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Dear Stockholder:

April 1, 2005

You are cordially invited to attend the annual meeting of stockholders of Citrix Systems, Inc. (the Company) to be held at 2:00 p.m., on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334.

At this Annual Meeting, the agenda includes the election of two Class I directors for three-year terms, approval of our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, approval of our 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and ratification of our independent auditors. The Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR election of the director nominees, FOR approval of the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, FOR approval of the 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and FOR ratification of appointment of the independent auditors.

Details regarding the matters to be acted upon at this meeting appear in the accompanying Proxy Statement. Please give this material your careful attention.

If you are a stockholder of record, please vote in one of the following three ways whether or not you plan to attend the meeting: (1) by completing, signing and dating the accompanying proxy card and returning it in the enclosed postage-prepaid envelope, (2) by completing your proxy using the toll-free telephone number listed on the proxy card, or (3) by completing your proxy on the Internet at the address listed on the proxy card. It is important that your shares be voted whether or not you attend the meeting in person. If you attend the meeting, you may vote in person even if you have previously returned your proxy card or completed your proxy card by phone or on the Internet. Your prompt cooperation will be greatly appreciated.

Very truly yours,

DAVID R. FRIEDMAN

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

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CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC.

851 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

To Be Held on May 5, 2005

To the Stockholders of Citrix Systems, Inc.:

The Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Citrix Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), will be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334, for the following purposes:

1. To elect two (2) Class I members to the Board of Directors as directors, each to serve for a three-year term and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his earlier resignation or removal;
2. To approve our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan;
3. To approve our 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan;
4. To ratify the appointment of the accounting firm of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the current year; and
5. To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 15, 2005, are entitled to notice of and to vote at the meeting and at any adjournment or postponement thereof.

All stockholders are cordially invited to attend the meeting in person. However, to assure your representation at the meeting, you are urged to vote in one of the following three ways whether or not you plan to attend the meeting: (1) by completing, signing and dating the accompanying proxy card and returning it in the postage-prepaid envelope enclosed for that purpose, (2) by completing your proxy using the toll-free number listed on the proxy card, or (3) by completing your proxy on the Internet at the address listed on the proxy card. If you attend the meeting, you may vote in person even if you have previously returned your proxy card or completed your proxy card by telephone or on the Internet.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

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DAVID R. FRIEDMAN

Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Fort Lauderdale, Florida

April 1, 2005

WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE MEETING, PLEASE COMPLETE, DATE AND SIGN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD AND MAIL IT PROMPTLY IN THE ENCLOSED ENVELOPE, COMPLETE YOUR PROXY USING THE TOLL-FREE TELEPHONE NUMBER LISTED ON THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD OR COMPLETE YOUR PROXY ON THE INTERNET AT THE ADDRESS LISTED ON THE PROXY CARD IN ORDER TO ASSURE REPRESENTATION OF YOUR SHARES. NO POSTAGE NEED BE AFFIXED IF THE PROXY CARD IS MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES.

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CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC.

851 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309

PROXY STATEMENT

For the Annual Meeting of Stockholders

To Be Held on May 5, 2005

April 1, 2005

Proxies in the form enclosed with this Proxy Statement are solicited by the Board of Directors of Citrix Systems, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the Company), for use at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, May 5, 2005, at 2:00 p.m., local time, at the Westin Fort Lauderdale Hotel, 400 Corporate Drive, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33334, or at any adjournments or postponements thereof (the Meeting). An Annual Report to Stockholders, containing financial statements for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, is being mailed together with this Proxy Statement to all stockholders entitled to vote at the Meeting. This Proxy Statement and the form of proxy were first mailed to stockholders on or about April 1, 2005.

The purposes of the Meeting are to elect two Class I directors for three-year terms, approve our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, approve our 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and ratify the appointment of our independent auditors. Only stockholders of record at the close of business on March 15, 2005 (the Record Date) will be entitled to receive notice of and to vote at the Meeting. As of that date, 168,942,189 shares of common stock, \$.001 par value per share, of the Company (the Common Stock) were issued and outstanding. The holders of Common Stock are entitled to one vote per share on any proposal presented at the Meeting. You may vote in one of the following three ways whether or not you plan to attend the meeting: (1) by completing, signing and dating the accompanying proxy card and returning it in the postage-prepaid envelope enclosed for that purpose, (2) by completing your proxy using the toll-free telephone number listed on the proxy card, or (3) by completing your proxy on the Internet at the address listed on the proxy card. If you attend the meeting, you may vote in person even if you have previously returned your proxy card or voted by phone or on the Internet. Any proxy given pursuant to this solicitation may be revoked by the person giving it at any time before it is voted. Proxies may be revoked by (a) filing with the Secretary of the Company, before the taking of the vote at the Meeting, a written notice of revocation bearing a later date than the proxy, (b) duly completing a later-dated proxy relating to the same shares and delivering it to the Secretary of the Company before the taking of the vote at the Meeting, or (c) attending the Meeting and voting in person (although attendance at the Meeting will not in and of itself constitute a revocation of a proxy). Any written notice of revocation or subsequent proxy should be sent so as to be delivered to Citrix Systems, Inc., 851 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33309, Attention: Secretary, before the taking of the vote at the Meeting.

The representation in person or by proxy of at least a majority of the outstanding shares of Common Stock entitled to vote at the Meeting is necessary to constitute a quorum for the transaction of business. Votes withheld from any nominee, abstentions and broker non-votes are counted as present or represented for purposes of determining the presence or absence of a quorum for the Meeting. A non-vote occurs when a nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner votes on one proposal but does not vote on another proposal because, with respect to such other proposal, the nominee does not have discretionary voting power and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

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For Proposal 1, the election of Class I directors, the nominees receiving the highest number of affirmative votes of the shares present or represented and entitled to vote at the Meeting shall be elected as directors. For each of Proposal 2, the approval of our 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, Proposal 3, the approval of our 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, and Proposal 4, the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent auditors for the current year, an affirmative vote of a majority of the shares present, in person or represented by proxy, and voting on each such matter is required for approval. An automated system

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administered by the Company's transfer agent tabulates the votes. The vote on each matter submitted to stockholders is tabulated separately. Abstentions are included in the number of shares present or represented and voting on each matter. Broker non-votes are not considered voted for the particular matter and have the effect of reducing the number of affirmative votes required to achieve a majority for such matter by reducing the total number of shares from which the majority is calculated.

The persons named as attorneys-in-fact in the proxies, Mark B. Templeton and David J. Henshall, were selected by the Board of Directors and are officers of the Company. All properly executed proxies returned in time to be counted at the Meeting will be voted by such persons at the Meeting. Where a choice has been specified on the proxy with respect to the foregoing matters, the shares represented by the proxy will be voted in accordance with the specifications. If no such specifications are indicated, such proxies will be voted FOR election of the director nominees, FOR approval of the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, FOR approval of the 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and FOR ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors.

Aside from the election of directors, approval of the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, approval of the 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan and ratification of the appointment of the independent auditors, the Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be presented at the Meeting. If any other matter should be presented at the Meeting upon which a vote properly may be taken, shares represented by all proxies received by the Board of Directors will be voted with respect thereto in accordance with the judgment of the persons named as attorneys-in-fact in the proxies.

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The following table sets forth certain information regarding beneficial ownership of the Company's Common Stock as of the Record Date: (i) by each person who is known by the Company to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of Common Stock; (ii) by each director or nominee of the Company; (iii) by each present or former executive officer of the Company named in the Summary Compensation Table set forth below under Compensation and Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers; and (iv) by all directors and executive officers of the Company as a group.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Shares Beneficially Owned(1)	Percentage of Shares Beneficially Owned(2)
Putnam, LLC., Putnam Investments(3) One Post Office Square Boston, MA 02109 Vanguard Chester Funds Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund(4) 100 Vanguard Blvd. Malvern, PA 19355	13,549,079	8.02%
Mark B. Templeton(5)	2,189,082	1.28%
Stephen M. Dow(6)	575,004	*
David J. Henshall(7)	112,835	*
David R. Friedman(8)	89,115	*
John C. Burris(9)	465,040	*
Stefan Sjoström(10)	261,775	*
Thomas F. Bogan(11)	81,650	*
Gary E. Morin(12)	79,650	*
John W. White (13)	190,133	*
Murray J. Demo	0	*
Godfrey R. Sullivan	0	*
All executive officers, directors and nominees as a group(14) (12 persons)	4,137,715	2.40%

* Represents less than 1% of the outstanding Common Stock

- (1) Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with the rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") and includes voting and investment power with respect to shares. Unless otherwise indicated below, to the knowledge of the Company, all persons listed below have sole voting and investment power with respect to their shares of Common Stock, except to the extent authority is shared by spouses under applicable law. Pursuant to the rules of the SEC, the number of shares of Common Stock deemed outstanding includes shares issuable pursuant to options held by the respective person or group that are currently exercisable or may be exercised within 60 days of the Record Date (presently exercisable stock options).
- (2) Applicable percentage of ownership as of the Record Date is based upon 168,942,189 shares of Common Stock outstanding.
- (3) Putnam, LLC d/b/a Putnam Investments filed a Schedule 13G on February 11, 2005, on behalf of itself and its parent company, Marsh & McLennan Companies, Inc., and its two registered-investment-advisor subsidiaries, Putnam Investment Management, LLC. and The Putnam Advisory Company, LLC. The report states that both registered investment advisors have dispositive power over the shares as investment managers, but each of Putnam Investment Management, LLC.'s mutual fund trustees have voting power over the shares held by each fund, and The Putnam Investment Advisory Company, LLC. has shared voting power over the shares held by institutional clients. Putnam Investment Management LLC. reported shared voting power as to 395,800 shares and shared dispositive power as to 12,399,764 shares. Putnam Advisory Company, LLC. reported shared voting power as to 875,636 shares and shared dispositive power as to 1,149,315 shares.
- (4) With respect to information relating to Vanguard Chester Funds Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund, the Company has relied on information supplied by such entity on an amended Schedule 13G filed with the SEC on March 10, 2005. According to such amended Schedule 13G, Vanguard Chester Funds-Vanguard PRIMECAP Fund reported sole dispositive power as to all the shares and sole voting power as to 1,757,426 shares.
- (5) Includes 2,059,114 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (6) Includes 308,488 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (7) Includes 110,486 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (8) Consists of 89,115 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.

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- (9) Consists of 465,040 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (10) Consists of 261,775 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (11) Includes 76,650 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (12) Includes 76,650 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (13) Includes 188,333 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.
- (14) Includes 3,679,791 shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to presently exercisable stock options.

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The Company's Board of Directors currently consists of seven members. The Company's By-laws divide the Board of Directors into three classes. One class is elected each year for a term of three years. The Board of Directors, upon the recommendation of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, has nominated Messrs. Murray J. Demo and John W. White and recommended that each be elected to the Board of Directors as a Class I director, each to hold office until the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in the year 2008 and until his successor has been duly elected and qualified or until his earlier death, resignation or removal. Messrs. Demo and White are Class I directors whose terms expire at this Meeting. The Board of Directors is also composed of (i) two Class II directors (Thomas F. Bogan and Gary E. Morin), whose terms expire upon the election and qualification of directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2006, and (ii) three Class III directors (Stephen M. Dow, Godfrey R. Sullivan, and Mark B. Templeton), whose terms expire upon the election and qualification of directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held in 2007. Mr. Dow serves as the Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Upon the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 5, 2005, Mr. Bogan will become Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Mr. Dow will remain a member of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

The Board of Directors knows of no reason why any of the nominees would be unable or unwilling to serve, but if any nominee should for any reason be unable or unwilling to serve, the proxies will be voted for the election of such other person for the office of director as the Board of Directors may recommend in the place of such nominee. Unless otherwise instructed, the proxy holders will vote the proxies received by them for the nominees named below.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS UNANIMOUSLY RECOMMENDS**A VOTE FOR THE NOMINEES LISTED BELOW.**

The following table sets forth the nominees to be elected at the Meeting and continuing directors, the year each such nominee or director was first elected a director, the positions with the Company currently held by each nominee and director, the year each nominee's or director's current term will expire and each nominee's and director's current class:

Nominee's or Director's Name and Year First Became a Director	Position(s) with the Company	Year Current Term Will Expire	Current Class of Director
Nominees for Class I Directors:			
Murray J. Demo 2005	Director	2005	I
John W. White 1998	Director	2005	I
Continuing Directors:			
Thomas F. Bogan	Director	2006	II

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2003				
Gary E. Morin	Director		2006	II
2003				
Mark B. Templeton	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director		2007	III
1998				
Stephen M. Dow	Director and Chairperson		2007	III
1989				
Godfrey R. Sullivan	Director		2007	III
2005				

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The following table sets forth the director nominees to be elected at the Meeting, the directors and the executive officers of the Company, their ages, and the positions currently held by each such person with the Company immediately prior to the Meeting.

Name	Age	Position
Mark B. Templeton	52	President, Chief Executive Officer and Director
John C. Burris	50	Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Services
Brett M. Caine	45	President, Citrix Online Division
David R. Friedman	44	Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary
David J. Henshall	37	Vice President and Chief Financial Officer
Stefan Sjostrom	51	Vice President, EMEA
Thomas F. Bogan(1)(4)(6)	53	Director
Murray J. Demo(2)(3)(4)	43	Director
Stephen M. Dow(2)(3)(4)(5)	49	Director
Gary E. Morin(2)(3)(4)	56	Director
Godfrey R. Sullivan(1)(4)	51	Director
John W. White(1)(4)	66	Director

- (1) Member of Compensation Committee
- (2) Member of Audit Committee
- (3) Member of Finance Committee
- (4) Member of Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
- (5) Chairperson of the Board of Directors until the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 5, 2005
- (6) Upon conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held May 5, 2005, Mr. Bogan will become Chairperson of the Board of Directors.

