase as a result of shares of restricted stock and time-vesting restricted stock units that have vested or that have been issued, and stock options that have been exercised, since the second quarter of fiscal 2016.

Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended July 1, 2017 Compared to the Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended July 2, 2016

Revenues. Revenues increased by \$18.2 million, or 11.1%, to \$181.7 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 from \$163.5 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016. Revenues increased primarily in our business consulting practice. The increase in net revenue was a result of an increase in gross revenues of \$21.2 million as compared to the first half of

fiscal 2016, offset by an increase in write-offs and reserves of \$2.4 million as compared to the first half of fiscal 2016. Notwithstanding a reduction in utilization to 74% for the first half of fiscal 2017 from 75% for the first half of 2016, revenue growth followed an increase in average consulting headcount of 107, principally driven by the addition of 84 consultants from the C1 acquisition and other activities in the first half of fiscal 2017, as compared to the first half of fiscal 2016. Offsetting this increase, GNU had a decrease in revenue of \$0.8 million in the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 compared with the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016, principally due to the cessation of its operations in April 2016.

Overall, revenues outside of the U.S. represented approximately 19% and 23% of total revenues for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 and the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016, respectively. Revenues derived from fixed-price engagements were 25% and 16% of total revenues for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 and the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016, respectively. These percentages of revenue derived from fixed-price engagements depend largely on the proportion of our revenues derived from our management consulting business, which typically has a higher concentration of fixed-price service contracts. The increase in the first half of fiscal 2017 compared to the first half of fiscal 2016 is primarily attributable to the acquisition of C1.

Costs of Services. Costs of services increased by \$14.3 million, or 12.6%, to \$127.8 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 from \$113.5 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016. The increase in costs of services was due primarily to an increase of \$6.6 million in employee compensation and fringe benefit costs attributable to salaries and benefits associated with our increased consulting headcount, primarily attributable to the C1 acquisition, an increase in incentive and retention compensation costs of \$2.7 million, \$0.6 million increase in accretion related to contingent consideration from prior acquisitions, and an increase in forgivable loan amortization of \$1.0 million. Additionally, client reimbursable expenses increased by \$3.3 million in the first half of fiscal 2017 compared to the first half of fiscal 2016. As a percentage of revenues, costs of services increased to 70.3% for the first half of fiscal 2017 from 69.4% for the first half of fiscal 2016 due primarily to the previously mentioned increase in employee compensation and fringe benefit costs due to the increase in headcount, as well as the increase in incentive and retention compensation.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses. Selling, general and administrative expenses increased by \$2.9 million, or 8.0%, to \$39.0 million for the first half of fiscal 2017 from \$36.1 million for the first half of fiscal 2016. The primary contributors to this increase were an increase in other professional fees of \$1.5 million, \$0.4 million in rent expense related to the additional office space attributed to the C1 acquisition incurred in the first half of fiscal 2017, and an increase in other operating expenses of \$1.1 million. Additionally, selling, general and administrative expense for GNU decreased by \$0.7 million for the first half of fiscal 2017, due to the sale of its business assets and cessation of operations.

As a percentage of revenues, selling, general and administrative expenses decreased to 21.4% for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 from 22.1% for fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016 due primarily to the increase in revenues. Commissions to our nonemployee experts decreased to 2.8% of revenues for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 compared to 3.0% of revenues for fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016 as less revenue was sourced by nonemployee experts in the first half of fiscal 2017.

GNU Gain on Sale of Business Assets. On April 13, 2016, a buyer acquired substantially all of the business assets and assumed substantially all of the liabilities of GNU for a purchase price of \$1.35 million. Of this amount, \$1.1 million was received at closing, with the remaining \$0.25 million payable on or after April 13, 2017, subject to contingencies, as outlined in the asset purchase agreement, which remaining amount was paid in full on May 3, 2017. GNU recognized a gain on sale of its business assets of \$0.25 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2017, of which \$0.14 million is

attributed to CRA and \$3.8 million during the second quarter of fiscal 2016, of which \$2.1 million is attributed to CRA.

