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MAXIMUS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Virginia 54-1000588 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

1891 Metro Center Drive, Reston, Virginia 20190 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

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Name of each exchange on which

Title of each class registered

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There were 64,777,832 shares of the registrant's Common Stock outstanding as of November 14, 2016. DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the registrant's definitive Proxy Statement for its 2017 Annual Meeting of Shareholders to be held on March 14, 2017, which definitive Proxy Statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the registrant's fiscal year, are incorporated by reference into Part III of this Form 10-K.

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SPECIAL NOTE REGARDING FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

Included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K are forward-looking statements within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. These forward-looking statements are based on current expectations, estimates, forecasts and projections about our Company, the industry in which we operate and other matters, as well as management's beliefs and assumptions and other statements that are not historical facts. Words such as "anticipate," "believe," "could," "expect," "estimate," "intend," "may," "opportunity," "plan," "potential," "project," "should," "will" and similar expressions are intended to identify forward-looking statements and convey uncertainty of future events or outcomes. These statements are not guarantees and involve risks, uncertainties and assumptions that are difficult to predict. Actual outcomes and results may differ materially from such forward-looking statements due to a number of factors, including without limitation:

a failure to meet performance requirements in our contracts, which might lead to contract termination and liquidated damages;

the effects of future legislative or government budgetary and spending changes;

our failure to successfully bid for and accurately price contracts to generate our desired profit;

difficulties in integrating acquired businesses;

our ability to maintain technology systems and otherwise protect confidential or protected information; our ability to attract and retain executive officers, senior managers and other qualified personnel to execute our business;

our ability to manage capital investments and start-up costs incurred before receiving related contract payments;

the ability of government customers to terminate contracts on short notice, with or without cause;

our ability to maintain relationships with key government entities from whom a substantial portion of our revenue is derived:

the outcome of reviews or audits, which might result in financial penalties and reduce our ability to respond to invitations for new work;

a failure to comply with laws governing our business, which might result in the Company being subject to fines, penalties and other sanctions;

the costs and outcome of litigation;

matters related to business we have disposed of or divested; and

other factors set forth in Exhibit 99.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Special Considerations and Risk Factors."

As a result of these and other factors, our past financial performance should not be relied on as an indication of future performance. Additionally, we caution investors not to place undue reliance on any forward-looking statements as these statements speak only as of the date when made. Except as otherwise required by law, we undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether resulting from new information, future events or otherwise.

PART I

ITEM 1. Business.

Throughout this annual report, the terms "MAXIMUS," "Company," "we," "our" and "us" refer to MAXIMUS, Inc. and its subsidiaries.

General

We are a leading operator of government health and human services programs worldwide. We act as a partner to governments under our mission of Helping Government Serve the People.®

Over the past five years, our revenue and earnings have grown primarily as a result of demographic, economic and legislative trends. These trends drive demand for services from providers, such as MAXIMUS, that offer efficient and cost-effective solutions to these trends, including:

A need for governments to manage budgets in the face of increasing demands for social services;

Aging populations that place a greater strain on health care and welfare systems;

A global demand for social services that are based upon measurable outcomes; and

Legislative initiatives, such as the Affordable Care Act (ACA) or welfare reform efforts, which require the implementation of new services and new programs.

We believe that governments within the United States and around the world face similar challenges and that these challenges will continue to grow over the next decade.

With our proven track record and expertise, we are in a strong position to provide these services. We believe that we bring the right combination of people, business processes and technology to deliver the best-value solution to governments. Our success has allowed us to gain market share in the areas in which we operate. As a result, we are:

The largest provider of Medicaid enrollment and the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) services in the

U.S.;

A leading operator of U.S. health insurance exchange customer contact centers, with services provided to four entities operating state-based exchanges and a customer contact center for the federal marketplace;

The largest provider of government-sponsored health benefit appeals and assessments in the U.S. and the United Kingdom;

One of the largest providers of disability and long-term sick support services in the U.K.;

One of the largest providers of occupational health services in the U.K.; and

An established provider of welfare-to-work services throughout all of our geographies, including the U.S., the U.K., Australia, Canada and Saudi Arabia.

Much of our revenue is derived from long-term contractual arrangements with governments. Most often, a contract will have a base period and additional option periods thereafter. As a result, the total length of a contract, if all options are exercised, may often range between five and ten years. This provides good visibility in terms of predicting revenue. Most of our contracts are related to long-term, stable programs, such as Medicaid, Medicare, Social Security, the ACA and long-term employment support programs. Our client relationships are frequently decades long. We also pursue selective acquisitions to enhance and expand our offerings or geographic presence.

In 2016, we acquired Ascend Management Innovations, LLC (Ascend), a provider of independent, specialized health assessments and data management tools to government agencies in the U.S.

In 2016, we acquired Assessments Australia, a provider of assessments to identify what support services may be required in order to make individuals successful in a community environment.

In 2015, we acquired Acentia, LLC (Acentia), a provider of system modernization, software development, program management and other information technology services to the U.S. Federal Government.

In 2015, we acquired Remploy, a leading provider of disability employment services in the U.K.

In 2013, we acquired Health Management Limited, a leading provider of independent medical assessments in the U.K.

In 2012, we acquired Policy Studies, Inc., a provider of health and human services operations in the U.S.

Our business segments

The Company is organized and managed based on the services we provide: Health Services, U.S. Federal Services and Human Services.

For more information on our segment presentation, including comparative revenue, gross profit, operating income, identifiable assets and related financial information for the 2016, 2015 and 2014 fiscal years, see "Note 2. Business segments" within Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K, which we incorporate by reference herein.

Health Services Segment

Our Health Services Segment generated 54% of our total revenue in fiscal year 2016.

The Health Services Segment provides a variety of business process services, appeals and assessments as well as related consulting services, for state, provincial and national government programs. These services support Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and the ACA in the U.S., Health Insurance BC (British Columbia) in Canada and HAAS and Fit for Work Service in the U.K. The Segment's services help people access, navigate and use health benefits and other government programs. The Segment also helps governments engage with program recipients, while at the same time helping governments to improve the efficiency, cost effectiveness, quality and accountability of their health and disability benefits programs.

Approximately 76% of our revenue for this segment comes from our comprehensive administrative and program operations services for government health benefits programs. These services include:

Health insurance exchange customer contact center operations and support services;

Health insurance program eligibility and enrollment services to help beneficiaries make the best choice for their health insurance coverage and improve their access to health care;

Beneficiary outreach and education—including multilingual customer contact centers and multi-channel self-service options, such as Web-based portals—for easy enrollment;

• Application assistance and independent health plan enrollment counseling to beneficiaries;

Premium payment processing and administration, such as invoicing and reconciliation;

Health plan oversight; and

Comprehensive eHealth solutions with the Medigent® product suite.

Approximately 23% of the Segment's revenue is from our independent health review services. These services include: Independent disability, long-term sick and other health assessments, including those related to long-term services and supports; and

Occupational health clinical assessments.

We also provide specialized consulting services, including Medicaid Management Information System (MMIS) planning. These services comprise less than one percent of the Segment's revenue.

All of our contracts are different, but we are typically reimbursed for our services based upon the volumes of work performed, the number of participants served, the levels of achievement reached against specified goals, or a combination of these factors. The Health Services Segment may experience seasonality due to transaction-based work, such as program open enrollment periods and activity related to contract life cycles. Most notably, the

Segment may experience revenue and margin fluctuations associated with the ACA, which provides an open enrollment period that begins in our first fiscal quarter and extends into our second fiscal quarter. The exact dates may be subject to change by the U.S. Federal Government. During the first quarter of our fiscal year, reductions in working days due to holidays and vacations may also impact our sales and accounts receivable, but the effect is generally not significant.

U.S. Federal Services Segment

Our U.S. Federal Services Segment generated 25% of our total revenue in fiscal year 2016.

The U.S. Federal Services Segment provides business process services and program management for large government programs, independent health review and appeals services for both the U.S. Federal Government and similar state-based programs and technology solutions for civilian federal programs. The acquisition of Acentia in 2015 provided us with access to twelve new contract vehicles with the U.S. Federal Government. We currently serve nineteen federal agencies.

Approximately 36% of the Segment's revenue is from our comprehensive government program administration services. These include:

Centralized customer contact centers and support services;

Document and record management; and

Case management, citizen engagement and consumer education.

Approximately 28% of the Segment's revenue is from our independent health review services. These include:

Independent medical reviews and worker's compensation benefit appeals;

Health benefit appeals; and

Eligibility appeals.

Approximately 36% of the Segment's revenue is from our technology solutions. These include:

Modernization of systems and information technology (IT) infrastructure;

Infrastructure operations and support;

Software development, operations and management; and

Data analytics.