Mark B. Templeton has served as President of the Company since January 1998 and as Chief Executive Officer from June 2001 to the present. Mr. Templeton also served as Chief Executive Officer of the Company from January 1999 to June 2000 and as Senior Executive Officer of the Company from July 2000 to May 2001. He was elected to the Board of Directors in May 1998 and re-elected in May 2001. From June 1995 to January 1998, he served as Vice President, Marketing of the Company.

John C. Burris has served as Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Services of the Company since January 2001. From July 1999 to January 2001, Mr. Burris served as Senior Vice President, Services of the Company. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Burris was employed by Lucent Technologies, a publicly traded communications networks company, from 1994 to 1999 as Vice President and General Manager of the Gulf States region.

Brett M. Caine has served as President of the Citrix Online Division since August 2004. From August 2003 to August 2004, Mr. Caine served as Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales for Expertcity.com, Inc., a software company acquired by the Company in February 2004. From April 2000 to December 2002, Mr. Caine served as Vice President, Worldwide Partners and Channels and Vice President, Territory Sales for Openwave Systems, Inc.

David R. Friedman has served as Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company since October 2002. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Friedman served as Senior Vice President, General Counsel and Clerk from 1999 to 2002, Vice President, General Counsel and

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Clerk from 1998 to 1999 and Associate Corporate Counsel from 1996 to 1998, at Parametric Technology Corporation, a software company.

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David J. Henshall has served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of the Company since April 2003. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Henshall served as Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary from 2002 to 2003, Vice President of Finance and Treasurer from 2001 to 2002, Treasurer from 1999 to 2001 and Assistant Treasurer from 1998 to 1999 for Rational Software Corporation, a software company acquired by IBM Corporation in 2003. Mr. Henshall held several finance positions from 1993 to 1998 with Cypress Semiconductor Corporation, a semiconductor company.

Stefan Sjoström has served as Vice President, EMEA (*i.e.*, Europe, Middle East and Africa) of the Company since March 2001. Prior to joining the Company, Mr. Sjoström served as Managing Director and Vice President of BSDi EMEA Ltd., a software company, from April 2000 to February 2001. From November 1998 to April 2000, Mr. Sjoström was Managing Partner of CMHS Management Consulting, a consulting firm.

Thomas F. Bogan has served as a director of the Company since January 2003. Upon the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 5, 2005, Mr. Bogan will become Chairperson of the Board of Directors. Since 2004, Mr. Bogan has been a Venture Partner at Greylock Partners, a venture capital firm. From 1997 to 2003, Mr. Bogan served in a variety of positions with Rational Software Corporation, a software company acquired by IBM Corporation in 2003, including President and Chief Operating Officer from 2000 to 2003, Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer from 1999 to 2000, and Vice President and General Manager from 1997 to 1999.

Murray J. Demo has served as a director of the Company since February 2005. Since 2000, Mr. Demo has served as Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer of Adobe Systems Incorporated, a publicly traded software company. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Demo held various positions at Adobe including Director of Operations Finance, Corporate Controller and Vice President, Corporate Controller. From 1993 to 1996, Mr. Demo served as the Director of Finance for Miller Freeman, Inc., a trade show and professional publications business and a division of United Business Media PLC, London, England. Mr. Demo is a member of the Executive Committee of the Board of Directors of AeA, a high-tech trade association.

Stephen M. Dow has served as a director of the Company since 1989 and as Chairperson of the Board of Directors since May 2002. Upon the conclusion of the Annual Meeting of Stockholders on May 5, 2005, Mr. Dow will resign as Chairperson of the Board. Mr. Dow will remain a member of the Board of Directors and Chairperson of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. Since 1983, Mr. Dow has served as a general partner of Sevin Rosen Funds, a venture capital investment firm. Mr. Dow serves on the Board of Directors of Cytokinetics, Inc., a publicly traded biopharmaceutical company.

Gary E. Morin has served as a director of the Company since January 2003. Since 2000, Mr. Morin has served as Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lexmark International, Inc., a publicly traded laser and inkjet printer and supplies company. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Morin served as Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Lexmark.

Godfrey R Sullivan has served as a director of the Company since February 2005. Since 2004, Mr. Sullivan has served as President and Chief Executive Officer of Hyperion Solutions Corporation, a publicly traded software company. From 2001 to 2004, Mr. Sullivan served as President and Chief Operating Officer of Hyperion. From 2000 to 2001, Mr. Sullivan served as Chief Executive Officer of Promptu Corporation, an enterprise marketing automation software company. From 1996 to 2000, Mr. Sullivan served in senior management positions at AutoDesk, Inc., a design software and digital media company, including as President, Discreet Division and Executive Vice President, Personal Solutions Group. Mr. Sullivan serves on the Board of Directors of Hyperion Solutions Corporation.

John W. White has served as a director of the Company since July 1998. From February 1994 to October 1998, Mr. White served as Vice President and Chief Information Officer at Compaq Computer Corporation, a computer company and supplier of computer systems. Prior to

joining Compaq, Mr. White spent more than 28

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years at Texas Instruments, a diversified electronics company, most recently as President of the Information Technology Group. Mr. White serves on the Board of Directors of Metasolv Software and Siebel Systems, Inc., both of which are publicly traded software companies.

Executive officers of the Company are elected by the Board of Directors on an annual basis and serve until their successors have been duly elected and qualified.

CORPORATE GOVERNANCE AND BOARD MATTERS

Independence of Members of the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Bogan, Demo, Dow, Morin, Sullivan and White is independent within the meaning of the director independence standards of The Nasdaq Stock Market, Inc. ("Nasdaq") and the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), including Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act"). Furthermore, the Board of Directors has determined that each member of each of the committees of the Board of Directors is independent within the meaning of Nasdaq's and the SEC's director independence standards.

Executive Sessions of Independent Directors

Executive sessions of the independent directors are held four times a year following regularly scheduled in-person meetings of the Board of Directors. Executive sessions do not include the employee director of the Company, and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors is responsible for chairing the executive sessions.

Policies Governing Director Nominations

Director Qualifications

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors is responsible for reviewing with the Board of Directors from time to time the appropriate qualities, skills and characteristics desired of members of the Board of Directors in the context of the needs of the business and current make-up of the Board of Directors. This assessment includes consideration of the following minimum qualifications that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee believes must be met by all directors:

Directors must be of the highest ethical character and share the values of the Company as reflected in the Company's Code of Business Conduct;

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Directors must have reputations, both personal and professional, consistent with the image and reputation of the Company;

Directors must have the ability to exercise sound business judgment;

Directors must have substantial business or professional experience and be able to offer meaningful advice and guidance to the Company's management based on that experience; and

Directors must have received a bachelor's degree from a qualified institution.

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also considers numerous other qualities, skills and characteristics when evaluating director nominees, such as:

An understanding of and experience in software and services, technology, accounting, governance, finance or marketing;

Leadership experience with public companies or other sophisticated and complex organizations; and

Experience on another public company board unless a director otherwise qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under the rules of the SEC.

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Process for Identifying and Evaluating Director Nominees

The Board of Directors is responsible for selecting its own members. The Board of Directors delegates the selection and nomination process to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee, with the expectation that other members of the Board of Directors, and of management, will be requested to take part in the process as appropriate.

Generally, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee identifies candidates for director nominees in consultation with management, through the use of search firms or other advisors, through the recommendations submitted by stockholders or through such other methods as the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee deems to be helpful to identify candidates. Once candidates have been identified, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee confirms that the candidates meet all of the minimum qualifications for director nominees established by the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee may gather information about the candidates through interviews, detailed questionnaires, comprehensive background checks or any other means that the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee deems to be helpful in the evaluation process. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee then meets as a group to discuss and evaluate the qualities and skills of each candidate, both on an individual basis and taking into account the overall composition and needs of the Board of Directors. Based on the results of the evaluation process, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee recommends candidates for the Board of Directors' approval as director nominees for election to the Board of Directors. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee also recommends candidates to the Board of Directors for appointment to the committees of the Board of Directors.

Procedures for Recommendation of Director Nominees by Stockholders

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider director nominee candidates who are recommended by stockholders of the Company. Stockholders, in submitting recommendations to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee for director nominee candidates, shall follow the following procedures:

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee must receive any such recommendation for nomination not later than the close of business on the 120th day nor earlier than the close of business on the 150th day prior to the first anniversary of the date of the proxy statement delivered to stockholders in connection with the preceding year's annual meeting.

All recommendations for nomination must be in writing and include the following:

Name and address of the stockholder making the recommendation, as they appear on the Company's books and records, and of such record holder's beneficial owner;

Number of shares of capital stock of the Company that are owned beneficially and held of record by such stockholder and such beneficial owner;

Name of the individual recommended for consideration as a director nominee;

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All other information relating to the recommended candidate that would be required to be disclosed in solicitations of proxies for the election of directors or is otherwise required, in each case pursuant to Regulation 14A under the Exchange Act, including the recommended candidate's written consent to being named in the proxy statement as a nominee and to serving as a director if approved by the Board of Directors and elected; and

A written statement from the stockholder making the recommendation stating why such recommended candidate meets the Company's criteria and would be able to fulfill the duties of a director.

Nominations must be sent to the attention of the Secretary of the Company by one of the two methods listed below:

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By U.S. mail (including courier or expedited delivery service) to:

Citrix Systems, Inc.

851 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Attn: Secretary of Citrix Systems, Inc.

By facsimile to: (954) 267-2862

Attn: Secretary of Citrix Systems, Inc.

The Secretary of the Company will promptly forward any such nominations to the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee. As a requirement to being considered for nomination to the Company's Board of Directors, a candidate will need to comply with the following minimum procedural requirements:

A candidate must undergo a comprehensive private investigation background check by a qualified company of the Company's choosing; and

A candidate must complete a detailed questionnaire regarding his or her experience, background and independence.

Once the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee receives the nomination of a candidate and the candidate has complied with the minimum procedural requirements above, such candidacy will be evaluated and a recommendation with respect to such candidate will be delivered to the Board of Directors.

Policy Governing Security Holder Communications with the Board of Directors

The Board of Directors provides to every security holder the ability to communicate with the Board of Directors as a whole and with individual directors on the Board of Directors through an established process for security holder communication as follows:

For communications directed to the Board of Directors as a whole, security holders may send such communications to the attention of the Chairperson of the Board of Directors by one of the two methods listed below:

By U.S. mail (including courier or expedited delivery service) to:

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Citrix Systems, Inc.

851 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Attn: Chairperson of the Board of Directors, c/o Secretary

By facsimile to: (954) 267-2862

Attn: Chairperson of the Board of Directors, c/o Secretary

For security holder communications directed to an individual director in his capacity as a member of the Board of Directors, security holders may send such communications to the attention of the individual director by one of the two methods listed below:

By U.S. mail (including courier or expedited delivery service) to:

Citrix Systems, Inc.

851 West Cypress Creek Road

Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309

Attn: [Name of the director], c/o Secretary

By facsimile to (954) 267-2862

Attn: [Name of the director], c/o Secretary

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The Company will forward any such security holder communication to the Chairperson of the Board of Directors, as a representative of the Board of Directors, or to the director to whom the communication is addressed, on a periodic basis. The Company will forward such communications by certified U.S. mail to an address specified by each director and the Chairperson of the Board of Directors for such purposes or by secure electronic transmission.

Policy Governing Director Attendance at Annual Meetings of Stockholders

The Company's policy is that one of the Board of Directors' regular quarterly meetings should be scheduled on the same day as the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders, and all Directors are encouraged to attend the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Two members of the Board of Directors attended the Annual Meeting of Stockholders held in 2004.

Board of Directors Evaluation Program

The Board of Directors undertakes an annual review of the Board's performance through a formal evaluation process, in order to maintain the leading-edge governance practices that Citrix expects and demands of its Board of Directors. In addition to the Board's own assessment and evaluation of its performance, every effort is made to benchmark the Citrix Board of Directors' performance to the boards of directors of peer companies.

Code of Ethics

The Company has adopted a code of ethics, as defined by regulations promulgated under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, and the Exchange Act, that applies to all of the Company's directors and employees worldwide, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. A current copy of the Code of Business Conduct is available at the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>. A copy of the Code of Business Conduct may also be obtained, free of charge, from the Company upon a request directed to: Citrix Systems, Inc., 851 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, Attention: Investor Relations. The Company intends to disclose any amendment to or waiver of a provision of the Code of Business Conduct that applies to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions, by posting such information on its website available at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

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THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS AND ITS COMMITTEES

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors met thirteen times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, and took action by unanimous written consent two times. Each of the directors attended at least 75% of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors and the total number of meetings of all committees of the Board of Directors on which he served during fiscal 2004. The Board of Directors has standing Audit, Compensation, Finance and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committees. Each committee has a charter that has been approved by the Board of Directors. Each committee reviews the appropriateness of its charter at least annually.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors currently consists of Messrs. Demo, Dow and Morin (Chair). In February 2005, Mr. Demo replaced Tyrone Pike on the Audit Committee; Mr. Pike served on the

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Committee throughout 2004. The Audit Committee oversees the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and the audits of the Company's financial statements. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence requirements promulgated by Nasdaq and the SEC, including Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act. In addition, the Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee is financially literate and that each of Messrs. Morin and Demo qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under the rules of the SEC. Stockholders should understand that this designation is a disclosure requirement of the SEC related to Messrs. Morin's and Demo's experience and understanding with respect to certain accounting and auditing matters. The designation does not impose upon Messrs. Morin or Demo any duties, obligations or liability that are greater than are generally imposed on them as members of the Audit Committee and the Board of Directors, and their designation as audit committee financial experts pursuant to this SEC requirement does not affect the duties, obligations or liability of any other member of the Audit Committee or the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee met thirteen times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. The Audit Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, a current copy of which is available at the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

As described more fully in its charter, the Audit Committee assists the Board of Directors in its general oversight of the Company's financial reporting, internal controls and audit functions. In fulfilling its role, the Audit Committee:

Reviews the financial reports provided by the Company to the SEC, the Company's stockholders or the general public;

Reviews the Company's internal financial and accounting controls;

Oversees the appointment, compensation, retention and work performed by any independent public accountants engaged by the Company;

Oversees procedures designed to improve the quality and reliability of the disclosure of the Company's financial condition and results of operations;

Serves as the Qualified Legal Compliance Committee of the Company in accordance with Section 307 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002 (the Sarbanes-Oxley Act), and the rules and regulations promulgated by the SEC thereunder;

Recommends, establishes and monitors procedures designed to facilitate (i) the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints relating to accounting, internal accounting controls or auditing matters, and (ii) the receipt of confidential, anonymous submissions by employees of concerns regarding questionable accounting or auditing matters;

Engages advisors as necessary; and

Determines the funding from the Company that is necessary or appropriate to carry out the Audit Committee's duties.