Provision for Income Taxes. For the first half of fiscal 2017, our income tax provision was \$3.8 million, and the effective tax rate was 36.0%, compared to a provision of \$4.4 million and an effective tax rate of 33.1% for the first half of fiscal 2016. The effective tax rate for the first half of 2017 was higher than the prior year primarily due to the gain on the sale of business assets of GNU of approximately \$3.8 million in the second quarter of fiscal 2016, resulting in a disproportionately lower share of taxes in that quarter as the gain was offset by net operating losses that had a full valuation allowance. Additionally, the effective tax rate for the first half of 2017 was higher than the prior year due to an unfavorable discrete item recorded in the first fiscal quarter of 2017. This increase in rate was partially offset by the year-to-date fiscal 2017 tax benefit related to stock-based compensation of approximately \$0.3 million, as well as the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration recorded as discrete items during the first and second fiscal quarters of 2017. The effective tax rate in the first half of fiscal 2017 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate primarily due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings as well as the tax benefit related to stock-based compensation and the tax implications associated with the reversal of contingent consideration, offset partially by an unfavorable item, all recorded discretely during the first and second fiscal quarters of 2017. The effective tax rate in the first half of fiscal 2016 was lower than the combined Federal and state statutory tax rate primarily due to a favorable geographical mix of earnings, as well as the sale of business assets described above.

Net Income Attributable to Noncontrolling Interest, Net of Tax. Our ownership interest in GNU was 55.89% for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 and the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016. GNU's financial results are consolidated with ours and allocations of the noncontrolling interest's share of GNU's net income result in deductions to our net income, while allocations of the noncontrolling interest's share of GNU's net loss result in additions to our net income. The results of operations of GNU allocable to its other owners was net income of \$71 thousand for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, and net income of \$1.4 million primarily as a result of the gain on sale attributable to its other owners of \$1.7 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016.

Net Income Attributable to CRA International, Inc. Net income attributable to CRA International, Inc. decreased by \$0.9 million to \$6.7 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 from \$7.6 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016. The diluted net income per share was \$0.77 for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, compared to diluted net income per share of \$0.86 per share for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016. Diluted weighted average shares outstanding decreased by approximately 206,000 to approximately 8,619,000 shares for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017 from approximately 8,825,000 shares for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 2, 2016. The decrease in diluted weighted average shares outstanding was primarily due to the repurchase and retirement of shares of our common stock since July 2, 2016, offset in part by an increase as a result of shares of restricted stock and partially offset by time-vesting restricted stock units that have vested or that have been issued, and stock options that have been exercised, since July 2, 2016.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Fiscal Year-to-Date Period Ended July 1, 2017

We believe that current cash, cash equivalents, cash generated from operations, and amounts available under our existing revolving credit facility will be sufficient to meet our anticipated working capital and capital expenditure requirements for at least the next 12 months.

General. In the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, cash and cash equivalents decreased by \$38.9 million. We completed the period with cash and cash equivalents of \$14.7 million and working capital (defined as current assets less current liabilities) of \$66.3 million. The principal drivers of the reduction of cash was payment of a significant portion of our fiscal 2016 performance bonuses in the first quarter of 2017, the repurchase and retirement of shares of our common stock and cash paid for the C1 acquisition.

Of the total cash and cash equivalents of \$14.7 million at July 1, 2017, \$4.1 million was held within the U.S. We have sufficient sources of cash in the U.S., including cash flow from operations and availability on our revolving line of credit, to fund U.S. activities.

Sources and Uses of Cash. During the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, net cash used in operating activities was \$8.5 million. Net income was \$6.7 million for the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017. The primary factor in cash used in operations was the decrease in the "accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other liabilities" line item of the cash flow statement of \$17.9 million due to the payment of a significant portion of our fiscal 2016 performance bonuses during the first quarter of fiscal 2017. Other uses of cash included an increase of \$3.7 million in the "accounts receivable" and "accounts receivable allowances" line item of the cash flow statement and an increase in the "unbilled services" line item of the cash flow statement of \$13.1 million due to the increase in unbilled amounts. Offsetting these uses of cash was a \$5.4 million decrease in the "prepaid expenses and other current assets, and other assets" line item of the cash flow statement that occurred over the first half of the fiscal year. Cash provided by operations included cash provided by depreciation and amortization expense of \$4.2 million and by share-based compensation expenses of \$3.1 million. The change in forgivable loans for the period of \$4.6 million was primarily driven by \$6.9 million of forgivable loan amortization, \$1.9 million of repayments and reclassifications, net of \$4.2 million of forgivable loan issuances.