Many programs within the Segment are reimbursed on a cost-plus or a time-and-materials basis, although revenue may also be based upon participant numbers. Our independent health review services business is typically based upon the number and type of appeals processed. The U.S. Federal Services Segment is not expected to experience seasonality related to its programs. However, it may experience fluctuations as a result of program maturity including lower revenue and profitability related to transaction or performance based-contracts during program start-up. Some of the contracts may also be structured as cost-reimbursable, which typically carry the lowest level of risk but also carry lower levels of operating margin.

Human Services Segment

Our Human Services Segment generated 21% of our total revenue in fiscal year 2016.

The Human Services Segment provides national, state and local human services agencies with a variety of business process services and related consulting services for government programs.

Approximately 74% of the Segment's revenue is from comprehensive welfare to work services that help disadvantaged individuals transition from government assistance programs to sustainable employment and economic independence Services include eligibility determination, case management, job readiness preparation, job search and employer outreach, job retention and career advancement, and selected educational and training services. Programs served include the Work Programme and Work Choice in the U.K.; jobactive, Disability Employment Services and Young Refugee Assistance in Australia; Temporary

Assistance to Needy Families (TANF) in the U.S.; the Employment Program of British Columbia, Canada; and the Ta'Qat and Tawafuq programs in Saudi Arabia. These services are typically reimbursed through fees for case management with incentives for providing sustained employment for participants. In recent years, the emphasis on payments has moved toward the incentive fees.

A further 15% of the Segment's revenue is generated from full and specialized child support case management services, customer contact center operations, and program and systems consulting services. Revenue is typically based upon outcomes.

The balance of the Segment's revenue comes from specialized services including:

Management tools and professional consulting services for higher education institutions;

Program consulting services, including independent verification and validation, cost allocation plans and other specialized consulting offerings; and

Tax credit and employer services.

The Human Services Segment's business is not expected to experience seasonality.

Geographic Information

We operate in the U.S., the U.K., Australia, Canada and Saudi Arabia. The distribution of revenue and assets across geographies are included in "Note 2. Business Segments" within Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. Market overview

We expect that demand for our core offerings will continue to increase over the next few years. This is driven principally by macro trends such as new legislation, new or updated regulations, an increasing interest by governments to implement outcomes-based programs, austerity measures and increasing caseloads, as governments strive to deliver more services with fewer resources. In addition, we believe there is an increasing propensity by certain governments to use public-private partnerships and seek help from firms like MAXIMUS as a means to run more effective and efficient programs. We believe that we remain well-positioned to benefit from this increasing demand.

Demand for our services is contingent upon factors that affect governments, including:

The need for governments to deliver efficient, cost-effective services to program beneficiaries while meeting legal requirements and achieving programmatic goals and value for funds spent on social benefit programs;

The requirement of U.S. state governments to implement federal initiatives and qualify for federal matching funds; The impact of continued budgetary pressures, which result in governments having to operate more programs with the same level of resources and/or implement cost-control measures;

The increased demand for social benefit programs as a result of rising caseloads and demographic trends in many developed countries; and

The need to improve business processes, push innovations, and update technology for public programs as governments seek outside sources of support to gain needed expertise or to address trends as more public workers become eligible for retirement.

As a result, governments hire companies like MAXIMUS to help them deliver innovative, efficient and cost-effective services to beneficiaries on their behalf. We possess the knowledge and resources to operate government health and human programs efficiently and to engage with program beneficiaries, while maintaining the service levels and achieving the outcomes demanded by our clients. With the ability to balance resources with demand, we also offer the flexibility and scalability that governments do not always possess.

Health Services Market Environment

According to the Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, health care spending in the U.S. still far exceeds that of other high-income countries. The Kaiser Family Foundation noted an acceleration of U.S. health care spending in 2014 due, in part, to increased coverage under the ACA and predicts that spending growth will continue at a higher rates than in recent years, but not to the double-digit growth seen in previous decades.

Effectively managing these costs, as well as improving quality and access to health care, is a major policy priority for governments. Governments seek efficient and cost-effective solutions to manage their public health benefit programs. This includes programs meant to support individuals with disabilities and long-term medical conditions, as well as individuals with shorter-term health conditions.

Outside the U.S., many governments are seeking partners to help them manage, administer or operate their social benefit programs. Countries like the U.K. are examining how public health relates to productivity, cost reduction and economic growth. The U.K. Government provides a range of social welfare benefits for people who are unable to work as a result of a disability, long-term illness or other health condition. For individuals with long-term sickness or disabilities, the government requires an independent health assessment provided by a vendor through HAAS. The assessment is used by the government to determine an individual's level of benefits. We believe there is continued market demand to conduct independent assessments for participants in public benefit programs and to support employers and their employees through our commercial occupational health services.

In the U.S., as a result of Medicaid expansion and the ACA, many states have made program changes. These changes have occurred most notably through benefit changes and the expansion of managed care to new populations that have historically been served through fee-for-service Medicaid or are now eligible for coverage through the ACA health insurance exchanges.

The ACA expanded access to health coverage primarily through insurance subsidies and Medicaid expansion. States are not required to expand their Medicaid programs, but the Congressional Budget Office estimates that most will expand coverage over the next several years. The Kaiser Family Foundation reported that 31 states and the District of Columbia have already expanded Medicaid as of October 2016. In addition, states have seen an increase in Medicaid participation as a result of the "woodwork effect" as the level of visibility for these programs has increased, more individuals who are eligible for Medicaid have applied for coverage.

The ACA also extends CHIP through 2019 and provides increased matching federal funds. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act (MACRA) of 2015 provides new federal funding for CHIP through 2017. We currently serve as the administrative CHIP vendor in six states.

In 2016, certain states and the District of Columbia operated their own exchanges. Other states participate in a partnership model or have opted to use the federal exchange. We currently operate customer contact centers for the District of Columbia and three state-based exchanges. We also operate one customer contact center as a subcontractor for the federal marketplace. In 2017, states will have access to the State Innovation Waivers, also known as the 1332 Waivers, which give states the most comprehensive and flexible framework for best using federal funding for their public health insurance programs. As a result, we believe that these waivers may create a more palatable path for additional states to contemplate new ways to operate their health benefit programs over the coming years.

The election of Donald Trump has renewed focus on the future of the ACA. President-elect Trump's campaign platform included a goal to repeal and replace the ACA. The factors that drove the passage of the ACA, including the large number of Americans without health insurance, are still present and the Trump administration has articulated his interest to broaden health care, make it affordable, and improve its quality. We believe we are well-positioned to assist the new administration and the individual states in any repeal, replacement or modification of the ACA.

Many governments are also looking for innovative solutions to support disabled and elderly populations who require long-term services and supports (LTSS). A general trend in the LTSS market has been to ensure that individuals are in the right setting and receiving the right level of support and care. In many cases, this means allowing individuals to receive care at home or in a community-based settings, rather than institutional facilities. Conflict-free assessment services assist governments in determining the most appropriate placement and health care services for program beneficiaries.

We believe the current health market environment positions us to benefit from continued demand across all of our geographies from service areas such as operations program management and health assessments. Overall, we expect the underlying demand for our services to increase over the next several years.

U.S. Federal Services Market Environment

The U.S. federal market continues to see modest growth after several years of uncertainty due primarily to political struggles around the federal budget and the subsequent reduction of agency budgets. The President's

fiscal 2017 budget proposal includes a 1.3 percent increase in overall federal IT spending and a 1.1 percent increase in civilian agency IT spending.

Through our acquisition of Acentia, we are now a full-service provider of business process services and technology solutions to the U.S. Federal Government. The acquisition also provided 12 new contract vehicles that give us the opportunity to bid on task orders that we were previously unable to bid as a prime contractor. We also have access to new federal agencies, as well as the ability to expand our current portfolio of work with agencies where both companies have existing relationships. Our expanded capabilities allow us to address more comprehensively many of the challenges faced by federal agencies today. We have seen a substantial increase in long-term sales opportunities as a result of the acquisition. The business has been fully integrated and now operates under the MAXIMUS Federal Services brand.

While federal agency budgets still face fiscal pressures, we continue to see opportunities to apply our cost-effective and efficient solutions in the federal market. Federal agencies are tasked with cost-effectively managing programs at a time when changing demographics are leading to rising caseloads in many federal programs.

Many federal agencies must also address the maintenance of legacy systems and the pressing need for infrastructure as IT modernization continues to grow. Legacy processes and systems are fundamental to government operations, yet they are unsustainably expensive to operate in an environment that requires online agility and rapid response to new demands, requirements and global challenges. We are in a prime position to help agencies modernize and operate their mission-critical systems.