Compensation Committee

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The Compensation Committee currently consists of Messrs. Bogan (Chair), Sullivan and White. In February 2005, Mr. Sullivan replaced Kevin Compton on the Compensation Committee; Mr. Compton served on the Committee throughout 2004. The Compensation Committee is responsible for determining and making recommendations with respect to all forms of compensation to be granted to executive officers of the Company and producing an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement for its annual meeting of stockholders in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. In fulfilling its role, the Compensation Committee also (i) reviews and makes recommendations to the management of the Company on Company-wide compensation programs and practices, (ii) approves the salary, bonus, equity and other

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compensation arrangements of the Company's senior executive officers reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer, (iii) recommends, subject to approval by the entire Board of Directors, the salary, bonus, equity and other compensation arrangements of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, (iv) reviews and approves the fees and retention terms of any independent experts and consultants and (v) recommends, subject to approval by the entire Board of Directors, any equity-based plans and any material amendments thereto (including increases in the number of shares of Common Stock available for grant as stock options or otherwise thereunder).

The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee meets the independence requirements promulgated by Nasdaq and the SEC. The Compensation Committee met six times and took action by unanimous written consent twelve times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. The Compensation Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, a current copy of which is available at the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

Finance Committee

The Finance Committee of the Board of Directors currently consists of Messrs. Demo, Dow and Morin (Chair). The Finance Committee advises the Board of Directors and, in certain instances, acts on behalf of the Board of Directors, on matters relating to the Company's investment policies and financing activities.

The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Finance Committee meets the independence requirements promulgated by Nasdaq and the SEC. The Finance Committee met three times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. The Finance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, a current copy of which is available at the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors currently consists of all of the Company's outside directors, Messrs. Bogan, Demo, Dow (Chair), Morin, Sullivan and White. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee (i) reviews and makes recommendations to the Board of Directors regarding the Board of Directors' composition and structure; (ii) establishes criteria for membership on the Board of Directors and evaluates corporate policies relating to the recruitment of members of the Board of Directors; (iii) recommends to the Board of Directors the nominees for election or re-election as directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders; and (iv) establishes, implements and monitors policies and processes regarding principles of corporate governance in order to ensure the Board of Directors compliance with its fiduciary duties to the Company and its stockholders. As described above in the section entitled "Policies Governing Director Nominations," the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee will consider nominees recommended by stockholders.

The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee meets the independence requirements promulgated by Nasdaq and the SEC. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee met four times during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. The Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee operates under a written charter adopted by the Board of Directors, a current copy of which is available at the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

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Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors

This report is submitted by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee currently consists of Messrs. Demo, Dow and Morin. In February 2005, Mr. Demo replaced Tyrone Pike on the Audit Committee; Mr. Pike served on the Committee throughout 2004. Each of Messrs. Demo and Morin qualifies as an audit committee financial expert under the rules of the SEC. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Audit Committee meets the independence requirements promulgated by Nasdaq and the SEC including Rule 10A-3(b)(1) under the Exchange Act. In February 2005, the Audit Committee met and reviewed the adequacy of its charter. In accordance with law, the Audit Committee has ultimate authority and responsibility to select, compensate, evaluate and, when appropriate, replace the Company's independent auditors. The Audit Committee has the authority to engage its own outside advisors, including experts in particular areas of accounting, as it determines appropriate, apart from counsel or advisors hired by management.

During the fiscal year 2004, the Company's independent registered public accountants were Ernst & Young LLP (Ernst & Young). Ernst & Young is responsible for performing an independent audit of the consolidated financial statements, and an independent audit of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, as well as attesting to management's assessment of the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, each in accordance with the standards of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (PCAOB). Ernst & Young also performed audit-related services, tax services and other permissible non-audit services for the Company during 2004, as described more fully below. PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) served as the Company's internal audit outsourcing provider during 2004.

The Audit Committee oversees the accounting and financial reporting processes of the Company and the audits of the financial statements of the Company on behalf of the Board of Directors. Management has the primary responsibility for the financial statements and the reporting process, including the Company's systems of internal controls. In fulfilling its oversight responsibilities, the Audit Committee reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements in the Annual Report with management, and discussed with management the quality, not just the acceptability, of the accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant estimates and judgments, critical accounting policies and accounting estimates resulting from the application of these policies, and the substance and clarity of disclosures in the financial statements, and reviewed the Company's disclosure control process and internal control over financial reporting. In addition, the Audit Committee reviewed the rules under the Sarbanes-Oxley Act that pertain to the Audit Committee and the roles and responsibilities of Audit Committee members. The Audit Committee reviewed with Ernst & Young, who are responsible for expressing an opinion on the conformity of the Company's audited financial statements with accounting principles generally acceptable in the United States, Ernst & Young's judgments as to the quality, not just the acceptability, of the Company's accounting principles and such other matters as independent auditors are required to discuss with the Audit Committee under auditing standards of the PCAOB. In addition, the Audit Committee has reviewed the services provided by Ernst & Young and discussed with the independent registered public accountants from Ernst & Young their independence from management and the Company, including the matters in the written disclosures required by the Independence Standards Board, and considered the compatibility of non-audit services with the auditors' independence.

The Audit Committee discussed with Ernst & Young the overall scope and plan for their annual audit for 2004. The Audit Committee meets separately with Ernst & Young in their capacity as the Company's independent auditors for the Company, with and without management present, to discuss the results of their examinations, their evaluations of the Company's internal control over financial reporting, and the overall quality of the Company's financial reporting, as applicable.

In addition, the Audit Committee discussed with PwC the overall scope and plan for their internal audit activities for 2004. The Audit Committee meets with PwC in their capacity as the internal audit outsourcing provider for the Company to discuss the results of their examinations and their evaluations of the Company's internal control over financial reporting.

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The Audit Committee has reviewed the audited consolidated financial statements of the Company at December 31, 2004 and 2003 and for each of the years in the three-year period ended December 31, 2004, including the Company's restated balance sheet for the period ended December 31, 2003 and its restated cash flow statements for the period ended December 31, 2003 and 2002, and has discussed them with both management and Ernst & Young. In connection with the Company's Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2004, the Audit Committee discussed with management the results of the Company's certification process relating to the certification of financial statements under Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act. The Audit Committee has also discussed with Ernst & Young the matters required to be discussed by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 61, as amended by Statement on Auditing Standards No. 90 (Communications with Audit Committees), as currently in effect. This discussion included, among other things, a review with management of the quality of the Company's accounting principles, the reasonableness of significant estimates and judgments, and the clarity of disclosure in the Company's financial statements, including the disclosures related to critical accounting policies and practices used by the Company. The Audit Committee has received the written disclosures and the letter from Ernst & Young required by Independent Standards Board Standard No. 1 (Independence Discussions with Audit Committees), as currently in effect, and has discussed with Ernst & Young the firm's independence. Based on its review of the financial statements and these discussions, the Audit Committee concluded that it would be reasonable to recommend, and on that basis did recommend, to the Board of Directors that the audited consolidated financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

The Audit Committee also reviewed the Company's quarterly financial statements during 2004 and discussed them with both the management of the Company and Ernst & Young prior to including such interim financial statements in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, or in the Company's restated quarterly reports on Form 10Q/A. In connection with the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q for its first, second and third fiscal quarters of 2004, the Audit Committee discussed with management the results of the Company's certification process relating to the certification of financial statements under Sections 302 and 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

During the course of the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, management completed the documentation, testing and evaluation of Citrix's system of internal control over financial reporting in response to the requirements set forth in Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act and related regulations. The Audit Committee was kept apprised of the progress of the evaluation and provided oversight and advice to management during the process. In connection with this oversight, the Audit Committee received periodic updates provided by management and Ernst & Young at Committee meetings held throughout the year. At the conclusion of the process, management provided the Committee with and the Committee reviewed a report on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. The Committee also reviewed the report of management contained in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004 filed with the SEC, as well as Ernst & Young's Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K related to its audit of (i) the consolidated financial statements and financial statement schedule, (ii) management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting and (iii) the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting. The Committee continues to oversee the Company's efforts related to its internal control over financial reporting and management's preparations for the evaluation in the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

The Audit Committee monitors the activity and performance of Ernst & Young. All services to be provided by Ernst & Young are pre-approved by the Audit Committee. The Audit Committee's evaluation of the performance of Ernst & Young included, among other things, the amount of fees paid to Ernst & Young for audit and permissible non-audit services in 2004. Information about Ernst & Young's fees for 2004 is discussed below in this Proxy Statement under Ratification of Appointment of Independent Auditors. Based on its evaluation, the Audit Committee has retained Ernst & Young to serve as the Company's auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005.

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No portion of this Audit Committee Report shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, through any general statement incorporating by reference in its entirety the Proxy Statement in which this report appears, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this report or a portion of it by reference. In addition, this report shall not be deemed filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Respectfully submitted by the Audit Committee,

Gary E. Morin (Chair)

Murray J. Demo

Stephen M. Dow

For more information about our Audit Committee and its charter, you are invited to access the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website available at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

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COMPENSATION AND OTHER INFORMATION
CONCERNING DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Executive Compensation Summary

The following table sets forth summary compensation information for our Chief Executive Officer and the four other most highly compensated executive officers (the Named Executive Officers).

SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

Name and Principal Position	Year	Annual Compensation		Long Term Compensation Awards(2)	
		Salary(\$)	Bonus\$(1)	Securities Underlying Options(#)	All Other Compensation(\$)
Mark B. Templeton President, Chief Executive Officer and Director	2004	457,750	422,592	75,000	8,862(4), 1,741(5), 9,614(8)
	2003	432,500	703,735	75,000	6,551(4), 1,209(5)
	2002	412,333	245,864	137,500	4,870(4), 5,501(5)
John C. Burris Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Services	2004	313,325	229,485	75,000	16,434(4), 6,122(5), 5,629(8)
	2003	299,567	505,064	35,000	6,315(4), 4,584(5)
	2002	285,333	200,660	108,750	3,932(4), 4,148(5)
David J. Henshall Vice President and Chief Financial Officer	2004	285,312	196,812	60,000	4,130(3), 6,500(5), 2,222(8)
	2003	196,875	416,732(7)	200,000	52,178(3), 4,149(5)
David R. Friedman Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary	2004	292,575	156,228	30,000	6,000(5), 2,819(8)
	2003	280,833	332,161	35,000	107,971(3), 6,000(5),
	2002	68,750		165,000	17,883(3)
Stefan Sjoström Vice President, EMEA	2004	357,572	286,422	35,000	10,208(4), 34,995(6)
	2003	316,044	375,758	32,000	44,391(6)
	2002	257,216	157,381	82,250	19,662(6)

(1) Bonuses are reported in the year earned, even if actually paid in a subsequent year.

(2) The Company did not grant any restricted stock awards or stock appreciation rights or make any long-term incentive plan payouts during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004, 2003 and 2002.

(3) Consists of relocation expenses.

- (4) Consists of spousal travel reimbursement.
- (5) Consists of employer match for 401(k) plan.
- (6) Consists of housing allowance.
- (7) Includes a sign-on bonus of \$100,000.
- (8) Consists of premiums for split dollar life insurance plan.

Table of Contents**Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year**

The following table sets forth each grant of stock options made during the year ended December 31, 2004, pursuant to the Company's 1995 Stock Plan and Amended and Restated 2000 Director and Officer Stock Option and Incentive Plan to each of the Named Executive Officers.

Name	Individual Grants(1)				Potential Realizable Value at Assumed Annual Rates of Stock Price Appreciation for Option Term(3)	
	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted(#)	% of Total Options Granted to Employees in Fiscal Year	Exercise Price(2) (\$/Share)	Expiration Date	5%(\$)	10%(\$)
Mark B. Templeton	37,500	0.67	22.47	4/13/09	232,802	514,431
	37,500	0.67	17.55	8/02/09	181,828	401,792
John C. Burris	25,000	0.45	22.47	4/13/09	155,202	342,954
	25,000	0.45	17.55	8/02/09	121,219	267,862
David J. Henshall	25,000	0.45	22.94	10/25/09	158,447	350,127
	17,500	0.31	22.47	4/13/09	108,641	240,068
David R. Friedman	17,500	0.31	17.55	8/02/09	84,853	187,503
	25,000	0.45	22.94	10/25/09	158,447	350,127
Stefan Sjostrom	15,000	0.27	22.47	4/13/09	93,121	205,773
	15,000	0.27	17.55	8/02/09	72,731	160,717
	12,500	0.22	22.47	4/13/09	77,601	171,477
	22,500	0.40	17.55	8/02/09	109,097	241,075

- (1) These options vest over 3 years at a rate of 33.3% of the shares underlying the option one year from the date of the grant and at a rate of 2.7%, monthly, thereafter.
- (2) The exercise price per share of each option was determined by the Compensation Committee to be equal to the fair market value per share of Common Stock on the date of grant. The fair market value per share of Common Stock as of the Record Date was \$23.80.
- (3) Amounts reported in these columns represent amounts that may be realized upon exercise of the options immediately prior to the expiration of their term assuming the specified compounded rates of appreciation of the Company's Common Stock over the term of the options. These numbers are calculated based on rules promulgated by the SEC and do not reflect the Company's estimate of future stock price growth. Actual gains, if any, on stock option exercises and Common Stock holdings are dependent on the timing of such exercises and the future performance of the Company's Common Stock. There can be no assurance that the rates of appreciation assumed in this table can be achieved or that the amounts reflected will be received by the individuals.