During the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, net cash used in investing activities was \$18.6 million, which included \$16.2 million in consideration relating to the C1 acquisition and \$2.7 million for capital expenditures primarily related to computer equipment and leasehold improvements.

We used \$12.8 million of net cash in financing activities during the fiscal year-to-date period ended July 1, 2017, primarily for the repurchase and retirement of shares of our common stock of \$12.4 million, the payment of \$2.4 million in cash dividends to shareholders, and \$0.7 million in vested employee restricted shares for tax withholdings. Offsetting these uses of cash was \$2.7 million received upon the issuance of shares of common stock related to the exercise of stock options.

Indebtedness

We are party to a credit agreement that provides us with a \$125.0 million revolving credit facility and a \$15.0 million sublimit for the issuance of letters of credit. We may use the proceeds of the revolving credit facility to provide working capital and for other general corporate purposes. Generally, we may repay any borrowings under the revolving credit facility at any time, but must repay all borrowings no later than April 24, 2018. There were no borrowings outstanding under this revolving credit facility as of July 1, 2017.

The amount available under this revolving credit facility is reduced by certain letters of credit outstanding, which amounted to \$2.8 million and \$2.2 million, respectively, as of July 1, 2017 and December 31, 2016.

Borrowings under the revolving credit facility bear interest at a rate per annum, at our election, of either (i) the adjusted base rate, as defined in the credit agreement, plus an applicable margin, which varies between 0.50% and 1.50% depending on our total leverage ratio as determined under the credit

agreement, or (ii) the adjusted eurocurrency rate, as defined in the credit agreement, plus an applicable margin, which varies between 1.50% and 2.50% depending on our total leverage ratio. We are required to pay a fee on the unused portion of the revolving credit facility at a rate per annum that varies between 0.25% and 0.375% depending on our total leverage ratio. Borrowings under the revolving credit facility are secured by 100% of the stock of certain of our U.S. subsidiaries and 65% of the stock of certain of our foreign subsidiaries, which represent approximately \$25.4 million in net assets as of July 1, 2017.

Under the credit agreement, we must comply with various financial and non-financial covenants. Compliance with these financial covenants is tested on a fiscal quarterly basis. Any indebtedness outstanding under the credit facility may become immediately due and payable upon the occurrence of stated events of default, including our failure to pay principal, interest or fees or a violation of any financial covenant. The financial covenants require us to maintain an adjusted consolidated EBITDA to consolidated interest expense ratio of more than 2.5:1.0 and to comply with a consolidated debt to adjusted consolidated EBITDA ratio of not more than 3.0:1.0. The non-financial covenant restrictions of the senior credit agreement include, but are not limited to, our ability to incur additional indebtedness, engage in acquisitions or dispositions, and enter into business combinations.

Forgivable Loans and Term Loans

In order to attract and retain highly skilled professionals, we may issue forgivable loans or term loans to employees and non-employee experts. A portion of these loans is collateralized. The forgivable loans have terms that are generally between three and eight years. The principal amount of forgivable loans and accrued interest is forgiven by us over the term of the loans, so long as the employee or non-employee expert continues employment or affiliation with us and complies with certain contractual requirements. The expense associated with the forgiveness of the principal amount of the loans is recorded as compensation expense over the service period, which is consistent with the term of the loans.

Compensation Arrangements

We have entered into compensation arrangements for the payment of incentive performance awards to certain of our non-employee experts and employees if specific performance targets are met. The amounts of the awards to be paid under these compensation arrangements could fluctuate depending on future performance through the respective measurement periods. Changes in the estimated award are expensed prospectively over the remaining service period. We believe that we will have sufficient funds to satisfy any obligations related to the incentive performance awards. We expect to fund these payments, if any, from existing cash resources, cash generated from operations, or borrowings on our existing revolving credit facility.