The implementation of the ACA also continues to impact the federal landscape. The ACA requires an independent, evidence-based external review process and the option for individuals to appeal coverage determinations or claims to insurance companies. We are one of the largest providers of evidence-based health insurance appeals to Medicare and 55 state agencies. We are also presently managing the eligibility appeals process for the Federally Facilitated Marketplace. As previously mentioned, President-elect Trump's campaign platform included a goal to repeal and replace the ACA. The factors that drove the passage of the ACA are still present we believe we are well-positioned to assist the new administration and the federal government in any repeal, replacement or modification of the ACA. Other key factors that will likely impact the U.S. federal market include a variety of political, economic, social and technological issues:

- A focus on the citizen experience and citizen services, as well as digital services;
- Legacy to modernization through case management;
- Agencies moving from transformation initiatives to operations and maintenance;
- Agencies seeking consolidation and shared services to achieve cost efficiencies;
- Changes in the acquisition and contracting environment, including consolidation of GSA schedules; and Limited program and procurement activity following the November 2016 presidential election as a result of the new administration.

Human Services Market Environment

We believe we are well-positioned to compete for opportunities in Human Services because of our established presence, strong brand recognition, and ability to achieve the requisite performance requirements and outcomes outlined in the new reform measures. We offer clients demonstrated results and decades of proven experience in administering welfare-to-work programs in several states and countries.

We provide comprehensive welfare-to-work case management services throughout the U.S., the U.K., Australia, Canada and Saudi Arabia. In Australia, we are one of the largest welfare-to-work providers. We also have an established presence in the U.K.'s welfare-to-work market and presently provide employment and job training services under the Work Programme, a key component of the coalition government's austerity plan to rein in costly benefits programs and reduce mounting debt.

Through our acquisition of Remploy in the U.K., we have increased our presence in the disability employment services market where we help people with disabilities and health conditions obtain mainstream employment. We believe these services are transferrable to our other geographies and position us well for emerging trends in the disability services market.

In addition to ongoing welfare to work programs, we have seen an increase in initiatives to use private firms for children's services, such as family maintenance and child support. We currently provide services to the Family Maintenance Enforcement Program in British Columbia, as well as several jurisdictions throughout the U.S., including Shelby County, Tennessee and Baltimore, Maryland, two of the largest child support privatization efforts in the nation.

We believe ongoing initiatives and measures to reduce costs and improve efficiencies, combined with our outstanding performance, expertise and proven solutions, will continue to drive demand for our core services across multiple geographies.

Our growth strategy

Our goal is to enable future growth by remaining a leading provider of business process services (BPS), technology solutions and consulting services to government agencies. The key components of our business growth strategy include the following:

Pursue new business opportunities and expand our customer base. With more than 40 years of business expertise in the government market, we continue to be a leader in developing innovative solutions to meet the evolving needs of government agencies. We seek to grow our businesses by leveraging our existing core capabilities, consistently delivering the required outcomes for governments to achieve program goals, and pursuing opportunities with new and current clients.

Grow long-term, recurring revenue streams. We seek to enter into long-term relationships with clients to meet their ongoing objectives. As a result, long-term contracts (three to five years with additional option years) are often the preferred method of delivery for clients and provide us with predictable recurring revenue streams. We believe an incumbent has a considerable advantage in recompetes and that client relationships can last for decades.

Pursue strategic acquisitions. We will selectively identify and pursue strategic acquisitions. Acquisitions can provide us with a rapid and cost-effective method to enhance our services. This includes obtaining additional skill sets, increasing our access to contract vehicles, expanding our client base, cross-selling additional services, enhancing our technical capabilities, and establishing or expanding our geographic presence.

Continue to optimize our current operations to drive innovation and quality to clients. We continue to seek efficiencies and optimize operations in order to achieve sustainable, profitable growth. We will continue to deliver quality BPS to government clients to improve the cost effectiveness, efficiency and scalability of their programs as they deal with rising demand and increasing caseloads.

Recruit and retain highly skilled professionals. We continually strive to recruit motivated individuals, including top managers from larger organizations, former government officials, consultants experienced in our service areas and recent college graduates with degrees aligned with our mission, such as degrees in government policy and administration. We believe we can continue to attract and retain experienced and educated personnel by capitalizing on our focused market approach and our reputation as a premier government services provider.

Focus on core health, U.S. federal civilian and human services business lines. We have centered our core business offerings on delivering BPS to government health and human services agencies in our primary geographies as well as to other civilian agencies within the U.S. Federal Government. Our market focus and established presence positions us to benefit from health care and welfare reform initiatives both in the U.S. and internationally.

See Exhibit 99.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" for information on risks and uncertainties that could affect our business growth strategy.

Competitive advantages

We offer a private sector alternative for the operation and management of critical government-funded health and human services programs. Our reputation and extensive experience give us a competitive advantage as governments value the level of expertise, proven delivery and brand recognition that we bring to our clients. The following are the competitive advantages that allow us to capitalize on various market opportunities:

Proven track record, ability to deliver outcomes and exceptional brand recognition. We assist governments in delivering cost-effective services to beneficiaries of government programs. We run large-scale program management operations on behalf of government agencies, improving the quality of services provided to their

beneficiaries and achieving the necessary outcomes to help them cost-effectively meet their program goals. This has further enhanced our brand recognition as a proven partner with government agencies.

Subject matter expertise. Our workforce includes many individuals who possess substantial subject matter expertise in areas critical to the successful design, implementation, administration and operation of government health and human services programs. Many of our employees have worked for governments in management positions and can offer insights into how we can best provide valuable, practical and effective services to our clients.

Intellectual property that supports the administration of government programs. We have proprietary solutions to address client requirements in our market that are configurable or provide a platform that can be transferred to meet contractual needs. We leverage commercial off-the-shelf platforms across multiple contracts in which we have considerable expertise to ensure we can deploy repeatable proven solutions. We also leverage software development methodology to shorten software development cycles. Extensive use of shared infrastructure and standard solutions provides considerable price and quality advantages. We believe our extensive industry focus and expertise embedded in our systems and processes provide us with a competitive advantage.

Flexibility and scalability. We are experienced in launching large-scale operations under compressed time frames. We offer clients the flexibility and scalability to deliver the people, processes and technology to complete short- and long-term contractual assignments in the most efficient and cost-effective manner.

Financial strength. Our business provides us with robust cash flows from operating activities as a result of our profitability and our management of customer receivables. In the event that we have significant cash outlays at the commencement of projects, to fund acquisitions, or where delays in payments have resulted in short-term cash flow declines, we may borrow up to \$400 million through our credit facility. We have the ability to borrow in all of the principal currencies in which we operate. We believe we have strong, constructive relationships with the lenders on our credit facility. We had \$230.1 million available to borrow as of September 30, 2016. We believe our financial strength provides reassurance to government agencies that we will be able to establish and maintain the services they need to operate high-profile public health and human services.

Focused portfolio of services. We are one of the largest publicly traded companies that provides a portfolio of BPS almost exclusively to government customers. Our government program expertise and proven ability to deliver defined, measurable outcomes differentiate us from other firms and non-profit organizations. This includes large consulting firms that serve multiple industries and lack the focus necessary to manage the complexities of serving government agencies efficiently.

Established presence outside the United States. Governments outside the U.S. are seeking to improve government-sponsored health and human services programs, manage increasing caseloads, and contain costs. We have an established presence in the U.K., Australia, Canada and Saudi Arabia. Our international efforts are focused on delivering cost-effective welfare-to-work and health benefits services to program participants on behalf of governments.

Expertise in competitive bidding. Government agencies typically award contracts through a comprehensive, complex and competitive request for proposals (RFP) and bidding process. Although the bidding criteria vary from contract to contract, typical contracts are awarded based upon a mix of technical solution and price. In some cases, governments award points for past performance tied to program outcomes. With more than 40 years of experience in responding to RFPs, we believe we have the necessary experience and resources to navigate government procurement processes and to assess and allocate the appropriate resources necessary for successful project completion in accordance with contractual terms.

Our clients

Our primary clients are government agencies, with the majority at the national, provincial and state level and, to a lesser extent, some at the county and municipal level. In the U.S., even when our direct clients are state governments, a significant amount of our revenue is ultimately provided by the U.S. Federal Government in the form of cost-sharing arrangements with the states, such as is the case with Medicaid. In the year ended September 30, 2016, approximately 46% of our total revenue was derived from state government agencies, 26% from foreign government agencies, 22% from U.S. Federal Government agencies and 6% from other sources including local municipalities and commercial customers.

In the event of a shutdown of the U.S. Federal Government, a portion of our U.S. Federal Services Segment may be impacted. Many of our federally funded health and human services programs are typically deemed

essential, which means that a short-term shut-down would not be expected to cause significant disruption to these operations. With the acquisition of Acentia's business, our contract portfolio now contains services that may be considered discretionary. As a result, we could incur costs tied to portion of work that is considered discretionary with no certainty of recovery. In all cases, an extended delay may affect certain government programs that rely upon federal funding and may also have an effect on our cash flows if payments are delayed.

For the year ended September 30, 2016, our most significant clients were the U.S. Federal Government, which provided 22% of our consolidated revenue, the U.K. Government, which provided 16%, and the State of New York, which provided 12%.