Table of Contents**Aggregate Option Exercises and Year-End Values**

The following table sets forth, for each of the Named Executive Officers, information with respect to the exercise of stock options during the year ended December 31, 2004, and the year-end value of unexercised options.

Name	Shares Acquired on Exercise(#)	Value Realized\$(1)	Numbers of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options at	Value of Unexercised In- the-Money Options at December 31, 2004
			December 31, 2004	Exercisable/ Unexercisable(2)
			Exercisable/Unexercisable(#)	Exercisable/ Unexercisable\$(2)
Mark B. Templeton			2,011,458 / 191,042	\$9,656,322 / \$1,514,173
John C. Burris	30,624	\$ 571,138	435,829 / 144,297	\$729,912 / \$1,016,313
David J. Henshall			83,333 / 176,667	\$841,663 / \$1,372,087
David R. Friedman			62,864 / 127,136	\$1,033,877 / \$1,711,098
Stefan Sjostrom	27,187	\$ 459,186	233,432 / 101,631	\$354,767 / \$781,473

- (1) Amounts disclosed in this column were calculated based on the difference between the fair market value of the Company's Common Stock on the date of exercise and the exercise price of the options in accordance with regulations promulgated under the Exchange Act.
- (2) Value is based on the difference between the option exercise price and the fair market value at December 31, 2004, the fiscal year-end (\$24.46 per share), multiplied by the number of shares underlying the option.

Securities Authorized for Issuance Under Equity Compensation Plans

The following table provides information as of December 31, 2004, with respect to the securities authorized for issuance to the Company's employees and directors under the Company's equity compensation plans, consisting of the following:

the Amended and Restated 1995 Stock Plan (1995 Stock Plan);

the Third Amended and Restated 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (1995 Purchase Plan);

the Second Amended and Restated 2000 Director and Officer Stock Option and Incentive Plan (2000 Plan);

the Amended and Restated 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan (Director Option Plan);

the Amended and Restated 2000 Stock Incentive Plan of Net6, Inc. (the 2000 Net6 Plan); and

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the Amended and Restated 2003 Stock Incentive Plan of Net6, Inc. (the 2003 Net6 Plan).

Equity Compensation Plan Information

<u>Plan category</u>	(A) <u>Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	(B) <u>Weighted-average exercise price of outstanding options, warrants and rights</u>	(C) <u>Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column (A))</u>
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	36,876,000	\$ 25.23	42,872,000
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders	 52,000	 3.86	
Total	36,928,000	\$ 25.20	42,872,000

Table of Contents**Stock Plans**

The Company currently has six stock option and ownership plans: the 1995 Stock Plan, the 1995 Purchase Plan, the 2000 Plan, the Director Option Plan the 2000 Net6 Plan and the 2003 Net6 Plan. With the exception of the Net6 Plans which were inherited by the Company as a result of the Company's recent acquisition of Net6 and pursuant to which no further option grants or stock awards may be granted, each of the Company's stock option and ownership plans is administered by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. Other than the Net6 Plans, all of the Company's plans have been approved by the Company's stockholders. Set forth below is a description of the Net6 Plans.

2000 Net6 Plan

The 2000 Net6 Plan was originally adopted and approved by the Board of Directors and stockholders of Net6 on January 19, 2001. The 2000 Net6 Plan and the outstanding unvested stock options under the 2000 Net6 Plan (the 2000 Assumed Options) were assumed by the Company on December 8, 2004 in connection with the Company's acquisition of Net6. Under the terms of the 2000 Net6 Plan, Net6 was authorized to grant ISOs and NSOs and to make stock awards to employees, directors, officers and consultants of Net6. The 2000 Net6 Plan, as amended and restated, provides for the issuance of a maximum of 167,850 (as adjusted for stock splits) shares of Common Stock. As of December 8, 2004, however, the Company's Board of Directors resolved to cap the 2000 Net6 Plan with 7,861 shares of the 2000 Assumed Options outstanding and to make no further option grants or stock awards under the 2000 Net6 Plan. ISOs were granted at exercise prices no less than the fair market value at the date of grant, except for ISOs granted to employees who owned more than 10% of Net6's combined voting power, for which the exercise prices were no less than 110% of the fair market value at the date of grant. NSOs were granted at exercise prices no less than 85% of the fair market value at the date of grant. Stock awards were authorized at prices established by the Board of Directors of Net6. ISOs and NSOs expire five or ten years from the original grant date depending on the applicable option agreement. All options are exercisable upon vesting. The 2000 Assumed Options generally vest over four years with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting one year from the original grant date and at a rate of 2.08% monthly thereafter.

2003 Net6 Plan

The Company's 2003 Net6 Plan was originally adopted and approved by the Board of Directors and stockholders of Net6 on May 15, 2003. The 2003 Net6 Plan and the outstanding unvested stock options under the 2003 Net6 Plan (the 2003 Assumed Options) were assumed by the Company on December 8, 2004 in connection with the Company's acquisition of Net6. Under the terms of the 2003 Net6 Plan, Net6 was authorized to grant ISOs and NSOs and to make stock awards to employees, directors, officers and consultants of Net6. The 2003 Net6 Plan, as amended and restated, provides for the issuance of a maximum of 102,575 (as adjusted for stock splits) shares of Common Stock. As of December 8, 2004, however, the Company's Board of Directors resolved to cap the 2003 Net6 Plan with 43,685 shares of the 2003 Assumed Options outstanding and to make no further option grants or stock awards under the 2003 Net6 Plan. ISOs were granted at exercise prices no less than the fair market value at the date of grant, except for ISOs granted to employees who owned more than 10% of Net6's combined voting power, for which the exercise prices were no less than 110% of the market value at the date of grant. NSOs were granted at exercise prices established by the Board of Directors of Net6, provided that NSOs granted to certain Net6 officers were granted at no less than fair market value at the date of grant. Stock awards were authorized at prices established by the Board of Directors of Net6, provided that stock awards made to certain Net6 officers were made at no less than fair market value at the date of award. ISOs and NSOs expire five or ten years from the original grant date depending on the applicable option agreement. All options are exercisable upon vesting. The 2003 Assumed Options generally vest over four years with 25% of the shares underlying the option vesting one year from the original grant date and at a rate of 2.08% monthly thereafter.

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Report of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on Executive Compensation

This report is submitted by the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors, which administered the Company's executive compensation program during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004. The Compensation Committee currently consists of Messrs. Bogan, Sullivan and White. In February 2005, Mr. Sullivan replaced Kevin Compton on the Compensation Committee; Mr. Compton served on the Committee throughout 2004. The Board of Directors has determined that each member of the Compensation Committee meets the independence requirements promulgated by Nasdaq and the SEC. Pursuant to authority delegated by the Board of Directors, the Compensation Committee is responsible for determining and making recommendations with respect to all forms of compensation to be granted to executive officers of the Company and producing an annual report on executive compensation for inclusion in the Company's proxy statement for its Annual Meeting of Stockholders in accordance with applicable rules and regulations. The Compensation Committee has the authority to engage the services of outside advisors, experts and others to assist the Committee. In 2004 similar to prior years, the Compensation Committee considered the advice of independent outside consultants in determining the amounts and types of compensation the Company pays its executive officers. The independent outside consultant made recommendations to the Compensation Committee with respect to each executive officer's base pay, the overall incentive compensation plan arrangement and stock option grants. The Compensation Committee also (i) reviews and makes recommendations to the management of the Company on Company-wide compensation programs and practices, (ii) approves the salary, bonus, equity and other compensation arrangements of the Company's senior executive officers reporting directly to the Chief Executive Officer, (iii) recommends, subject to approval by the entire Board of Directors, the salary, bonus, equity and other compensation arrangements of the Company's Chief Executive Officer, (iv) reviews and approves the fees and retention terms of any independent experts and consultants and (v) recommends, subject to approval by the entire Board of Directors, any equity-based plans and any material amendments thereto (including increases in the number of shares of Common Stock available for grant as stock options or otherwise thereunder).

Overview and Philosophy. The Company uses its compensation programs to achieve the following objectives:

To provide compensation that attracts, motivates and retains the best talent and highest caliber executives to serve the Company and help it to achieve its strategic objectives.

To align management's interest with the success of the Company.

To align management's interest with stockholders by including long-term equity incentives.

To align compensation with the Company's quarterly operational and annual and long-term financial goals.

To provide management with performance goals that are directly linked to the Company's annual plan for growth and profit.

Compensation under the executive compensation program is composed of cash compensation in the form of base salary, incentive bonuses and long-term incentive awards in the form of stock option grants. In addition, the compensation program is comprised of various benefits, including medical and insurance plans, the Company's 401(k) Plan and the 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

Base Salary. Each year we survey the executive compensation practices of our peer group companies and of the software industry group overall. Compensation levels for each of the Company's executive officers, including the President and Chief Executive Officer, are generally targeted to the middle of the range of salaries that the Compensation Committee believes are paid to executive officers with comparable qualifications, experience and responsibilities at our peer group companies and within the overall software industry group. In setting compensation levels, the Compensation Committee also takes into account such factors as (i) the scope and strategic impact of the executive officers' responsibilities, (ii)

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the Company's past financial performance and future expectations, (iii) the Company's long-term goals and strategies, (iv) the performance and experience of each individual, (v) past salary levels of each individual and of the officers as a group, (vi) the amount of base salary in the context of the executive officer's total compensation and other benefits, and (vii) for each executive

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officer, other than the Chief Executive Officer, the evaluations and recommendations of the President and Chief Executive Officer.

The Compensation Committee does not assign relative weights or rankings to these factors, but instead makes a subjective determination based upon the consideration of all of these factors. Generally, salary decisions for the Company's executive officers are made near the beginning of each calendar year. Fiscal 2004 base salaries were determined by the Compensation Committee after considering these factors.

Incentive Compensation. The Compensation Committee determined the amount of incentive compensation paid to each of the executive officers in fiscal 2004 based upon a consideration of a number of factors according to the executive officer's position. For executives participating in the Company's standard incentive compensation program, which includes all executives other than those specifically described below, incentive bonuses in fiscal 2004 were paid to officers based upon the achievement of (i) specific financial goals and (ii) specific personal and organizational goals. The financial component comprised 70% of such executives' incentive bonus, based upon a number of weighted factors and was paid in a single installment after the Company's annual financial results were determined. The organizational component comprised 30% of such executives' incentive bonus, based upon established personal and organizational goals, and was paid quarterly. The incentive compensation also provided for a premium or penalty, to be applied in the event of over or under-achievement of the weighted factors, as the case may be. The factors used in determining the financial component of the incentive compensation for executive officers participating in this standard program were bookings objectives, new products bookings objectives and operating margin. Incentive compensation in 2004 was down from 2003 with respect to each executive primarily due to over-achievement in 2003.

The Company's Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales and Services and all vice presidents responsible for the management of defined geographic regions were paid bonuses on a schedule different from the standard program. Both the financial and organizational components were paid on a quarterly basis for these executives. The financial component of the plan for the Senior Vice President, Worldwide Sales was based on worldwide bookings, operating margin and new product bookings, while the plan for each of the vice presidents responsible for the management of defined geographic regions was based on the bookings and new product bookings in his specific geographic area.

Citrix Online executives received incentive compensation in accordance with the standard program, except the factors used to calculate the financial component of these executives' bonus were achievement of divisional bookings and divisional target expenses. Additionally, they were paid bonuses on a schedule different from the standard program. Both the financial and organizational components were paid on a quarterly basis for these executives.

The Company's President and Chief Executive Officer and the Company's Vice President and Chief Financial Officer received incentive compensation based solely upon their achievement of specific financial goals. The factors used in determining the incentive compensation for these executives were the Company's revenue, new product bookings objectives and earnings per share.

Stock Options. The Compensation Committee believes that long-term incentive compensation in the form of stock options helps to align the interests of management and stockholders and is an important component of the Company's overall compensation scheme. In addition to an executive's past performance, the Company's desire to retain individuals important to the strategic success of the Company is weighed heavily in the determination of stock option grants. The Compensation Committee believes that long-term incentive compensation in the form of stock options can be an extremely effective incentive for superior performance leading to long-term stockholder value.

When establishing stock option grant levels for executive officers, the Compensation Committee considers the existing levels of stock ownership among such executive officers relative to each other and to the employees

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of the Company as a whole, previous grants of stock options to such executive officers, vesting schedules of previously granted options, peer group benchmarks and the current stock price. Options granted in fiscal 2004 were granted at an exercise price per share equal to the market value of the Common Stock, as determined by the Compensation Committee. The Compensation Committee reviews all option grants to executive officers and considers the number of Company options outstanding as a factor in its determinations with respect to overall compensation for each of the executive officers. For additional information regarding the grant of options, see Compensation and Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year.

Other Benefits. The Company also has various broad-based employee benefit plans. Executive officers participate in these plans on the same terms as eligible, non-executive employees, subject to any legal limits on the amounts that may be contributed or paid to executive officers under these plans. The Company offers a stock purchase plan, under which employees may purchase the Company's Common Stock at a discount, and a 401(k) plan, which allows employees to invest in a wide array of funds on a pre-tax basis. The Company also maintains insurance and other benefit plans for its employees. Executive officers receive higher life, accidental death and dismemberment and disability insurance benefits than other employees. In addition, one executive officer receives a housing allowance.