Business Acquisitions

As part of our business, we regularly evaluate opportunities to acquire other consulting firms, practices or groups or other businesses. In recent years, we have typically paid for acquisitions with cash, or a combination of cash and our common stock, and we may continue to do so in the future. To pay for an acquisition, we may use cash on hand, cash generated from our operations, borrowings under our revolving credit facility, or we may pursue other forms of financing. Our ability to secure short-term and long-term debt or equity financing in the future, including our ability to refinance our current senior loan agreement, will depend on several factors, including our future profitability, the levels of our debt and equity, restrictions under our existing revolving line of credit with our bank, and the overall credit and equity market environments. See Note 6 Business Acquisitions to the condensed consolidated financial statements to this Form 10-Q for further details of the C1 acquisition.

Share Repurchases

On March 21, 2016, and May 3, 2017 our Board of Directors authorized the repurchase of up to an additional \$20.0 million and \$20.0 million, respectively, of our common stock. Repurchases under these programs are discretionary and we may make such repurchases under any of these programs in the open market (including under any Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by us) or in privately negotiated transactions, in each case in accordance with applicable insider trading and other securities laws and regulations. During the second quarter of fiscal 2017, we repurchased and retired 389,079 shares under these share repurchase programs at an average price per share of \$34.63. Approximately \$15.6 million was available for future repurchases as of July 1, 2017.

We will finance these programs with available cash, cash from future operations and funds from our existing revolving credit facility. We expect to continue to repurchase shares under these programs.

Dividends to Shareholders

We anticipate paying regular quarterly dividends each year. These dividends are anticipated to be funded through cash flow from operations, available cash on hand, and/or borrowings under our revolving credit facility. Although we anticipate paying regular quarterly dividends on our common stock for the foreseeable future, the declaration of any future dividends is subject to the discretion of our board of directors.

Impact of Inflation

To date, inflation has not had a material impact on our financial results. There can be no assurance, however, that inflation will not adversely affect our financial results in the future.

Future Capital and Liquidity Needs

We anticipate that our future capital and liquidity needs will principally consist of funds required for:

- operating and general corporate expenses relating to the operation of our business, including the compensation of our employees under various annual bonus or long-term incentive compensation programs;
- the hiring of individuals to replenish and expand our employee base;
- capital expenditures, primarily for information technology equipment, office furniture and leasehold improvements;
- debt service and repayments, including interest payments on borrowings from our revolving credit facility;
- share repurchases;
- dividends to shareholders;
- potential acquisitions of businesses that would allow us to diversify or expand our service offerings;
- contingent obligations related to our acquisitions; and
- other known future contractual obligations.

The hiring of individuals to replenish and expand our employee base is an essential part of our business operations and has historically been funded principally from operations. Many of the other above activities are discretionary in nature. For example, capital expenditures can be deferred,

acquisitions can be forgone, and share repurchase programs and regular dividends can be suspended. As such, our operating model provides flexibility with respect to the deployment of cash flow from operations. Given this flexibility, we believe that our cash flows from operations, supplemented by cash on hand and borrowings under our bank credit facility (as necessary), will provide adequate cash to fund our long-term cash needs from normal operations for at least the next twelve months.

Our conclusion that we will be able to fund our cash requirements by using existing capital resources and cash generated from operations does not take into account the impact of any future acquisition transactions or any unexpected significant changes in the number of employees or other expenditures that are currently not contemplated. The anticipated cash needs of our business could change significantly if we pursue and complete additional business acquisitions, if our business plans change, if economic conditions change from those currently prevailing or from those now anticipated, or if other unexpected circumstances arise that have a material effect on the cash flow or profitability of our business. Any of these events or circumstances, including any new business opportunities, could involve significant additional funding needs in excess of the identified currently available sources and could require us to raise additional debt or equity funding to meet those needs on terms that may be less favorable compared to our current sources of capital. Our ability to raise additional capital, if necessary, is subject to a variety of factors that we cannot predict with certainty, including:

- our future profitability;
- the quality of our accounts receivable;
- our relative levels of debt and equity; and
- the volatility and overall condition of the capital markets; and the market prices of our securities.

Contractual Obligations

On April 21, 2017, we entered into the first amendment of the lease with 1411 IC-SIC Property, LLC to extend the term of previously leased space of 25,261 square feet, for an additional twenty-three months to April 30, 2028 for office space located on the 35th floor, and to lease additional space of 16,587 square feet on the 25th floor expiring on the same date, of the office building located at 1411 Broadway in New York, New York. The amendment includes a base rent abatement of approximately \$1.2 million, as well as a tenant improvement allowance of approximately \$1.4 million. Following an initial rent abatement period, the annual base rent will be approximately \$1.2 million per year, subject to annual increases of approximately 8% after five years.