We typically contract with government clients under four primary pricing arrangements: performance-based, cost-plus, fixed-price and time-and-materials. For the year ended September 30, 2016, 42% of our contracts were performance-based, 33% were cost-plus, 18% were fixed-price and 7% were time-and-materials.

Generally, the relationships with our clients are longer-term and typical contracts, including option periods, tend to be several years long before they are subject to be competitively rebid. See the "Backlog" section below for more details. Competition

The market for providing our services to government agencies is competitive and subject to rapid change. However, given the specialized nature of our services and the programs we serve, market entry can be difficult for new or inexperienced firms. The complex nature of competitive bidding, the required investment in subject-matter expertise, repeatable processes and support infrastructure, and the need to achieve specific program outcomes creates barriers to entry for potential new competitors unfamiliar with the nature of government procurement.

In the U.S., our primary competitors in the Health Services Segment are Xerox, HP, Automated Health Systems and Faneuil. We consider ourselves to be a significant competitor in the markets in which we operate as we are the largest provider of Medicaid and CHIP administrative programs and operate more state-based health insurance exchanges than any other commercial provider. In the U.S. Federal Services Segment, our primary competitors in the BPS market are Serco, General Dynamics Information Technology and FCi. In the U.S. Federal Services Segment, our primary competitors in the technology sector tend to be IBM, Oracle, CSRA and other federal contractors. Our primary competitors in the Human Services Segment vary according to specific business line, but are primarily specialized consulting service providers and local non-profit organizations.

Outside of the U.S., our primary competitors in the Health Services Segment include Atos, Capita, Interserve, Virgin Care and Optum. Our primary competitors in the Human Services Segment include Serco, Ingeus, a Providence Service Company, Staffline, Shaw Trust, Sarina Russon, Advanced Placement Management and other specialized private companies and non-profit organizations such as The Salvation Army and Goodwill Industries. Although the basis for competition varies from contract to contract, we believe that typical contracts are awarded based upon a mix of comprehensive solution and price. In some cases, clients award points for past performance tied to program outcomes.

Legislative initiatives

We actively monitor legislative initiatives and respond to opportunities as they develop. Over the past several years, legislative initiatives created new growth opportunities and potential markets for us. Legislation passed in all the geographies in which we operate has significant public policy implications for all levels of government and presents viable business opportunities in the health and human services arena. We are well-positioned to meet the operations program management and consulting needs resulting from that legislation and subsequent regulatory and program implementation efforts.

Some legislative initiatives that have created new growth opportunities for MAXIMUS include:

The Affordable Care Act (ACA). Enacted in 2010 and upheld through a Supreme Court decision in 2012, the ACA introduced comprehensive health care reform in the United States. MAXIMUS has helped states with the operation of their health insurance exchanges and the expansion of their Medicaid programs to include new populations, the integration of state eligibility processing for entitlement programs and new long-term services and supports initiatives that have introduced more flexibility for home- and community-based services. MAXIMUS has also assisted the federal government with the operations of a customer contact center for the Federal Marketplace and independent eligibility appeals services.

The election of Donald Trump has renewed focus on the future of health care policy in the United States, including the future of the ACA. President-elect Trump's campaign platform included a goal to repeal and replace the ACA. The factors that drove the passage of the ACA, including the large number of Americans without health insurance, are still present and the Trump administration has articulated his interest to broaden health care, make it affordable, and improve its quality. We believe we are well-positioned to assist the new administration and the individual states in any repeal, replacement or modification of the ACA. We would anticipate that any such changes would not affect our results until after fiscal year 2017. We estimate that our work directly tied to the ACA is expected to contribute approximately \$160 million to our revenue in fiscal year 2017. We also estimate that approximately \$40 million in additional revenue is tied to Medicaid expansion activities in the states where we provide Medicaid services. Children's Health Insurance Program Reauthorization Act (CHIPRA). CHIPRA was signed into law on February 2, 2009, extending the previous SCHIP program. As part of the ACA, CHIP has been extended through 2019. The Medicare Access and CHIP Reauthorization Act of 2015 (MACRA) provides new federal funding for CHIP through 2017. By expanding state options to find and enroll eligible children through "express lane eligibility" and "auto enrollment," CHIPRA has presented MAXIMUS with an opportunity to expand our partnerships with states for the administration of CHIP programs. The advent of state and federal exchanges at the beginning of 2014 has increased participation of eligible children in CHIP.

Medicaid and CHIP Managed Care Regulations. In 2016, the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services (CMS) issued managed care regulations and federal standards for the Medicaid and Children's Health Insurance programs. These include enhancing support for consumers, improving health care delivery and quality of care, providing greater access to health care, and ensuring a modern set of rules that better align with the marketplace and Medicare Advantage plans. They also reinforce ongoing efforts to modernize and streamline the enrollment process and the continued value of independent choice counseling.

Work Innovation and Opportunity Act (WIOA). Signed into law in July 2014, WIOA replaces the Workforce Investment Act of 1998 and took effect on July 1, 2015. The law coordinates several core federal employment, training, education and literacy programs. It also requires states to strategically align their workforce development programs, with the option to include TANF, to help job seekers access the necessary support services and to match employers with skilled workers they need to compete in the global economy. WIOA represents potential new opportunities for us to complement our existing TANF welfare-to-work operations in the U.S. U.K. Health Assessment Advisory Service (formerly known as the Health and Disability Assessment Service). The Welfare Reform Act of 2007 replaced Incapacity Benefits with the Employment and Support Allowance and introduced the Work Capability Assessment (WCA). The WCA was designed to distinguish people who could not work due to health-related problems from people who were 'fit for work' or, with additional support, could eventually return to work. In 2010, the U.K. Government decided to reassess the 2.5 million people who had previously been determined to be eligible to receive Incapacity Benefits. The U.K. Government also decided that an independent health assessment provided by a vendor partner is the best method for the government to determine the level of benefits for individuals with long-term sickness or disabilities. MAXIMUS has been providing assessments through the resulting HAAS on behalf of the Department for Work and Pensions (DWP) since March 2015. U.K. Work Programme, Work Choice Programme and Work and Health Programme. The Work Programme is a government-sponsored welfare-to-work model that consolidates several existing employment programs into a single comprehensive back-to-work program in an effort to achieve higher quality, longer-term and sustainable employment outcomes for job seekers in the U.K. The Work Choice Programme is a voluntary, government-sponsored employment support program for people with disabilities. The U.K. Government has indicated that the two programs will be consolidated into the new Work and Health Programme with an increased focus on people with health conditions and disabilities. MAXIMUS expects that the scope of work under Work and Health will be smaller than the two previous contracts combined.

Backlog

At September 30, 2016, we estimate that we had approximately \$4.0 billion in backlog. Backlog represents an estimate of the remaining future revenue from existing signed base contracts and revenue from contracts that have been formally awarded, but not yet signed. Our backlog estimate includes revenue expected under the current terms of

executed contracts and revenue from contracts in which the scope and duration of the services required are not definite but estimable (such as performance-based contracts). Our backlog estimate does not assume any contract renewals or option period exercises.

Increases in backlog result from the award of new contracts, the extension or renewal of existing contracts and the exercise of option periods. Reductions in backlog come from fulfilling contracts or the early termination of contracts. The backlog associated with our performance-based contracts is an estimate based upon management's experience of caseloads and similar transaction volume from which actual results may vary. The Company may modify our estimates related to performance-based contracts and as a result backlog from these contracts may increase or decrease based upon the information that management has at that time. Additionally, backlog estimates may be affected by foreign currency fluctuations.

Government contracts typically contain provisions permitting government clients to terminate contracts on short notice, with or without cause.

We believe that period-to-period backlog comparisons are difficult and may not necessarily accurately reflect future revenue we may receive. The actual timing of revenue receipts, if any, on projects included in backlog could change for any of the aforementioned reasons. The dollar amount by segment of our backlog as of September 30, 2016 and 2015 was as follows:

Backlog as of September 30, 2016 2015 (In millions)

 Health Services
 \$2,429
 \$2,320

 U.S. Federal Services
 408
 832

 Human Services
 1,163
 1,448

 Total
 \$4,000
 \$4,600

Our businesses typically involve contracts covering a number of years, including option periods. Once contracts are signed, they typically take three to six months to begin generating revenue. At September 30, 2016, the average weighted life of these contracts was approximately 5 years, including option periods. Although the exercise of options is uncertain, we believe the incumbent contractor enjoys significant advantages and these options are exercised nearly 100% of the time. The longevity of these contracts assists management in predicting revenue, operating income and cash flows. We expect approximately 51% of the backlog balance to be realized as revenue in fiscal 2017 and, with the inclusion of anticipated option period renewals, to represent approximately 93% of current estimated 2017 revenue. Backlog was adjusted between September 30, 2015 and September 30, 2016 for currency fluctuations and for estimated amounts associated with our performance-based contracts based upon the latest information that management has at that time.