Chief Executive Officer Compensation.

Base Salary.

In 2004, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, Mark B. Templeton, received salary compensation of \$457,750. In addition to the other factors described above, the increase of Mr. Templeton's annual salary from \$432,500 to \$457,750 was based on an assessment of salaries paid to chief executive officers at our peer group companies and within the overall software industry group, the advice of an independent consultant and an assessment of Mr. Templeton's performance and expected strategic contributions to the Company's planned objectives. As part of this assessment, the Compensation Committee considered performance evaluations of Mr. Templeton by the Board of Directors.

Incentive Compensation.

Mr. Templeton was awarded a bonus of \$422,592 based on the factors identified above, namely the Company's revenue, new product bookings objectives and earnings per share for the fiscal year. Because of the Company's strong results of operations in 2004, Mr. Templeton achieved his incentive compensation targets.

Stock Options.

In addition, in April and August of 2004, Mr. Templeton was granted options to purchase 37,500 and 37,500 shares, respectively, of Common Stock pursuant to the Company's standard vesting schedule. The grant of options was in recognition of Mr. Templeton's performance during the year and importance to the future strategic success of the Company. See Compensation and Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year.

Named Executive Officers Compensation.

John C. Burris Compensation.

Base Salary.

In 2004, Mr. Burris received salary compensation of \$313,325. The increase of Mr. Burris' annual salary from \$299,567 to \$313,325 was based on an assessment of salaries paid to similar executive officers at our peer group companies and within the overall software industry group, the advice of an independent consultant and an

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assessment of Mr. Burris' performance and expected strategic contributions to the Company's planned objectives.

Incentive Compensation.

Mr. Burris was awarded a bonus of \$229,485 based on the factors identified above, namely the Company's bookings objectives, new products bookings objectives, operating margin and individual performance objectives.

Stock Options.

In addition, in April, August and October of 2004, Mr. Burris was granted options to purchase 25,000, 25,000 and 25,000 shares, respectively, of Common Stock pursuant to the Company's standard vesting schedule. The grant of options was in recognition of Mr. Burris' expanded scope of responsibilities, performance during the year and importance to the future strategic success of the Company. See Compensation and Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers' Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year.

David J. Henshall's Compensation.

Base Salary.

In 2004, Mr. Henshall received salary compensation of \$285,312. The increase of Mr. Henshall's annual salary from \$275,000 to \$285,312 was based on an assessment of salaries paid to similar executive officers at our peer group companies and within the overall software industry group, the advice of an independent consultant and an assessment of Mr. Henshall's performance and expected strategic contributions to the Company's planned objectives.

Incentive Compensation.

Mr. Henshall was awarded a bonus of \$196,812 based on the factors identified above, namely the Company's revenue, new product bookings objectives and earnings per share.

Stock Options.

In addition, in April, August and October 2004, Mr. Henshall was granted an option to purchase 17,500, 17,500 and 25,000 shares, respectively, of Common Stock pursuant to the Company's standard vesting schedule. The grant of options was in recognition of Mr. Henshall's expanded scope of responsibilities, performance during the year and importance to the future strategic success of the Company. See Compensation and

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Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year.

David R. Friedman's Compensation.

Base Salary.

In 2004, Mr. Friedman received salary compensation of \$292,575. The increase of Mr. Friedman's annual salary from \$280,833 to \$292,575 was based on an assessment of salaries paid to similar executive officers at our peer group companies and within the overall software industry group, the advice of an independent consultant and an assessment of Mr. Friedman's performance and expected strategic contributions to the Company's planned objectives.

Incentive Compensation.

Mr. Friedman was awarded a bonus of \$156,228 based on the factors identified above, namely the Company's bookings objectives, new products bookings objectives, operating margin and individual performance objectives.

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Stock Options.

In addition, in April and August of 2004, Mr. Friedman was granted options to purchase 15,000 and 15,000 shares, respectively, of Common Stock pursuant to the Company's standard vesting schedule. The grant of options was in recognition of Mr. Friedman's performance during the year and importance to the future strategic success of the Company. See Compensation and Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers' Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year.

Stefan Sjoström's Compensation.

Base Salary.

In 2004, Mr. Sjoström received salary compensation of \$357,572. The increase of Mr. Sjoström annual salary from \$316,044 to \$357,572 was based on an assessment of salaries paid to similar executive officers at our peer group companies and within the overall software industry group, the advice of an independent consultant and an assessment of Mr. Sjoström's performance and expected strategic contributions to the Company's planned objectives.

Incentive Compensation.

Mr. Sjoström was awarded a bonus of \$286,422 based on the factors identified above, namely the Company's bookings objectives for the EMEA region, new products bookings objectives in the EMEA region, operating margin and individual performance objectives.

Stock Options.

In addition, in April and August 2004, Mr. Sjoström was granted options to purchase 12,500 and 22,500 shares, respectively, of Common Stock pursuant to the Company's standard vesting schedule. The grant of options was in recognition of Mr. Sjoström's performance during the year and importance to the future strategic success of the Company. See Compensation and Other Information Concerning Directors and Officers' Option Grants in Last Fiscal Year.

Tax Deductibility of Executive Compensation. In general, under Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the Code), the Company cannot deduct, for federal income tax purposes, compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 paid to certain executive officers. This deduction limitation does not apply, however, to compensation that constitutes qualified performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code and the regulations promulgated thereunder. The Company has considered the limitations on deductions imposed by Section 162(m) of the Code and it is the Company's present intention, for so long as it is consistent with its overall compensation objective, to structure executive compensation to minimize application of the deduction limitations of Section 162(m) of the Code.

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No portion of this Compensation Committee Report shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, through any general statement incorporating by reference in its entirety the Proxy Statement in which this report appears, except to the extent that the Company specifically incorporates this report or a portion of it by reference. In addition, this report shall not be deemed filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

Respectfully submitted by the Compensation Committee,

Thomas F. Bogan (Chair)

Godfrey R. Sullivan

John W. White

For more information about our Compensation Committee and its charter, you are invited to access the Corporate Governance section of the Company's website at <http://www.citrix.com/site/aboutCitrix/governance/>.

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Compensation Committee Interlocks and Insider Participation

During 2004, Messrs. Bogan, Compton and White served as members of the Compensation Committee. In February 2005, Mr. Sullivan replaced Kevin Compton on the Compensation Committee; Mr. Compton served on the Committee throughout 2004. No member of the Committee was an employee or former employee of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or had any relationship with the Company requiring disclosure herein.

During the last year, no executive officer of the Company served as (i) a member of the compensation committee (or other committee of the board of directors performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on the Compensation Committee of the Company; (ii) a director of another entity, one of whose executive officers served on the Compensation Committee of the Company; or (iii) a member of the compensation committee (or other committee of the board of directors performing equivalent functions or, in the absence of any such committee, the entire board of directors) of another entity, one of whose executive officers served as a director of the Company.

Compensation of Directors

Employee-directors do not receive cash compensation for their service as members of the Board of Directors. During 2004, non-employee directors received a fee of \$1,800 for each meeting of the Board of Directors that they attended in person, \$500 for each meeting of the Board of Directors that they participated in via telephone, \$800 for each meeting of the Finance Committee, the Compensation Committee and the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee that they attended regardless of whether such meeting was in person, and \$1,500 for each meeting of the Audit Committee that they attended regardless of whether such Audit Committee meeting was in person. In addition, a director receives an annual fee of \$5,000 for serving as Chair of the Audit Committee and \$2,500 for serving as a chair of any other committee of the Board of Directors, except for the Finance Committee Chair if the Finance Committee Chair is also Chair of the Audit Committee. Non-employee directors are reimbursed for their reasonable out-of-pocket expenses incurred in attending meetings of the Board of Directors or any of its committees that are conducted in person.

Non-employee directors have historically been eligible for participation in the Director Option Plan. The Director Option Plan was originally adopted by the Board of Directors on September 28, 1995 and approved by the Company's stockholders in October 1995. The Director Option Plan provides for the grant of options to purchase a maximum of 3,600,000 (adjusted for stock splits) shares of Common Stock to non-employee directors of the Company. Pursuant to the Director Option Plan, each non-employee director is eligible to receive an initial grant of an option to purchase 60,000 shares of Common Stock and an annual grant of an option to purchase 20,000 shares of Common Stock on the first business day of the month following the Annual Meeting of Stockholders, provided that no annual grant shall be granted to any non-employee director in the same calendar year that such person received his or her initial grant. The initial grant vests 33.3% after the conclusion of the first year and 2.7% per month over the remaining two years. The annual grant vests in equal monthly increments over a period of one year. The exercise price per share for all options granted under the Director Option Plan will be equal to 100% of the fair market value per share of the Common Stock as of the date of grant. As of the Record Date, 1,352,101 options were issued and outstanding under the Director Option Plan, of which options for approximately 1,207,987 shares were then exercisable.

In the interest of good corporate governance and to further align the interests of members of the Board of Directors with the Company's stockholders, the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee of the Board of Directors has adopted stock ownership guidelines for directors. Pursuant to these guidelines, each director of the Company is expected to hold at least 3,000 shares of the Company's common stock for so long as he is a

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director or, in the case of certain shares acquired upon the exercise of a stock option, for nine months after termination of his service on the Board of Directors. Directors are expected to meet the standards set forth in the guidelines within three years after the date of his election to the Board of Directors.

Certain Business Relationships and Related Transactions

In August 2004, Brett M. Caine succeeded Andreas von Blotnitz as President of the Company's Citrix Online Division (the former Expertcity.com, Inc. which the Company acquired in February 2004). The acquisition agreement between the Company and Expertcity provided for additional purchase price consideration of up to approximately 0.6 million shares of the Company's Common Stock to be issued to the Expertcity stockholders, including Mr. Caine, in the event certain revenue and other financial milestones were achieved by the Expertcity business in 2004. For purposes of calculating the number of shares of the Company's Common Stock issued to the Expertcity stockholders, the acquisition agreement provides that shares of the Company's Common Stock issued as initial consideration and additional purchase price consideration be valued based on the average closing price of the Company's Common Stock for the ten trading days ended two trading days prior to the closing of the acquisition, or \$20.12 per share. Pursuant to these provisions, Mr. Caine received an additional 2,640 shares of the Company's Common Stock on March 8, 2005.

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The Stock Performance Graph set forth below compares the yearly change in the cumulative total stockholder return on the Company's Common Stock during the period from December 31, 1999 through December 31, 2004, with the cumulative total return on the Center for Research in Securities Prices Index for The Nasdaq Stock Market National Market Index (Nasdaq U.S. Index), the Standard & Poor's 500 Stock Index (S&P 500 Index) and the Prepackaged Software (SIC Code 7372) Index (Peer Group Index). The comparison assumes \$100 was invested on December 31, 1999, in the Company's Common Stock, in the Peer Group, the Nasdaq U.S. Index and the S&P 500 Index and assumes reinvestment of dividends, if any.

COMPARE 5-YEAR CUMULATIVE TOTAL RETURN**AMONG CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC.,****S&P 500 INDEX, NASDAQ U.S. INDEX AND PEER GROUP INDEX**

<u>Company Name / Index</u>	<u>Years Ending</u>					
	<u>Base Period</u>					
	<u>Dec 99</u>	<u>Dec 00</u>	<u>Dec 01</u>	<u>Dec 02</u>	<u>Dec 03</u>	<u>Dec 04</u>
CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC.	100	36.59	36.85	20.03	34.41	39.77
S&P 500 INDEX (1)	100	90.90	80.09	62.39	80.29	89.03
NASDAQ U.S. INDEX	100	60.31	47.84	33.07	49.45	53.81
PEER GROUP	100	55.66	46.66	31.75	41.30	45.03

(1) On December 21, 2000, the Company was included in the S&P 500 Index.

The stock price performance shown on the graph above is not necessarily indicative of future price performance. Information used in the graph was obtained from Standard & Poor's, a source believed to be reliable, but the Company is not responsible for any errors or omissions in such information. No portions of this graph shall be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, through any general statement incorporating by reference in its entirety the Proxy Statement in which this graph appears, except to the extent that the Company specifically

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incorporates this graph or a portion of it by reference. In addition, this graph shall not be deemed filed under either the Securities Act or the Exchange Act.

SECTION 16(a) BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP REPORTING COMPLIANCE

Section 16(a) of the Exchange Act requires the Company's directors, executive officers and holders of more than 10% of the Company's Common Stock (collectively, Reporting Persons) to file with the SEC initial reports of ownership and reports of changes in ownership of Common Stock of the Company. Such persons are required by regulations of the SEC to furnish the Company with copies of all such filings. Based on its review of the copies of such filings received by it with respect to the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, the Company believes that all Section 16(a) filing requirements were complied with during the fiscal year ended December 31, 2004.

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PROPOSAL 2

APPROVAL OF 2005 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

We are requesting that the stockholders vote in favor of adopting the 2005 Equity Incentive Plan (the "2005 Plan"), which was approved by the Board on March 24, 2005. If adopted, this 2005 Plan will replace our three existing stock option plans, one in advance of its expiration and two that are expiring this year, and will become the sole plan for providing stock-based incentive compensation to eligible employees and non-employee directors. We firmly believe that a broad-based stock option program is a necessary and powerful employee incentive and retention tool that benefits all of Citrix's stockholders. The following summary of certain major features of the 2005 Plan is subject to the specific provisions contained in the full text of the 2005 Plan set forth as Exhibit A.