On May 8, 2017, we entered into the first amendment of the lease with John Hancock Life Insurance Company (U.S.A.), to extend the term of the currently leased space of 41,642 square feet, for an additional ten years ending on July 31, 2028 for office space located on the 33rd and 34th floor of the office building located at 1 South Wacker Drive in Chicago, Illinois. The amendment includes a base rent abatement of approximately \$0.9 million, as well as a tenant improvement allowance of approximately \$2.3 million. Following an initial rent abatement period, the annual base rent will be approximately \$1.1 million per year, subject to annual increases of approximately 2.5% per year.

Factors Affecting Future Performance

Important factors that could cause our actual results to differ materially from the forward-looking statements we make in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as a description of material risks we face, are set forth under the heading "Risk Factors" included in Part I—Item 1A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed with the SEC on March 15, 2017. If any of these risks, or any risks not presently known to us or that we currently believe are not

significant, develops into an actual event, then our business, financial condition, and results of operations could be adversely affected.

ITEM 3. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk

For information regarding our exposure to certain market risks see "Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk," in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this report to provide reasonable assurance that we record, process, summarize and report the information we must disclose in reports that we file or submit under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms. Based upon that evaluation, our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were not effective as of July 1, 2017, due to the material weaknesses in internal control over financial reporting related to the inadequate design and execution of controls over revenue and related reserve processes, compensation-related processes, and certain non-routine technical accounting processes described in Item 9A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016.

Notwithstanding the material weaknesses, management has concluded that the consolidated financial statements included in this Form 10-Q present fairly, in all material aspects, our financial position, results of operations and cash flows for the periods presented in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States.

Evaluation of Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Under the supervision and with the participation of our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer and our Chief Financial Officer, we evaluated whether there were any changes in our internal control over financial reporting during the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

Other than changes effected in accordance with the ongoing remediation, as further described below, of the material weaknesses in internal controls over financial reporting related to inadequate design and execution of controls over revenue and related reserve processes, compensation-related processes, and certain non-routine technical accounting processes in the financial statement close process pursuant to the plan described in Item 9A of our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting identified in connection with the above evaluation that occurred during the second quarter of fiscal 2017 that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Plan for Remediation of Material Weakness

Management has initiated a remediation plan which includes, but is not limited to, the following actions:

- We have established a Special Internal Controls Committee reporting to the Audit Committee, led by our CEO. The Committee and other members of management have prepared an overall

assessment of our financial accounting systems, accounting policies, procedures and controls. This assessment is the basis of the detailed remediation plan.

- We hired additional technical accounting personnel.
- On April 25, 2017, Douglas C. Miller was appointed to the position of Chief Accounting Officer.

Important Considerations

The effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures and our internal control over financial reporting is subject to various inherent limitations, including cost limitations, judgments used in decision making, assumptions about the likelihood of future events, the soundness of our systems, the possibility of human error, and the risk of fraud. Moreover, projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions and the risk that the degree of compliance with policies or procedures may deteriorate over time. Because of these limitations, there can be no assurance that any system of disclosure controls and procedures or internal control over financial reporting will be successful in preventing all errors or fraud or in making all material information known in a timely manner to the appropriate levels of management.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION**ITEM 1. Legal Proceedings**

None.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors

Apart from the additional risk factor included below, there have been no material changes in any risk factors previously disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2016 filed with the SEC on March 15, 2017. See "Risk Factors" in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2016 for a complete description of the material risks we face.

ITEM 2. Unregistered Sales of Equity Securities and Use of Proceeds

(a) On June 26, 2017, in connection with our acquisition of Cepton, GmbH, we issued 1,268 shares of our common stock to the former shareholders of Cepton GmbH. We relied on the exemption from registration afforded by Section 4(a)(2) of the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, for transactions by an issuer not involving any public offering.

(b) Not applicable.