Employees

As of September 30, 2016, we had approximately 18,800 employees, consisting of 10,900 employees in the Health Services Segment, 3,500 employees in our U.S. Federal Services Segment, 4,000 employees in the Human Services Segment and 400 corporate administrative employees. Our success depends in large part on attracting, retaining and motivating talented, innovative, experienced and educated professionals at all levels.

As of September 30, 2016, 417 of our employees in Canada were covered under three different collective bargaining agreements, each of which has different components and requirements. There are 408 employees covered by two collective bargaining agreements with the British Columbia Government and Services Employees' Union and nine employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Professional Employees Association. These collective bargaining agreements expire beginning in 2019 through 2020.

As of September 30, 2016, 1,795 of our employees in Australia were covered under a Collective Agreement, which is similar in form to a collective bargaining agreement. The Collective Agreement is renewed annually.

As of September 30, 2016, 746 of our employees in the U.K. were covered under four different collective bargaining agreements, each of which has different components and requirements. There are 153 employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union Public and Commercial Services, five employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement with the Union Prospect, and a total of 588 employees covered by a collective bargaining agreement with GMB Trade Union and Unite Amicus Trade Union. These collective bargaining agreements do not have expiration dates.

None of our other employees are covered under any such agreement. We consider our relations with our employees to be good.

Other information

MAXIMUS, Inc. is a Virginia Corporation, founded in 1975.

Our principal executive offices are located at 1891 Metro Center Drive, Reston, Virginia, 20190. Our telephone number is 703-251-8500.

Our website address is http://www.maximus.com. We make our website available for informational purposes only. It should not be relied upon for investment purposes, nor is it incorporated by reference into this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

We make our Annual Report on Form 10-K, quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, current reports on Form 8-K, and the proxy statement for our annual shareholders' meeting, as well as any amendments to those reports, available free of charge through our website as soon as reasonably practical after we file that material with, or furnish it to, the Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC). Our SEC filings may be accessed through the Investor Relations page of our website. These materials, as well as similar materials for other SEC registrants, may be obtained directly from the SEC through their website at http://www.sec.gov. This information may also be read and copied at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street NE, Washington, D.C. 20549. Information on the operation of the Public Reference Room may be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330.

ITEM 1A. Risk Factors.

Our operations are subject to many risks that could adversely affect our future financial condition, results of operations and cash flows and, therefore, the market value of our securities. See Exhibit 99.1 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K under the caption "Special Considerations and Risk Factors" for information on risks and uncertainties that could affect our future financial condition and performance. The information in Exhibit 99.1 is incorporated by reference into this Item 1A.

ITEM 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments. Not applicable.

ITEM 2. Properties.

We own a 60,000 square-foot office building in Reston, Virginia. We also lease offices for operations, management and administrative functions in connection with the performance of our services. At September 30, 2016, we leased 114 offices in the U.S. totaling approximately 2.4 million square feet. In four countries outside the U.S., we leased 323 offices totaling approximately 1.0 million square feet. The lease terms vary from month-to-month to ten-year leases and are generally at market rates. In the event that a property is used for our services in the U.S., we typically negotiate clauses to allow termination of the lease if the service contract is terminated by our customer. Such clauses are not standard in foreign leases.

We believe that our properties are maintained in good operating condition and are suitable and adequate for our purposes.

ITEM 3. Legal Proceedings.

We are subject to audits, investigations and reviews relating to compliance with the laws and regulations that govern our role as a contractor to agencies and departments of the U.S. Federal Government, state, local, and foreign governments, and otherwise in connection with performing services in countries outside of the U.S. Adverse findings could lead to criminal, civil or administrative proceedings, and we could be faced with penalties, fines, suspension or disbarment. Adverse findings could also have a material adverse effect on us because of our reliance on government contracts. We are subject to periodic audits by Federal, state, local and foreign governments for taxes. We are also involved in various claims, arbitrations, and lawsuits arising in the normal conduct of our business. These include but are not limited to, bid protests, employment matters, contractual disputes and charges before administrative agencies. Although we can give no assurance, based upon our evaluation and taking into account the advice of legal counsel, we do not believe that the outcome of any pending matter would likely have a material adverse effect on our consolidated financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

ITEM 4. Mine Safety Disclosures Not applicable.

PART II

ITEM 5. Market for Registrant's Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchases of Equity Securities.

Our common stock trades on the New York Stock Exchange (NYSE) under the symbol "MMS." The following table sets forth, for the fiscal periods indicated, the range of high and low sales prices for our common stock and the cash dividends per share declared on the common stock.

	Price Range					
	High	Low	Dividends			
Year Ended September 30, 2016:						
First Quarter	\$69.85	\$47.95	\$ 0.045			
Second Quarter	55.67	45.15	0.045			
Third Quarter	58.14	46.90	0.045			
Fourth Quarter	61.68	54.38	0.045			
Year Ended September 30, 2015:						
First Quarter	\$55.97	\$38.93	\$ 0.045			
Second Quarter	66.93	52.36	0.045			
Third Quarter	69.04	61.90	0.045			
Fourth Quarter	70.00	55.99	0.045			

As of October 31, 2016, there were 51 holders of record of our outstanding common stock. The number of holders of record is not representative of the number of beneficial owners due to the fact that many shares are held by depositories, brokers or nominees. We estimate there are approximately 30,800 beneficial owners of our common stock.

We expect to continue our policy of paying regular cash dividends, although there is no assurance as to future dividends. Future cash dividends, if any, will be paid at the discretion of our Board of Directors and will depend, among other things, upon our future operations and earnings, capital requirements and surplus, general financial condition, contractual restrictions and other factors our Board of Directors may deem relevant.

The following table sets forth information regarding repurchases of common stock that we made during the three months ended September 30, 2016:

Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid per Share	Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly Announced Plans(1)	Approximate Dollar Value of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plan (in thousands)
July 1, 2016 - July 31, 2016	_	\$ -		\$ 137,455
August 1, 2016 - August 31, 2016				137,660
September 1, 2016 - September 30, 2016 (2)	162,016	\$57.40		137,796
Total	162,016		_	

Under a resolution adopted in August 2015, the Board of Directors authorized the repurchase, at management's discretion, of up to an aggregate of \$200 million of our common stock. This resolution superseded similar authorizations from November 2011 and June 2014. The resolution also authorized the use of option exercise proceeds for the repurchase of our common stock.

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The total number of shares purchased in September 2016 comprises restricted stock units which vested in this month but which were utilized by the recipients to net-settle personal income tax obligations. The shares were not issued and a payment for this liability was made by us in October 2016.

Stock Performance Graph

The following graph compares the cumulative total shareholder return on our common stock for the five-year period from September 30, 2011 to September 30, 2016, with the cumulative total return for the NYSE Stock Market (U.S. Companies) Index. In addition, we have compared the results of a peer group to our performance. Our peer group is based upon the companies noted in our annual proxy statement as entities with whom we compete for executive talent. During 2016, we updated our peer group to reflect changes in the size of these businesses. The updated peer group is comprised of Booz Allen Holding Corp., CACI International, DST Systems, Gartner, Harris Corp., ICF International, Leidos Holdings, ManTech International, Science International Applications Corp (SAIC) and Unisys Corp. Our former peer group was comprised of CACI International, CIBER, ManTech International, Sapient, SAIC and Unisys. Both peer groups are weighted by market capitalization. This graph assumes the investment of \$100 on September 30, 2011 in our common stock, the NYSE Stock Market (U.S. Companies) Index and our peer groups and assumes dividends are reinvested.

Notes:

- A. The lines represent index levels derived from compounded daily returns that include all dividends.
- B. The indexes are reweighted daily, using the market capitalization on the previous trading day.
- C. If the monthly interval, based on the fiscal year-end, is not a trading day, the preceding trading day is used.
- D. The index level for all series was set to \$100.00 on September 30, 2011.

ITEM 6. Selected Financial Data.

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We have derived the selected consolidated financial data presented below from our consolidated financial statements and the related notes. The revenue and operating results related to the acquisition of companies using the purchase accounting method are included from the respective acquisition dates. The selected financial data should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" included as Item 7 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K and with the Consolidated Financial Statements and related Notes included as Item 8 of this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The historical results set forth in this Item 6 are not necessarily indicative of the results of operations to be expected in the future.