Approval of the 2005 Plan is intended to enable Citrix to achieve the following objectives:

1. **The continued ability to offer stock-based incentive compensation to substantially all of Citrix's eligible employees and non-employee directors.** Stock options are a key component of Citrix's overall compensation philosophy. Citrix maintains a broad-based option plan. In fact, options granted to our five most highly compensated executives accounted for just 0.23% and 0.16% of our total outstanding shares for 2003 and 2004, respectively. The Citrix 1995 Stock Plan expires in September of this year. In order to continue to offer stock-based incentive compensation, Citrix will need a new plan.
2. **The elimination of Citrix's other stock plans.** Upon approval of the 2005 Plan, the 2005 Plan will be the only stock option plan available for future grants. No further grants will be made from the 1995 Stock Plan, the 1995 Non-Employee Director Stock Option Plan, and the 2000 Director and Officer Stock Option and Incentive Plan.
3. **The proactive reduction of Citrix's total stock dilution.** For the past two years, we have actively reduced our dilution by the following actions: (1) we have reduced the number of options given to our employees; and (2) we have reduced the life of options granted from 10 to 5 years. As a result, our gross burn rate was reduced to 3.6% of our total outstanding shares in 2003 and 3.3% in 2004. Including forfeitures, our net burn rate was 1.0% and 1.9% for the same periods. Excluding options assumed and granted to companies acquired by us in 2004, our gross and net burn rates in 2004 were 2.1% and 0.6%, respectively.
4. **Continuation of responsible compensation and governance best practices.** The 2005 Plan prohibits stock option repricing, as well as the use of discounted stock options and reload option grants, and contains no evergreen features (which provide for automatic replenishment of authorized shares available under the plan). In the interest of good corporate governance, the Company has not conducted an exchange program for underwater stock options. Had we done so, this would have also significantly reduced our overhang.

Our total overhang has also been impacted by an active stock repurchase program, initiated in July 2000. During the five-year period ending December 31, 2004, the company has repurchased 42.6 million shares under this program. The Company believes that its stock repurchase program represents a valuable use of cash that has improved shareholder value. Overhang is calculated as total options outstanding divided by the total shares outstanding. Because overhang increases as total shares outstanding decrease, the effect of our stock repurchase program has been to increase our overhang by more than 25%. Specifically, if the Company had not repurchased 42.6 million shares under the program to date, overhang as of December 31, 2004 would have been 17.3% instead of 21.7%.

Background on Stock Compensation at Citrix

The use of stock options has long been a vital component of Citrix's overall compensation philosophy, which is premised on the principle that any long-term pay-for-performance incentive compensation should be

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closely aligned with stockholders' interests. Over the years, we believe that we have been very successful in achieving this objective through the use of fixed-price stock options for the majority of our employees. Fixed-price stock options align employees' interests directly with those of other stockholders, because an increase in stock price after the date of award is necessary for employees to realize any value, thus rewarding employees only upon improved stock price performance.

We believe that stock options, the core of Citrix's long-term employee incentive and retention program, have been effective in enabling us to attract and retain the talent critical for an innovative and growth-focused company. Citrix's compensation programs include base salary, incentive compensation tied to Company financial and personal goals as well as equity compensation. Citrix has a long history of linking employee compensation to the Company's long-term stock performance. For more than 10 years, we have been granting stock options to employees. We believe that broad-based stock option grants focus employees at every level of the Company on the same performance improvement goals, and have embedded in the Company's culture the necessity for employees to think and act as stockholders. As a result, under our current stock option program, all general full-time and part-time employees are eligible for stock option grants upon hire with Citrix. Annual grants are made to a subset of all eligible employees in connection with a focused evaluation of strategic value and in cases of extraordinary performance. We strongly believe that stock-based compensation should not be limited to senior management and that all employees, regardless of role or responsibility, should have a stake in the future of the Company. Over the last five years, only 7.4% of all option grants were made to the Company's five most highly compensated executive officers. We believe that our focus on pay-for-performance, as well as broad-based employee participation as stockholders, have been key contributing factors in enabling Citrix's growth. Please read the Report of Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on Executive Compensation included in this Proxy Statement for additional information on our compensation programs.

Without an equity compensation program, Citrix would be forced to consider cash alternatives to provide a market competitive total compensation package necessary to attract, retain and motivate the employee talent critical to the future success of the Company. These cash alternatives would then reduce the cash available for investment in innovation and technology. We intend to continue to use stock options and evaluate other equity-based compensation vehicles, such as restricted stock, stock units and stock appreciation rights, as our primary means of providing equity compensation to our employees.

We strongly believe that our equity compensation programs and emphasis on employee stock ownership have been integral to our success in the past and will be important to our ability to achieve consistent performance in the years ahead. We believe that consistent performance is achieved through the ability to attract, retain and motivate the employee talent critical to attaining long-term improved Company performance and stockholder returns. Therefore, we consider approval of the 2005 Plan vital to Citrix's future success.

Purpose of the 2005 Plan

The 2005 Plan will allow Citrix, under the direction of the Compensation Committee, to make broad-based grants of stock options, restricted stock, stock units and stock appreciation rights, any of which may or may not require the satisfaction of performance objectives, to employees and to non-employee directors through March 24, 2015. The purpose of these stock awards is to attract and retain talented employees, further align employee and stockholder interests, continue to closely link employee compensation with Company performance, and maintain a culture of ownership. If approved, the proposed 2005 Plan will provide an essential component of the total compensation package offered to employees, reflecting the importance that Citrix places on motivating and rewarding superior results with long-term, performance-based incentives.

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Key Terms

The following is a summary of the key provisions of the 2005 Plan.

<i>Plan Term:</i>	March 24, 2005 to March 24, 2015
<i>Eligible Participants:</i>	All full-time and part-time employees of the Company and its subsidiaries or affiliates, where legally eligible to participate, consultants and non-employee directors of the Company.
<i>Shares Authorized:</i>	10,100,000, subject to adjustment only to reflect stock splits and similar events.
<i>Shares Authorized as a Percent of Outstanding Common Stock:</i>	6%
<i>Award Types:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Non-qualified and incentive stock options 2. Restricted stock 3. Restricted stock units 4. Stock appreciation rights 5. Performance units 6. Stock grants
<i>Award Terms:</i>	Awards shall not have a term of more than 10 years.
<i>162(m) Share Limits:</i>	<p>So that awards may qualify under Section 162(m) of the Tax Code, which permits performance-based compensation meeting the requirements established by the IRS to be excluded from the limitation on deductibility of compensation in excess of \$1,000,000 paid to certain specified senior executives, the 2005 Plan limits awards to individual participants to no more than 1,000,000 shares granted to an individual participant annually.</p> <p>This limit is greater than the number of options that Citrix has granted to any individual in the past.</p>
<i>Shares Authorized for Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, Performance Units or Stock Grants:</i>	Maximum of 500,000 shares.
<i>Vesting:</i>	Vesting schedules and performance vesting criteria, if any, will be established by award at grant date.
<i>Not Permitted:</i>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Granting stock options or stock appreciation rights at a price below market price on the date of grant. 2. Repricing, or reducing the exercise price of a stock option or stock appreciation right without stockholder approval.

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3. Amending or canceling stock options or stock appreciation rights for the purpose of repricing, replacing or regranting such option or stock appreciation right with an exercise price that is less than the original exercise price of such option or stock appreciation right.
4. Reload grants or the granting of options conditional upon delivery of shares to satisfy the exercise price and/or tax withholding obligation under another employee stock option.

Eligibility

Only employees of Citrix and its subsidiaries and affiliates, consultants and non-employee directors of Citrix, are eligible to receive awards under the 2005 Plan. The Compensation Committee will determine which employees will participate in the 2005 Plan. As of the Record Date, there were approximately 2,722 employees and 6 non-employee directors who are eligible to participate in the 2005 Plan.

Awards

The 2005 Plan allows the Compensation Committee to grant stock options, stock appreciation rights, restricted stock, performance units, stock awards or restricted stock units, any or all of which may be made contingent upon the achievement of performance criteria. Subject to plan limits, the Compensation Committee has the discretionary authority to determine the size of an award. The addition of performance-based requirements will be considered in light of the Company's total compensation program and the significant level of pay-for-performance requirements already incorporated into its compensation practices.

Vesting and Exercise of Stock Options

The exercise price of stock options granted under the 2005 Plan may not be less than the market value of the common stock on the date of grant (fair market value is the closing price for the common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market, or on any national securities exchange on which the common stock is then listed, for that date or, if no closing price is reported for that date, the closing price on the next preceding date for which a closing price was reported). As of March 24, 2005, the closing sales price of Citrix common stock was \$23.66 per share. The option term may not be longer than 10 years. The Compensation Committee will determine at the time of grant when each stock option becomes exercisable, including the establishment of required performance vesting criteria, if any. Citrix may require, prior to issuing common stock under the 2005 Plan, that the participant remit an amount in cash or common stock sufficient to satisfy tax withholding requirements.

Vesting of Restricted Stock and Stock Unit Awards

The Compensation Committee may make the grant, issuance, retention and/or vesting of restricted stock and stock unit awards contingent upon continued employment with Citrix, the passage of time, or such performance criteria and the level of achievement versus such criteria as it deems appropriate.

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Eligibility Under Section 162(m)

Awards may, but need not, include performance criteria that satisfy Section 162(m) of the Tax Code. To the extent that awards are intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), the performance criteria may include one of the following criteria, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied to either the Company as a whole or to a business unit or subsidiary, either individually, alternatively, or in any combination, and measured either annually or cumulatively over a period of years, on an absolute basis or relative to a pre-established target, to previous years' results or to a designated comparison group, in each case as specified by the Compensation Committee in the award. Among other things,

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| 1. Operating margin, gross margin or profit margin | 2. Performance relative to peers |
| 3. EPS or pro forma EPS | 4. Divisional or operating segment financial and operating performance |
| 5. Revenue or bookings | 6. Total return on shares of common stock relative to increase in appropriate stock index selected by Committee |
| 7. Expenses or operating expenses | 8. Other financial measures determined by the Committee |
| 9. Attainment of strategic and operational objectives | 10. Customer satisfaction indicators |
| 11. Completion of number of years of service with Citrix | 12. Cash flow |
| 13. Net income, operating income or pre-tax income | 14. Stock price increase |
| 15. Growth or growth rates with respect to any of the foregoing measures | 16. Other performance measures determined by the Committee |
| 17. Any combination of the foregoing | |

To the extent that an award under the 2005 Plan is designated as a performance award, but is not intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m), the performance criteria can include the achievement of strategic objectives as determined by the Board.

The Compensation Committee may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under the performance criteria to exclude any of the following events that occur during a performance period:

Asset write-downs or impairment;

Litigation or claim judgments or settlements;

The effect of changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results;

Accruals for reorganization and restructuring programs;

Any extraordinary non-recurring items including those described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in the Company's annual report to

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stockholders for the applicable year; and

Any other extraordinary items adjusted from the Company's U.S. GAAP results in the Committee's discretion.

Notwithstanding satisfaction or completion of any performance criteria described above, to the extent specified at the time of grant of an award, the number of shares of common stock, stock options or other benefits

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granted, issued, retainable and/or vested under an award on account of satisfaction of performance criteria may be reduced by the Compensation Committee on the basis of such further considerations as the Compensation Committee, in its sole discretion, determines.

Transferability

Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, awards granted under the 2005 Plan are not transferable except by will or the laws of descent and distribution. The Compensation Committee will have sole discretion to permit the transfer of an award.

Administration

The Compensation Committee, which is made up entirely of independent directors, will administer the 2005 Plan. The Compensation Committee will determine who receives awards, determine the number of shares covered thereby, and, subject to the terms and limitations expressly set forth in the 2005 Plan, establish the terms, conditions and other provisions of the grants. The Compensation Committee may interpret the 2005 Plan and establish, amend and rescind any rules relating to the 2005 Plan. The Compensation Committee may delegate to an executive officer or officers the authority to grant awards under the 2005 Plan to employees who are not officers, and to consultants or advisors, in accordance with such guidelines as the Committee shall set forth at any time or from time to time

Amendments

The Board may at any time terminate the 2005 Plan or make such modifications of the 2005 Plan as it shall deem advisable; provided that the Board will not modify or amend the 2005 Plan without stockholder approval to the extent required by the Tax Code or the rules of Nasdaq or the SEC. In addition, the Board will not amend the provisions prohibiting repricing or reload grants. Unless the Board otherwise expressly provides, no amendment of the 2005 Plan shall affect the terms of any Award outstanding on the date of such amendment.

Adjustments

In the event of a stock dividend, recapitalization, stock split, combination of shares, extraordinary dividend of cash or assets, reorganization, or exchange of Citrix's common stock or any similar event affecting Citrix's common stock, the Compensation Committee shall adjust the number and kind of shares available for grant under the 2005 Plan, and subject to the various limitations set forth in the 2005 Plan, the number and kind of shares subject to outstanding awards under the 2005 Plan, and the exercise or settlement price of outstanding stock options and of other awards.

Acquisitions

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Effective upon the consummation of an Acquisition (as defined below), the Compensation Committee or the board of directors of the surviving or acquiring entity, shall, as to outstanding awards (on the same basis or on different bases as the Committee shall specify), make appropriate provision for the continuation of such awards by the Company or the assumption of such awards by the surviving or acquiring entity and by substituting on an equitable basis for the shares then subject to such awards either (i) the consideration payable with respect to the outstanding shares of common stock in connection with the Acquisition (net of any exercise price of such awards), (ii) shares of stock of the surviving or acquiring entity or (iii) such other securities or other consideration as the Compensation Committee deems appropriate, the fair market value of which shall not materially differ from the fair market value of the shares of common stock subject to such awards immediately preceding the Acquisition. In the event such surviving or acquiring entity (if any) does not assume or substitute awards, such awards shall become exercisable in full prior to the consummation of the Acquisition at such time

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and on such conditions as the Compensation Committee determines, and if such awards are not exercised prior to the consummation of the Acquisition, they shall terminate at such time as determined by the Compensation Committee.