(c) The following table provides information about our repurchases of shares of our common stock during the fiscal quarter ended July 1, 2017. During that period, we did not act in concert with any affiliate or any other person to acquire any of our common stock and, accordingly, we do not believe that purchases by any such affiliate or other person (if any) are reportable in the following table. For purposes of this table, we have divided the fiscal quarter into three periods of four weeks, four weeks, and five weeks, respectively, to coincide with our reporting periods during the second quarter of fiscal 2017.

Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities

<u>Period</u>	(a) Total Number of Shares Purchased(1)	(b) Average Price Paid per Share	(c) Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans or Programs(1)	(d) Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs(1)
April 2, 2017 to April 29, 2017	—	—	—	\$ 29,034,453
April 30, 2017 to May 27, 2017	174,186	\$ 34.07 per share	174,186	\$ 23,100,229
May 28, 2017 to July 1, 2017	214,893	\$ 35.09 per share	214,893	\$ 15,560,261

- (1) On March 21, 2016 and May 3, 2017, we announced that our Board of Directors approved share repurchase programs of up to an additional \$20.0 million and \$20.0 million, respectively, of our common stock. We may repurchase shares under these programs in open market purchases (including under any Rule 10b5-1 plan adopted by us) or in privately negotiated transactions in accordance with applicable insider trading and other securities laws and regulations. During the four weeks ended May 27, 2017, we repurchased and retired 174,186 shares under these programs at an average price per share of \$34.07. During the five weeks ended July 1, 2017, we repurchased and retired 214,893 shares under these programs at an average price per share of \$35.09. Approximately \$15.6 million was available for future repurchases under these programs as of July 1, 2017. We expect to continue to repurchase shares under these programs.

ITEM 3. Defaults Upon Senior Securities

None.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

None.

ITEM 5. Other Information

None.

ITEM 6. EXHIBIT INDEX

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10.1	CRA International, Inc. Cash Incentive Plan, as amended (incorporated by reference to Annex B to our proxy statement filed on April 28, 2017)
10.2	First Amendment to Lease dated April 21, 2017 by and between CRA International, Inc. and 1411 IC-SIC Property LLC (incorporated by reference to Exhibit 10.1 to our current report on form 8-K filed on May 5, 2017)
31.1	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certification of principal executive officer
31.2	Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) certification of principal financial officer
32.1	Section 1350 certification
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* Management contract or compensatory plan

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 thereunto duly authorized.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: August 4, 2017

By: /s/ PAUL A. MALEH

Paul A. Maleh
President and Chief Executive Officer

Date: August 4, 2017

By: /s/ CHAD M. HOLMES

Chad M. Holmes
Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and Treasurer

Date: August 4, 2017

By: /s/ DOUGLAS C. MILLER

Douglas C. Miller
Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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CERTIFICATION

I, Paul A. Maleh, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CRA International, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 (e) and 15d-15 (e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 (f) and 15d-15 (f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) Designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of the financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to affect adversely the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 4, 2017

By: /s/ PAUL A. MALEH

Paul A. Maleh
President and Chief Executive Officer

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CERTIFICATION

I, Chad M. Holmes, certify that:

1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of CRA International, Inc.;
2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
4. The registrant's other certifying officer and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 (e) and 15d-15 (e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15 (f) and 15d-15 (f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) Designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
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 - c) Evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) Disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
5. The registrant's other certifying officer and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) All significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to affect adversely the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) Any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: August 4, 2017

By: /s/ CHAD M. HOLMES

Chad M. Holmes
Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President and
Treasurer

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**CERTIFICATION PURSUANT TO
18 U.S.C. §1350,
AS ADOPTED PURSUANT TO
SECTION 906 OF THE SARBANES-OXLEY ACT OF 2002**

In connection with the Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q of CRA International, Inc. (the "Company") for the quarter ended July 1, 2017 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), each of the undersigned President and Chief Executive Officer and Executive Vice President, Treasurer, and Chief Financial Officer of the Company, certifies, to the best knowledge and belief of the signatory, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. §1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes- Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and results of operations of the Company.

/s/ PAUL A. MALEH

/s/ CHAD M. HOLMES

Paul A. Maleh
President and Chief Executive Officer
Date: August 4, 2017

Chad M. Holmes
Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President
and Treasurer
Date: August 4, 2017

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