		Year Ended	September 3	30,				
		2016	2015	2014	2013	2012		
		(In thousands, except per share data)						
Consolidated statement of operations d	ata:							
Revenue		\$2,403,360	\$2,099,821	\$1,700,912	\$1,331,279	\$1,050,145		
Operating income		286,603	259,832	225,308	185,155	127,334		
Net income attributable to MAXIMUS		178,362	157,772	145,440	116,731	76,133		
Basic earnings per share attributable to	MAXIMUS	\$2.71	\$2.37	\$2.15	\$1.71	\$1.12		
Diluted earnings per share attributable	\$2.69	\$2.35	\$2.11	\$1.67	\$1.09			
Weighted average shares outstanding:								
Basic		65,822	66,682	67,680	68,165	67,734		
Diluted		66,229	67,275	69,087	69,893	69,611		
Cash dividends per share of common s	tock	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18	\$0.18		
	At September							
	2016 2015	2014	2013	2012				
	(In thousands)							
Consolidated balance sheet data:								
Cash and cash equivalents	\$66,199 \$74,	672 \$158,1	12 \$125,61	7 \$189,312				
Total assets	1,348,8191,27	1,558 900,99	6 857,978	695,293				
Debt	165,615 210,9	974 1,217	1,489	1,736				
Total MAXIMUS shareholders' equity	749,081 612,3	378 555,96	2 529,508	451,106				

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

The following discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations is provided to enhance the understanding of, and should be read in conjunction with, our Consolidated Financial Statements and the related Notes.

Business overview

We are a leading operator of government health and human services programs worldwide. We act as a partner to governments under our mission of Helping Government Serve the People.® We use our experience, business process management expertise and advanced technological solutions to help government agencies run effective, efficient and accountable programs.

Over the past five years, our business has reported significant organic growth. We believe this growth has been driven by economic and demographic factors, such as aging populations and increased demand for health care, and political factors, such as health care reform in the United States and welfare reform in Australia and the United Kingdom. In addition, we have acquired businesses which have provided us opportunities to expand our skills, technology and customer relationships to complement our existing business and provide opportunities for further organic growth. We believe that governments will continue to seek opportunities to enhance existing processes or address new challenges through companies such as MAXIMUS. As governments look to identify and reward providers based upon results, we see opportunities to expand based upon our innovative technology, deep subject matter expertise, stringent adherence to our Standards of Business Conduct and Ethics, robust financial performance and worldwide experience.

Recent acquisitions

We completed four acquisitions during fiscal years 2015 and 2016:

In April 2015, we acquired 100% of Acentia, LLC (Acentia), a provider of services to the U.S. Federal Government. This business has been integrated into our U.S. Federal Services Segment.

In April 2015, we acquired 70% of Remploy, a business providing services to the U.K. government. This business has been integrated into our Human Services Segment.

In December 2015, we acquired 100% of the share capital of three companies doing business as "Assessments Australia". This business has been integrated into our Human Services Segment.

In February 2016, we acquired 100% of the share capital of Ascend Management Innovations, LLC (Ascend). This business has been integrated into our Health Services Segment.

We believe that all four acquisitions will provide us with the ability to complement and expand our existing services in their respective markets.

Financial overview

Our results for the three years ended September 30, 2016 were driven primarily by the following:

Our recent acquisitions, which have increased revenue and profit, as well as our working capital, goodwill, intangible asset and intangible asset amortization balances;

Organic growth from new contracts, such as the Health Assessment and Advisory Service (HAAS) contract in the U.K., which commenced in 2015, and various contracts related to the Affordable Care Act (ACA), which commenced or expanded through 2014 and 2015;

The expansion of existing contracts, such as our contracts with the State of New York in our Health Services Segment;

Expansion of our existing work in Australia, partially offset by the initial costs of setting up this work and deferral of initial revenue received;

Increased investment in our capital infrastructure, which has increased our operating costs, fixed asset balance and depreciation charges;

The sale of our K-12 Education business, a software-related non-core component of our Human Services Segment, which resulted in a non-recurring gain;

Detrimental movement in foreign currencies which has resulted in reduced revenue and profit recorded by our international businesses; and

Borrowings on our credit facilities to pay for the acquisitions discussed above, which have resulted in increased interest expense.

International businesses

We operate in international locations and, accordingly, we also transact business in currencies other than the U.S. Dollar, principally the British Pound, the Australian Dollar, the Canadian Dollar and the Saudi Arabian Riyal. During the year ended September 30, 2016, we earned approximately 28% and 16% of revenue and operating income, respectively, from our foreign subsidiaries. At September 30, 2016, approximately 25% of our assets are held by foreign subsidiaries. International business exposes us to certain risks.

Tax regulations may penalize us if we transfer funds or debt across international borders. Accordingly, we may not be able to use our cash in the locations where it is needed. We mitigate this risk by maintaining sufficient capital and access to capital both within and outside the U.S. to support the short-term and long-term capital requirements of the businesses in each region. We establish our legal entities to make efficient use of tax laws and holding companies to minimize this exposure.

We are subject to exposure from foreign currency fluctuations. Our foreign subsidiaries typically incur costs in the same currency as they earn revenue, thus limiting our exposure to unexpected currency fluctuations. The operations of the U.S. business do not depend upon cash flows from foreign subsidiaries. However, declines in the relevant strength of foreign currencies against the U.S. Dollar will affect our revenue mix, profit margin and tax rate.

Summary of consolidated results

The following table sets forth, for the fiscal years indicated, information derived from our statements of operations.

	Year ended September 30,					
(dollars in thousands, except per share data)	2016		2015		2014	
Revenue	\$2,403,360		\$2,099,821	l	\$1,700,912	2
Cost of revenue	1,841,169		1,587,104		1,248,789	
Gross profit	562,191		512,717		452,123	
Gross profit margin	23.4	%	24.4	%	26.6	%
Selling, general and administrative expense	268,259		238,792		220,925	
Selling, general and administrative expense as a percentage of revenue	11.2	%	11.4	%	13.0	%
Amortization of intangible assets	13,377		9,348		5,890	
Acquisition-related expenses	832		4,745			
Gain on sale of a business	6,880		_		_	
Operating income	286,603		259,832		225,308	
Operating income margin	11.9	%	12.4	%	13.2	%
Interest expense	4,134		1,398		_	
Other income, net	3,499		1,385		2,061	
Income before income taxes	285,968		259,819		227,369	
Provision for income taxes	105,808		99,770		81,973	
Effective tax rate	37.0	%	38.4	%	36.1	%
Net income	180,160		160,049		145,396	
Income/(loss) attributable to noncontrolling interests	1,798		2,277		(44)
Net income attributable to MAXIMUS	\$178,362		\$157,772		\$145,440	
Basic earnings per share attributable to MAXIMUS	\$2.71		\$2.37		\$2.15	
Diluted earnings per share attributable to MAXIMUS	\$2.69		\$2.35		\$2.11	

The following provides an overview of the significant elements of our consolidated statements of operations. As our business segments have different factors driving revenue growth and profitability, the sections that follow cover these segments in greater detail.

Fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2016 are summarized below.

-	Revenue	Cost of Revenu			enue	e Gross Profi			fit	
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars	Perce chang		Dollars	Perce chang		Dollars	Perce chan	entage ge	
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$2,099,821			\$1,587,104			\$512,717			
Organic growth	194,784	9.3	%	177,732	11.2	%	17,052	3.3	%	
Acquired growth	157,985	7.5	%	117,425	7.4	%	40,560	7.9	%	
Currency effect compared to the prior period	(49,230)	(2.3))%	(41,092)	(2.6)%	(8,138)	(1.6)%	
Balance for fiscal year 2016	\$2,403,360	14.5	%	\$1,841,169	16.0	%	\$562,191	9.6	%	

Revenue increased by approximately 14% to \$2,403.4 million, with our cost of revenue increasing by approximately 16% to \$1,841.2 million. Our gross profit margin declined from 24.4% to 23.4%. We have identified

the significant organic, acquisition-related and currency-related effects below. More detail is provided by segment in the sections which follow.

Most of our organic growth came from contracts in our Health Services Segment.

Cost of revenue consists of direct costs related to labor and related overhead, subcontractor labor, outside vendors, rent and other direct costs. The largest component of cost of revenue, approximately two-thirds, is labor (both our labor and subcontracted labor) for our services contracts. Our organic cost of revenue increased at a greater rate than our revenue, driven by a full year of the HAAS contract and the jobactive contract in Australia. As expected, both of these contracts operated at lower margins during fiscal 2016 compared to the rest of our business. It is typical with contracts in the start-up phase for revenue to lag the incurrence of costs. Many performance-based contracts, including jobactive, have outcome-based payments which take time to achieve. Accordingly, no outcome-based payments will occur in the early months of a contract. A mature contract should have a steady flow of such outcomes-based payments.

Acquired growth was from our 2016 acquisitions, Ascend and Assessments Australia, as well as the benefits of a full year of results from Acentia and Remploy.

During fiscal year 2016, the U.S. Dollar gained in strength against all international currencies in which we do business. Accordingly, we received lower revenue and incurred lower costs than would have been the case if currency rates had remained stable.