In addition to or in lieu of the foregoing, with respect to outstanding options, the Compensation Committee may, upon written notice to the affected optionees, provide that one or more options then outstanding must be exercised, in whole or in part, within a specified number of days of the date of such notice, at the end of which period such options shall terminate, or provide that one or more options then outstanding, in whole or in part, shall be terminated in exchange for a cash payment equal to the excess of the fair market value for the shares subject to such options over the exercise price thereof. Unless otherwise determined by the Compensation Committee, and assuming there is no acceleration of vesting as provided in subsection (a), any repurchase rights or other rights of the Company that relate to an option or other award shall continue to apply to consideration, including cash, that has been substituted, assumed or amended for an option or other award. The Company may hold in escrow all or any portion of any such consideration in order to effectuate any continuing restrictions.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the 2005 Plan, the Compensation Committee may provide that the vesting of any or all awards shall accelerate upon an Acquisition. In such case, such awards shall become exercisable in full prior to the consummation of the Acquisition at such time and on such conditions as the Compensation Committee determines, and if such awards are not exercised prior to the consummation of the Acquisition, they shall terminate at such time as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Notwithstanding anything to the contrary in the 2005 Plan, in the event of an involuntary termination of services for any reason other than death, disability or Cause (as defined in the 2005 Plan) within 6 months following the consummation of an Acquisition, any awards assumed or substituted in an Acquisition which are subject to vesting conditions and/or a right of repurchase in favor of the Company or a successor entity, shall accelerate in full. All such accelerated awards shall be exercisable for a period of one (1) year following termination, but in no event after expiration date of such award.

In the event of an Acquisition while a participant is a non-employee director, the vesting of any and all awards held by such participant shall become exercisable in full prior to the consummation of the Acquisition at such time and on such conditions as the Compensation Committee determines, and if such awards are not exercised prior to the consummation of the Acquisition, they shall terminate at such time as determined by the Compensation Committee.

Under the 2005 Plan, an Acquisition is defined as a (i) merger or consolidation of the Company into another person (*i.e.*, which merger or consolidation the Company does not survive), (ii) the sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to one or more other persons in a single transaction or series of related transactions (other than in a spin-off or similar transaction), unless, in the case of foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), securities possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the survivor's or acquirer's outstanding securities (or the securities of any parent thereof) are held by a person or persons who held securities possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities immediately prior to that transaction, (iii) any person or group directly or indirectly acquires beneficial ownership of securities possessing more than 30% of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made directly to the Company's stockholders that the Board does not recommend the stockholders accept, or (iv) any other acquisition of the business of the Company in which a majority of the Board votes in favor of a decision that an Acquisition has occurred.

U.S. Tax Consequences

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Stock option grants under the 2005 Plan may be intended to qualify as incentive stock options under Section 422 of the Tax Code or may be non-qualified stock options governed by Section 83 of the Tax Code. Generally, no federal income tax is payable by a participant upon the grant of a stock option and no deduction is taken by

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the Company. Under current tax laws, if a participant exercises a non-qualified stock option, he or she will have taxable income equal to the difference between the market price of the common stock on the exercise date and the stock option grant price. Citrix will be entitled to a corresponding deduction on its income tax return. A participant will have no taxable income upon exercising an incentive stock option after the applicable holding periods have been satisfied (except that alternative minimum tax may apply), and Citrix will receive no deduction when an incentive stock option is exercised. The treatment for a participant of a disposition of shares acquired through the exercise of an option depends on how long the shares were held and on whether the shares were acquired by exercising an incentive stock option or a non-qualified stock option. Citrix may be entitled to a deduction in the case of a disposition of shares acquired under an incentive stock option before the applicable holding periods have been satisfied.

Restricted stock and restricted stock units are also governed by Section 83 of the Tax Code. Generally, no taxes are due when the award is initially made, but the award becomes taxable when it is no longer subject to a substantial risk of forfeiture (i.e., becomes vested or transferable). Income tax is paid on the value of the stock or units at ordinary rates when the restrictions lapse, and then at capital gain rates when the shares are sold.

As described above, awards granted under the 2005 Plan may qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) in order to preserve federal income tax deductions by Citrix with respect to annual compensation required to be taken into account under Section 162(m) that is in excess of \$1,000,000 and paid to one of Citrix's five most highly compensated executive officers. To so qualify, options and other awards must be granted under the 2005 Plan by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors (as defined under Section 162 regulations) and satisfy the 2005 Plan's limit on the total number of shares that may be awarded to any one participant during any calendar year. In addition, for awards other than options to qualify, the grant, issuance, vesting or retention of the award must be contingent upon satisfying one or more of the performance criteria described above, as established and certified by a committee consisting solely of two or more outside directors.

For a discussion of Citrix's executive compensation philosophy, see Report of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors on Executive Compensation.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR

THE CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC. 2005 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN.

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PROPOSAL 3

APPROVAL OF CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC. 2005 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN

General

On March 24, 2005, the Board of Directors approved the Citrix Systems, Inc. 2005 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the 2005 ESPP), subject to stockholder approval. There are 15,000,000 shares of common stock reserved for issuance under the 2005 ESPP. The Board of Directors adopted the 2005 ESPP in connection with the upcoming termination of our Third Amended and Restated 1995 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the Current ESPP), which will terminate according to its terms in September 2005. The following summary of certain major features of the 2005 ESPP is subject to the specific provisions contained in the full text of the 2005 ESPP set forth as Exhibit B.

The Board of Directors believes it is in the best interest of Citrix and its stockholders that the 2005 ESPP be approved. Stockholders are requested in this proposal to approve the 2005 ESPP. Eligible employees will continue their participation in the Current ESPP until the 2005 ESPP has been approved. If approved, eligible employees will be granted options to purchase common stock under the 2005 ESPP on July 16, 2005, and no additional offering of options to purchase stock under the Current ESPP will be made (but any options outstanding under the Current ESPP will continue in accordance with their terms until exercised or terminated at the end of the current payment period, which ends on August 1, 2005). In the event that stockholders fail to approve the 2005 ESPP, the Board will terminate the 2005 ESPP prior to any initial offering of rights to purchase thereunder and the Current ESPP will continue until termination by its own terms in September 2005. After such time, no further options to purchase stock under the Current ESPP will be granted.

The 2005 ESPP allows all full-time and certain part-time employees to purchase shares of Citrix common stock at a discount to fair market value. Employees purchase shares in February and August of each year using funds deducted from paychecks during the preceding six months. The 2005 ESPP is an important component of the benefits package that Citrix offers to its employees. We believe that it is a key factor in retaining existing employees, recruiting and retaining new employees and aligning and increasing the interest of all employees in the success of Citrix.

The 2005 ESPP is substantially the same as the Current ESPP with the following important changes:

The total number of shares that may be issued pursuant to the 2005 ESPP is 10,000,000; and

Elimination of the six-month look-back period.

Summary of the 2005 ESPP

Administration. The 2005 ESPP is administered under the direction of the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors. The Compensation Committee has authority to interpret the 2005 ESPP and to make all other determinations necessary or advisable in administering it.

Eligibility. All full-time, and certain part-time, employees are eligible to participate in the 2005 ESPP. To be eligible, part-time employees must have customary employment of more than five months in any calendar year and more than 20 hours per week. Employees who, after exercising their rights to purchase shares under the 2005 ESPP, would own shares representing 5% or more of the voting power of Citrix's common stock, are also ineligible to participate. As of December 31, 2004, approximately 2,477 employees were eligible to participate in the Current ESPP. Participation in the 2005 ESPP is at the election of each eligible employee and the amounts received by a participant under the 2005 ESPP depend on the fair market value of Citrix's common stock on future dates; therefore, the benefits or amounts that will be received by any participant if the 2005 ESPP is approved are not currently determinable.

Shares Available for Issuance. Assuming the 2005 ESPP is approved by stockholders at the Annual Meeting, there will be 10,000,000 shares available for issuance under the 2005 ESPP.

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Participation. To participate in the 2005 ESPP, an eligible employee authorizes payroll deductions in an amount not less than 1% nor greater than 10% of his or her eligible earnings (i.e., regular base pay, not including overtime pay, bonuses, employee benefit plans or other additional payments) for each full payroll period in the payment period. To ensure that IRS share limitations are not exceeded, we do not accept contributions from an individual participant in excess of \$25,000.

Purchases. Eligible employees enroll in a six month payment period during the open enrollment period prior to the start of that payment period. A new payment period begins approximately every July 16 and January 16. At the end of each payment period, the accumulated deductions are used to purchase shares of Citrix's common stock from Citrix up to a maximum of 12,000 shares for any one employee during a payment period.

Shares are purchased at a price equal to 85% of the fair market value of Citrix's common stock on the last business day of a payment period. The closing price of Citrix's common stock on March 24, 2005, as quoted on the Nasdaq National Market under the symbol CTXS, was \$23.66 per share.

Termination of Employment. If a participating employee voluntarily resigns or is terminated by Citrix prior to the last day of a payment period, the employee's option to purchase terminates and the amount in the employee's account is returned to the employee.

Adjustments Upon Change in Capitalization. In the event of a recapitalization, reclassification, stock split, reverse split, combination of shares, exchange of shares, stock dividend, or similar event, the number and kind of shares that may be purchased under the 2005 ESPP is adjusted proportionately such that the proportionate interest of participating employees remains the same, to the extent practicable.

Participation Adjustment. If the number of unsold shares that are available for purchase under the 2005 ESPP is insufficient to permit exercise of all rights deemed exercised by all participating employees, a participation adjustment will be made, and the number of shares purchasable by all participating employees is reduced proportionately. Any funds remaining in a participating employee's account after such exercise are refunded to the employee, without interest.

Effect of Change of Control. If Citrix is consolidated with or acquired by another entity in a merger, a sale of all or substantially all of Citrix's assets or otherwise, the Committee shall, with respect to options then outstanding under the Plan, either (i) make appropriate provision for the exchange of such options on an equitable basis for the consideration payable with respect to the outstanding shares of the common stock in connection with the acquisition, or (ii) terminate all outstanding options in exchange for a cash payment equal to 85% of the fair market value of Citrix's common stock on the last business day prior to the closing of the change in control transaction.

Amendment. The Board of Directors may amend the 2005 ESPP at any time and in any respect. However, without the approval of the stockholders of the Company, no amendment may (i) materially increase the number of shares that may be issued under the 2005 ESPP; (ii) change the class of employees eligible to receive options under the 2005 ESPP, if such action would be treated as the adoption of a new plan for purposes of Section 423(b) of the Code; or (iii) cause Rule 16b-3 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 to become inapplicable to the 2005 ESPP. Notwithstanding the foregoing, nothing in the 2005 ESPP shall restrict the Committee or Board of Directors from amending the 2005 ESPP to implement a look-back period for purposes of calculating any option price to the maximum extent permitted by Section 423(b) of the Internal Revenue Code.

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Termination. The Board of Directors may terminate the 2005 ESPP at any time and for any reason or for no reason, provided that no termination shall impair any rights of participating employees that have vested at the time of termination. Without further action of the Board of Directors, the 2005 ESPP shall terminate on March 24, 2015, ten years after the date of its adoption by the Board of Directors or, if earlier, at such time as all shares of common stock that may be made available for purchase under the 2005 ESPP have been issued.

Rule 16b-3. Transactions under the 2005 ESPP are intended to comply with all applicable conditions of Rule 16b-3 or any successor provision.

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U.S. Federal Income Tax Consequences. The 2005 ESPP, and the rights of participant employees to make purchases thereunder, qualify for treatment under the provisions of Sections 421 and 423 of the Internal Revenue Code. Under these provisions, no income will be taxable to a participant until the shares purchased under the 2005 ESPP are sold or otherwise disposed of.

Upon sale or other disposition of the shares, the participant will generally be subject to tax and the amount of the tax will depend upon the holding period. If the shares are sold or otherwise disposed of more than two years from the first day of the relevant payment period (and more than one year from the date the shares are purchased), then the participant generally will recognize ordinary income measured as the lesser of:

- (i) the excess of the fair market value of the shares at the time of such sale or disposition over the purchase price, or
- (ii) an amount equal to 15% of the fair market value of the shares as of the first day of the applicable payment period.

Any additional gain should be treated as long-term capital gain.

If the shares are sold or otherwise disposed of before the expiration of this holding period, the participant will recognize ordinary income generally measured as the excess of the fair market value of the shares on the date the shares are purchased over the purchase price. Any additional gain or loss on such sale or disposition will be long-term or short-term capital gain or loss, depending on the holding period.

Citrix is not entitled to a deduction for amounts taxed as ordinary income or capital gain to a participant except to the extent ordinary income is recognized by participants upon a sale or disposition of shares prior to the expiration of the holding period(s) described above. In all other cases, no deduction is allowed to Citrix.

The foregoing tax discussion is a general description of certain expected federal income tax results under current law. No attempt has been made to address any state, local, foreign or estate and gift tax consequences that may arise in connection with participation in the 2005 ESPP.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC. 2005 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN.