Selling, general and administrative expense (SG&A) consists of costs related to general management, marketing and administration. These costs include salaries, benefits, bid and proposal efforts, travel, recruiting, continuing education, employee training, non-chargeable labor costs, facilities costs, printing, reproduction, communications, equipment depreciation, legal expenses and the costs of business combinations. Our SG&A is primarily composed of labor costs. These costs may be incurred at a segment level, for dedicated resources which are not client-facing, or at a corporate level. Corporate costs are allocated to segments on a consistent, rational basis. Unlike cost of revenue, SG&A is not directly driven by fluctuations in our revenue and, as our business expands, we would expect to see SG&A decline as a percentage of revenue as we attain economies of scale.

Our SG&A increased by \$29.5 million, or 12%, in 2016 compared to the prior year.

Much of this growth came from our acquisitions, most notably from the full year of Acentia and Remploy, which contributed approximately \$20 million.

In fiscal year 2015, we made significant infrastructure investments, which resulted in increased depreciation charges. We incurred legal costs of \$2.2 million related to a matter which occurred in fiscal year 2014.

Our SG&A as a percentage of revenue has declined between fiscal years 2015 to 2016, as the revenue growth of the business exceeded that of our administrative cost base.

As noted above, we made four acquisitions during fiscal years 2015 and 2016. These acquisitions have resulted in the following charges in our statements of operations:

We incurred costs related to the acquisition of these entities; typically legal fees, third-party due diligence and costs related to the valuation of intangible assets. Expenses of \$0.8 million in 2016 relate principally to Ascend and \$4.7 million in 2015 relate principally to Acentia.

The acquisitions of Acentia and Ascend were funded using our credit facility. Accordingly, our interest expense increased year-over-year. At present, the interest rate on our borrowings is approximately 1.6%.

Our acquisitions of Acentia and Ascend included the addition of \$69.9 million and \$22.3 million, respectively, of intangible assets. The other acquisitions also generated intangible assets. Our charge related to the amortization of intangible assets has increased by approximately \$4.0 million per year.

On May 9, 2016, we sold our K-12 Education business, which was previously part of the Company's Human Services Segment. As a result of this transaction, we recorded a gain of approximately \$6.9 million. The K-12 Education business contributed revenue of \$2.2 million, \$4.7 million and \$9.4 million for the years ended September 30, 2016, 2015 and 2014, respectively.

Our other income is typically provided through interest income on our overseas cash balances, which have declined. Other income is not expected to be significant in future years.

Our year-to-date effective tax rate for the 2016 fiscal year was 37.0%, a decrease over the prior year period. The decline was caused by the benefit of improvements in profits from jurisdictions with lower tax rates than those of the U.S. Our tax rate in future years will be affected by a new accounting standard which we plan to adopt in fiscal year 2017. Accounting Standard Update 2016-09 Stock Compensation, Improvements to Employee Share Based Payment Accounting will require us to record the income tax benefit or expense related to the exercising of stock options and the vesting of restricted stock units (RSUs) as a reduction to the provision for income taxes. The amount of the benefit depends on the Company's stock price on the exercise or vesting date. The benefit to MAXIMUS will be recorded principally in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year. During fiscal year 2016, this was directly recorded as an increase to stockholders' equity as required by the current rules in effect.

We anticipate that revenue growth in 2017 will continue to be driven by our Health Services Segment. We are anticipating that we will receive reduced revenues in our Health and Human Services Segments due to the decline in the value of the British Pound and some significant revenue from our 2016 results in the Health and U.S. Federal Services Segments that are not expected to recur in 2017. We detail these contracts below within their respective segment discussions. We estimate that approximately 93% of our fiscal 2017 forecasted revenue is in the form of backlog or anticipated option or extension periods on existing contracts.

We anticipate that our profit margins will improve in 2017, driven by the maturity of contracts that were in the ramp-up phase during fiscal year 2016. We are also in the process of restructuring our United Kingdom Human Services operations which is expected to result in an estimated charge in the first quarter of fiscal year 2017 of approximately \$3.8 million but which is anticipated to have a positive effect to operating income over the course of the full fiscal year.

Fiscal year 2015 compared to fiscal year 2014

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2015 are summarized below.

	Revenue			Cost of Revenue			Gross Profit		
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars	Perce chang		Dollars	Perce chang		Dollars	Perce chang	ntage ge
Balance for fiscal year 2014	\$1,700,912			\$1,248,789			\$452,123		
Organic growth	317,653	18.7	%	288,222	23.1	%	29,431	6.5	%
Acquired growth	141,036	8.3	%	102,297	8.2	%	38,739	8.6	%
Currency effect compared to the prior period	(59,780)	(3.5)%	(52,204)	(4.2)%	(7,576)	(1.7)%
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$2,099,821	23.5	%	\$1,587,104	27.1	%	\$512,717	13.4	%

Revenue increased by approximately 23% to \$2,099.8 million both through acquisition and organic growth.

Organic growth was principally driven by contracts in our Health Services and U.S. Federal Services Segments. Much of our organic growth is from contracts in the start-up phase which causes the gross profit to lag in the initial year of contract performance.

Acquired growth was driven by the acquisitions of Acentia, which has been integrated into our U.S. Federal Services Segment, and Remploy, which has been integrated into our Human Services Segment. Acentia is located in the United States and Remploy is located in the United Kingdom.

The detrimental currency effect has been driven by the strength of the United States Dollar against other currencies of our foreign operations. We have recorded lower revenues where other currencies are utilized than would have been the case if currency rates had remained stable.

Cost of revenue increased by approximately 27% compared to the prior year. Within our Health Services and Human Services Segments, we had a number of projects which were in start-up.

Gross profit increased by approximately 13% to \$512.7 million, representing a profit margin of 24.4% compared to 26.6% in the prior year. The declines in our margins were caused by:

Declines in Health Services margins from contracts in start-up;

Declines in U.S. Federal Services margins from the addition of Acentia's business and declines in certain highly-accretive appeals and assessments services which had been anticipated;

• A slight increase in Human Services margins, where the benefits of Remploy's business was generally offset by start-up costs elsewhere.

Our SG&A increased by \$17.9 million to \$238.8 million in fiscal year 2015 compared to fiscal year 2014, an increase of 8.1%. This increase was principally driven by the following factors:

The acquisitions of Acentia and Remploy added \$21 million of SG&A.

Our investment in our IT infrastructure resulted in additional expenditures of approximately \$7 million on shared resources;

Our management cash bonus plan was reduced by approximately \$11 million compared to fiscal year 2014; and The strength of the U.S. Dollar resulted in a reduction to SG&A of \$4 million.

As organic SG&A declined slightly year-over-year, all of our segments received steady or declining allocations of costs. Our U.S. Federal Services and Human Services Segments incurred additional costs due to the acquisitions of Acentia and Remploy, respectively.

Operating income increased 15% to \$259.8 million, which is 12.4% of revenue. This growth was driven by organic growth and the acquisitions of Acentia and Remploy, partially offset by currency headwinds. The operating income margin decline has been driven by the same factors as the operating income decline, as well as increases in costs related to acquisitions and intangible asset amortization.

In fiscal year 2015, we used a combination of borrowings from our revolving credit facility and cash to fund the acquisition of Acentia as well as other strategic and working capital requirements. As a consequence, we recorded interest expense in fiscal year 2015.

Our tax rate for fiscal year 2015 was 38.4%, compared to 36.1% in fiscal year 2014. Our tax rate increased due to a greater share of our income coming from the United States, particularly with the growth of our U.S. Federal Services Segment. In addition, our fiscal year 2014 tax rate received the benefit of the utilization of additional employment-related tax credits in fiscal year, the utilization of a tax net operating loss in Canada which had previously been fully reserved, and a benefit to our state taxes for the difference between the estimates in fiscal year 2013 to the tax returns filed in the fourth quarter of fiscal year 2014.

Health Services Segment

The Health Services Segment provides a variety of business process services, appeals and assessments as well as related consulting services, for state, provincial and national government programs. These services support Medicaid, the Children's Health Insurance Program (CHIP) and ACA in the U.S., Health Insurance BC (British Columbia) in Canada and HAAS and Fit for Work Service in the U.K.

	Year ended September 30,							
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2014					
Revenue	\$1,298,304	\$1,109,238	\$906,650					
Cost of revenue	1,006,123	855,130	692,922					
Gross profit	292,181	254,108	213,728					
Selling, general and administrative expense	107,155	99,815	98,172					
Operating income	185,026	154,293	115,556					
Gross profit percentage	22.5	% 22.9 %	23.6 %					
Operating margin percentage	14.3	% 13.9 %	12.7 %					

Fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2016 are summarized below.

	Revenue				enue		Gross Profit		
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars	Perce chang	ntage ge	Dollars	Perce chang		Dollars	Perce chang	entage ge
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$1,109,238			\$855,130			\$254,108		
Organic growth	202,928	18.3	%	165,467	19.3	%	37,461	14.7	%
Acquired growth	14,881	1.3	%	10,336	1.2	%	4,545	1.8	%
Currency effect compared to the prior period	(28,743)	(2.6)%	(24,810)	(2.9)%	(3,933)	(1.5)%
Balance for fiscal year 2016	\$1,298,304	17.0	%	\$1,006,123	17.7	%	\$292,181	15.0	%

Revenue increased by approximately 17% to \$1,298.3 million. Gross profit increased by approximately 15% and operating income increased by approximately 20%.

Our revenue and direct cost increases were driven by three factors.

Our scope of work expanded on our existing U.S.-based contracts, notably with the expansion of an existing contract in New York State.

We received a full year benefit from our U.K.-based HAAS contract. This contract commenced March 1, 2015. The HAAS contract experienced operating losses in fiscal year 2015 due to challenges in the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals. This resulted in reduced fees from performance incentives in the contract. During fiscal year 2016, our performance on the HAAS contract improved and we experienced operating margins in the high-single digits.

Our results include seven months of operations following our acquisition of Ascend.

These benefits were partially offset by the detrimental effect of the decline in value of the British Pound.

Our gross profit margins declined slightly year-over-year. This expected decline is due, in part, to the ramp-up on the HAAS contract which operated at lower margins than the remainder of the Segment. As expected, the Fit For Work contract, which commenced in fiscal year 2015, also tempered gross profit margins.

Our operating income margins improved by approximately 40 basis points and received the benefit of our business expansion without a corresponding increase in our administrative cost base.

Our performance in fiscal year 2017 is expected to benefit from the continued maturity of the HAAS contract, although this benefit will be tempered by the declines in the value of the British Pound. We anticipate further expansion within our existing contracts but we do not expect to receive a similar benefit from our New York contract, which included approximately \$36 million of non-recurring revenue tied to the infrastructure investments for the expansion of new work. In addition, we elected to forgo rebidding on a contract in Connecticut where we were the incumbent operator due to unfavorable terms and increased risk. This contract contributed approximately \$23 million of revenue in fiscal year 2016.

Fiscal year 2015 versus fiscal year 2014

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2015 are summarized below.

				Cost of Re		Gross Prof	ıt	
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars	Perce chang	ntage ge	Dollars	Percentage change	Dollars	Percentage change	
Balance for fiscal year 2014	\$906,650			\$692,922		\$213,728		
Organic growth	225,285	24.8	%	183,918	26.5 %	41,367	19.4 %	
Currency effect compared to the prior period	(22,697)	(2.5)%	(21,710)	(3.1)%	(987)	(0.5)%	
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$1,109,238	22.3	%	\$855,130	23.4 %	\$254,108	18.9 %	

Revenue increased by approximately 22% to \$1,109.2 million. Approximately half of this growth was driven by the HAAS contract, which commenced in fiscal year 2015. The remainder of this growth was driven by the expansion of existing work and new contracts.

Cost of revenue increased by approximately 23% to \$855.1 million. The principal driver was the HAAS contract, which was in start-up. This contract experienced challenges in the recruitment and retention of healthcare professionals which resulted in additional costs incurred that were not recovered due to reduced fees from performance incentives.

Gross profit increased by approximately 19% to \$254.1 million. Our gross profit margin declined by 70 basis points to 22.9%. The HAAS contract would have reduced the segment profit margin by 270 basis points, but this was more than offset by the improvements on the PSI contract and growth in other contracts.

As noted above, our SG&A expense for the company, and the Health Services Segment, did not significantly fluctuate year-over-year. Accordingly, the segment's operating income margin received the benefit from the company's economies of scale.

U.S. Federal Services Segment

The U.S. Federal Services Segment provides business process solutions, system development, software development and program management for various civilian U.S. federal programs.

	Year ended September 30,						
(dollars in thousands)	2016	2015	2014				
Revenue	\$591,728	\$502,484	\$341,840				
Cost of revenue	453,560	383,838	231,047				
Gross profit	138,168	118,646	110,793				
Selling, general and administrative expense	74,792	59,252	47,695				
Operating income	63,376	59,394	63,098				
Gross profit percentage	23.3 %	6 23.6 %	5 32.4 %				
Operating margin percentage	10.7 %	6 11.8 %	6 18.5 %				

Fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2016 are summarized below.

	Revenue	Cost of Revenue					Gross Profit		
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars	Percer		Dollars	Perce chang	entage ge	Dollars	Perce chang	entage ge
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$502,484			\$383,838			\$118,646		
Organic growth	(15,043)	(3.0)%	(11,133)	(2.9)%	(3,910	(3.3)%
Acquired growth	104,287	20.8	%	80,855	21.1	%	23,432	19.7	%
Balance for fiscal year 2016	\$591,728	17.8	%	\$453,560	18.2	%	\$138,168	16.5	%

Revenue increased by approximately 18% to \$591.7 million. Gross profit increased by approximately 16% and operating income increased by 6.7%.

Revenue growth was driven by a full year of Acentia's business following the acquisition in April 2015.

Our organic business declined, caused by the anticipated closure of a customer contact center where we provided support for the Federal Marketplace under the ACA. This accounted for a \$49 million reduction in revenue compared to fiscal 2015. In addition, the majority of contracts from Acentia are cost-plus or time and materials which has resulted in lower profit margins in this division. Cost-plus and time-and-materials work is designed to have lower profit rates as this is generally lower risk work. These declines in profitability were partially offset by expected benefits in the profitability of our contract with the Department of Education.

Our SG&A expense included a full year of expense from the Acentia acquisition.

For fiscal year 2017, we are anticipating that our growth will be tempered by anticipated reductions in a healthcare contract of approximately \$40 million.

Fiscal year 2015 versus fiscal year 2014

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2015 are summarized below.

	Revenue			Cost of Revenue			Gross Profit			
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars	Percentage change		Dollars	Percentage change		Dollars	Percentage change		
Balance for fiscal year 2014	\$341,840			\$231,047			\$110,793			
Organic growth	56,649	16.6	%	73,131	31.7	%	(16,482)	(14.9)%	
Acquired growth	103,995	30.4	%	79,660	34.5	%	24,335	22.0	%	
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$502,484	47.0	%	\$383,838	66.1	%	\$118,646	7.1	%	

Revenue increased by approximately 47% to \$502.5 million. Cost of revenue increased by approximately 66% to \$383.8 million. Gross profit increased by 7.1% and operating income decreased by 5.9%.

Revenue was both organic and acquired, with the Acentia business being integrated into this Segment and driving the acquired growth in fiscal year 2015.

Organic revenue was driven by the ongoing ramp-up of the Department of Education contract, a subcontract which commenced in fiscal year 2015 and growth on existing contracts, which more than offset two declines which we had anticipated: approximately \$58 million of reductions in the Company's Medicare appeals business and \$20 million from the closure of a customer contact center that supported the Federal Marketplace.

Cost of revenue increased due to the acquisition of Acentia and our organic revenue growth. The rate of our cost growth exceeded that of our revenue growth for the following reasons:

The profit margin on Acentia's business is lower than that of the remainder of the segment. Acentia's portfolio of contracts has a higher share of cost-plus and time-and-materials work, which would be expected to have lower margins.

The contract with the Department of Education was in start-up, resulting in additional costs.

Our Medicare appeals business had reduced revenues due to changes in legislation.

Accordingly, our gross profit margins declined year-over-year.

SG&A increased approximately \$10.7 million primarily due to the acquisition of Acentia.

Human Services Segment

The Human Services Segment provides national, state and county human services agencies with a variety of business process services and related consulting services for welfare-to-work, child support, higher education and K-12 special education programs. The K-12 Education business was divested in fiscal year 2016. About 65% of our revenue in this Segment is earned in foreign jurisdictions.

Year ended September 30,						
2016	2015	2014				
\$513,328	\$488,099	\$452,422				
381,486	348,136	324,820				
131,842	139,963	127,602				
84,157	79,719	74,444				
47,685	60,244	53,158				
25.7 %	28.7 %	28.2 %				
9.3	12.3 %	11.7 %				
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Fiscal year 2016 compared to fiscal year 2015

Changes in revenue, cost of revenue and gross profit for fiscal year 2016 are summarized below.

	Revenue			Cost of Revenue			Gross Profit		
(dollars in thousands)	Dollars Percentage change		Dollars	Perce chan	entage ge	Dollars		Percentage change	
Balance for fiscal year 2015	\$488,099			\$348,136			\$139,963	3	
Organic growth	6,899	1.4	%	23,398	6.7	%	(16,499) (11.8)%
Acquired growth	38,817	8.0	%	26,234	7.5	%	12,583	9.0	%
Currency effect compared to the prior period	(20,487)	(4.2)%	(16,282	(4.7)%	(4,205) (3.0)%
Balance for fiscal year 2016	\$513,328	5.2	%						