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The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has retained the firm of Ernst & Young, independent registered public accountants, to serve as independent auditors for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2005. Ernst & Young has served as the Company's independent registered public accountants since 1989. The Audit Committee reviewed and discussed its selection of, and the performance of, Ernst & Young for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2004. As a matter of good corporate governance, the Audit Committee has determined to submit its selection to stockholders for ratification. If the selection of auditors is ratified, the Audit Committee in its discretion may select a different registered public accounting firm at any time during the year if it determines that such a change would be in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has implemented procedures under the Company's Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policy for Audit and Non-Audit Services (the Pre-Approval Policy) to ensure that all audit and permitted non-audit services provided to the Company are pre-approved by the Audit Committee. Specifically, the Audit Committee pre-approves the use of Ernst & Young for specific audit and non-audit services, within approved monetary limits. If a proposed service has not been pre-approved pursuant to the Pre-Approval Policy, then it must be specifically pre-approved by the Audit Committee before it may be provided by Ernst & Young. Any pre-approved services exceeding the pre-approved monetary limits require specific approval by the Audit Committee. All of the audit-related, tax and all other services provided by Ernst & Young to the Company in 2004 and 2003 were approved by the Audit Committee by means of specific pre-approvals or pursuant to the procedures contained in the Pre-Approval Policy. All non-audit services provided in 2004 and 2003 were reviewed with the Audit Committee, which concluded that the provision of such services by Ernst & Young was compatible with the maintenance of that firm's independence in the conduct of its auditing functions. For additional information concerning the Audit Committee and its activities with Ernst & Young, see The Board of Directors and its Committees and Report of the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors.

Representatives of Ernst & Young attended all in-person meetings of the Audit Committee in 2004. We expect that a representative of Ernst & Young will attend the annual meeting, and the representative will have an opportunity to make a statement if he or she so desires. The representative will also be available to respond to appropriate questions from stockholders.

Fees Billed by Ernst & Young

The following table shows the aggregate fees for professional services rendered by Ernst & Young to the Company during the fiscal years ended December 31, 2004 and December 31, 2003.

	<u>2004</u>	<u>2003</u>
Audit Fees	\$ 3,119,000	\$ 1,583,000
Audit-Related Fees	\$ 510,000	\$ 79,000
Tax Fees	\$ 1,741,000	\$ 1,917,000
All Other Fees	\$ 107,000	\$ 221,000
	<u> </u>	<u> </u>
Total	\$ 5,477,000	\$ 3,800,000

Audit Fees

Audit Fees for both years consist of fees for professional services associated with the annual consolidated financial statements audit, review of the interim consolidated financial statements included in the Company's quarterly reports on Form 10-Q, services that are normally provided by Ernst & Young in connection with statutory audits required internationally, and regulatory filings. Audit Fees for 2004 also include fees for professional services rendered for the audits of (i) management's assessment of the effectiveness of internal

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control over financial reporting and (ii) the effectiveness of internal control over financial reporting as of December 31, 2004, both as promulgated by Section 404 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act.

Audit-Related Fees

Audit-Related Fees consist of fees for services for the annual audits of employee benefit plans. Audit-Related Fees for 2004 also include fees for professional services rendered for internal control reviews and assistance with assessing the impact of proposed standards, rules or interpretations proposed by standard-setting bodies.

Tax Fees

Tax Fees consist of fees for professional services rendered for assistance with federal, state, local and international tax compliance. Tax compliance fees were approximately \$753,000 for 2004 and \$748,000 for 2003. Tax Fees also include fees of approximately \$944,000 for 2004 and \$1,169,000 for 2003 for services rendered for tax examination assistance, tax research and tax planning services in the countries in which we do business.

All Other Fees

All Other Fees primarily included risk management advisory services and fees for technical publications purchased from the independent auditor.

Recommendation of the Board

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMENDS THAT YOU VOTE FOR THE RATIFICATION OF ERNST & YOUNG AS CITRIX'S INDEPENDENT AUDITORS FOR 2005.

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OTHER MATTERS

The Board of Directors knows of no other matters to be brought before the Annual Meeting. If any other matters are properly brought before the Annual Meeting, the persons appointed in the accompanying proxy intend to vote the shares represented thereby in accordance with their best judgment on such matters, under applicable laws.

STOCKHOLDER PROPOSALS

Proposals of stockholders intended for inclusion in the Proxy Statement to be furnished to all stockholders entitled to vote at the 2006 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of the Company, pursuant to Rule 14a-8 promulgated under the Exchange Act by the SEC, must be received at the Company's principal executive offices not later than December 2, 2005. Under the Company's By-Laws, stockholders who wish to make a proposal at the 2006 Annual Meeting other than one that will be included in the Company's Proxy Statement must notify the Company between November 2, 2005 and December 2, 2005. If a stockholder who wishes to present a proposal fails to notify the Company by December 2, 2005 and such proposal is brought before the 2006 Annual Meeting, then under the SEC's proxy rules, the proxies solicited by management with respect to the 2006 Annual Meeting will confer discretionary voting authority with respect to the stockholder's proposal on the persons selected by management to vote the proxies. If a stockholder makes a timely notification, the proxies may still exercise discretionary voting authority under circumstances consistent with the SEC's proxy rules. In order to curtail controversy as to the date on which a proposal was received by the Company, it is suggested that proponents submit their proposals by Certified Mail, Return Receipt Requested, to Citrix Systems, Inc., 851 West Cypress Creek Road, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33309, Attention: Secretary.

EXPENSES AND SOLICITATION

The cost of solicitation of proxies will be borne by the Company and, in addition to soliciting stockholders by mail through its regular employees, the Company may request banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries to solicit their customers who have stock of the Company registered in the names of a nominee and, if so, will reimburse such banks, brokers and other custodians, nominees and fiduciaries for their reasonable out-of-pocket costs. Solicitation by officers and employees of the Company may also be made of some stockholders in person or by mail, telephone, e-mail or telegraph following the original solicitation. The Company has retained The Altman Group, a proxy solicitation firm, to assist in the solicitation of proxies for a fee of approximately \$8,500, plus reimbursement of expenses.

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Exhibit A

CITRIX SYSTEMS, INC.

2005 EQUITY INCENTIVE PLAN

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Citrix Systems, Inc.

2005 Equity Incentive Plan

1. Purpose

The purpose of this Plan is to advance the interests of Citrix Systems, Inc. and its Affiliates, by encouraging ownership of Stock by employees, directors, officers, consultants or advisors of the Company and its Affiliates, stimulating the efforts of employees who are selected to be participants on behalf of the Company, aligning the long-term interests of participants with those of stockholders, heightening the desire of participants to continue in working toward and contributing to the success of the Company, assisting the Company in competing effectively with other enterprises for the services of new employees who will advance the success of the Company, and attracting and retaining the best available individuals for service as directors of the Company, and generally providing additional incentive for them to promote the success of the Company's business through the grant of Awards of or pertaining to shares of the Company's Stock. The Plan is intended to be an incentive stock option plan within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code, but not all Awards are required to be Incentive Options.

2. Definitions

As used in this Plan, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

2.1. *Accelerate, Accelerated, and Acceleration*, means: (a) when used with respect to an Option or Stock Appreciation Right, that as of the time of reference the Option or Stock Appreciation Right will become exercisable with respect to some or all of the shares of Stock for which it was not then otherwise exercisable by its terms; (b) when used with respect to Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units, that the Risk of Forfeiture otherwise applicable to the Stock or Units shall expire with respect to some or all of the shares of Restricted Stock or Units then still otherwise subject to the Risk of Forfeiture; and (c) when used with respect to Performance Units, that the applicable Performance Goals shall be deemed to have been met as to some or all of the Units.

2.2. *Acquisition* means:

(i) a merger or consolidation of the Company with or into another person;

(ii) the sale, transfer, or other disposition of all or substantially all of the Company's assets to one or more other persons in a single transaction or series of related transactions, unless, in the case of foregoing clauses (i) and (ii), securities possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the survivor's or acquiror's outstanding securities (or the securities of any parent thereof) are held by a person or persons who held securities possessing more than 50% of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities immediately prior to that transaction;

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(iii) any person or group of persons (within the meaning of Section 13(d)(3) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended and in effect from time to time) directly or indirectly acquires, including but not limited to by means of a merger or consolidation, beneficial ownership (determined pursuant to Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 13d-3 promulgated under the said Exchange Act) of securities possessing more than 30% of the total combined voting power of the Company's outstanding securities pursuant to a tender or exchange offer made directly to the Company's stockholders that the Board does not recommend such stockholders accept, other than (a) the Company or an Affiliate, (b) an employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Affiliates, (c) a trustee or other fiduciary holding securities under an employee benefit plan of the Company or any of its Affiliates, or (d) an underwriter temporarily holding securities pursuant to an offering of such securities; or

(iv) any other acquisition of the business of the Company in which a majority of the Board votes in favor of a decision that an Acquisition has occurred within the meaning of this Plan.

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2.3. *Affiliate* means any corporation, partnership, limited liability company, limited liability partnership, business trust, or other entity controlling, controlled by or under common control with the Company.

2.4. *Award* means any grant or sale pursuant to the Plan of Options, Stock Appreciation Rights, Performance Units, Restricted Stock, Restricted Stock Units, or Stock Grants.

2.5. *Award Agreement* means an agreement between the Company and the recipient of an Award, setting forth the terms and conditions of the Award.

2.6. *Board* means the Company's Board of Directors.

2.7. *Code* means the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended from time to time, or any successor statute thereto, and any regulations issued from time to time thereunder.

2.8. *Committee* means the Compensation Committee of the Board, which in general is responsible for the administration of the Plan, as provided in Section 5 of the Plan. For any period during which no such committee is in existence, *Committee* shall mean the Board and all authority and responsibility assigned to the Committee under the Plan shall be exercised, if at all, by the Board.

2.9. *Company* means Citrix Systems, Inc., a corporation organized under the laws of the State of Delaware.

2.10. *Covered Employee* means an employee who is a covered employee within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Code.

2.11. *Grant Date* means the date as of which an Option is granted, as determined under Section 7.2(a).

2.12. *Incentive Option* means an Option which by its terms is to be treated as an incentive stock option within the meaning of Section 422 of the Code.

2.13. *Market Value* means the value of a share of Stock on a particular date determined by such methods or procedures as may be established by the Committee. Unless otherwise determined by the Committee, the Market Value of Stock as of any date is the last sale price for the Stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market (or on any national securities exchange on which the Stock is then listed) for that date or, if no closing price is reported for that date, the closing price on the next preceding date for which a closing price was reported.

2.14. *Nonstatutory Option* means any Option that is not an Incentive Option.

2.15. *Option* means an option to purchase shares of Stock.

2.16. *Optionee* means a Participant to whom an Option shall have been granted under the Plan.

2.17. *Outside Director* means a member of the Board of Directors who is not otherwise an employee of the Company.

2.18. *Participant* means any holder of an outstanding Award under the Plan.

2.19. *Performance Criteria* means the criteria that the Committee selects for purposes of establishing the Performance Goal or Performance Goals for a Participant for a Performance Period. The term Performance Criteria shall mean any one or more of the following performance criteria, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, applied to either the Company as a whole or to a business unit or Affiliate, either individually, alternatively or in any combination, and measured either quarterly annually or cumulatively over a period of

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quarters or years, on an absolute basis or relative to a pre-established target, to previous years' results or to a designated comparison group, in each case as specified by the Committee in the Award: (a) operating margin, gross margin or profit margin, (b) earnings per share or pro forma earnings per share, (c) revenue or bookings, (d) expenses or operating expenses, (e) completion of number of years of service with Citrix, (f) net income or operating income, (g) stock price increase, (h) performance relative to peers, (i) divisional or operating segment financial and operating performance, (j) total return on shares of common stock relative to increase in appropriate stock index selected by the Committee, (k) customer satisfaction indicators, (l) cash flow, (m) pre-tax profit, (n) growth or growth rate with respect to any of the foregoing measures, (o) attainment of strategic and operational objectives, (p) other financial measures determined by the Committee, (q) other performance measures determined by the Committee, or (r) any combination of the foregoing. The Committee may appropriately adjust any evaluation of performance under a Performance Criterion to exclude any of the following events that occurs during a performance period: (i) asset write-downs or impairment, (ii) litigation or claim judgments or settlements, (iii) the effect of changes in tax law, accounting principles or other such laws or provisions affecting reported results, (iv) accruals for reorganization and restructuring programs, (v) any extraordinary non-recurring items including those described in Accounting Principles Board Opinion No. 30 and/or in management's discussion and analysis of financial condition and results of operations appearing in the Company's annual report to stockholders for the applicable year, and (vi) any other extraordinary items adjusted from the Company's U.S. GAAP results in the Committee's discretion. The Committee will, but within the time prescribed by Section 162(m) of the Code in the case of Qualified Performance-Based Awards, objectively define the manner of calculating the Performance Criteria it selects to use for such Performance Period for such Participant.

2.20. *Performance Goals* means, for a Performance Period, the written goals established by the Committee for the Performance Period based upon the Performance Criteria. Depending on the Performance Criteria used to establish such Performance Goals, the Performance Goals may be expressed in terms of overall Company performance or the performance of a division, business unit, subsidiary, or an individual.

2.21. *Performance Period* means the one or more periods of time, which may be of varying and overlapping durations, selected by the Committee, over which the attainment of one or more Performance Goals will be measured for purposes of determining a Participant's right to, and the payment of, a Performance Unit.

2.22. *Performance Unit* means a right granted to a Participant under Section 7.5, to receive cash, Stock or other Awards, the payment of which is contingent on achieving Performance Goals established by the Committee.

2.23. *Plan* means this 2005 Equity Incentive Plan of the Company, as amended from time to time, and including any attachments or addenda hereto.

2.24. *Qualified Performance-Based Awards* means Awards intended to qualify as performance-based compensation under Section 162(m) of the Code.

2.25. *Restricted Stock* means a grant or sale of shares of Stock to a Participant subject to a Risk of Forfeiture.

2.26. *Restriction Period* means the period of time, established by the Committee in connection with an Award of Restricted Stock, during which the shares of Restricted Stock are subject to a Risk of Forfeiture described in the applicable Award Agreement.

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2.27. *Risk of Forfeiture* means a limitation on the right of the Participant to retain Restricted Stock or Restricted Stock Units, including a right in the Company to reacquire shares of Restricted Stock at less than their then Market Value, arising because of the occurrence or non-occurrence of specified events or conditions.

2.28. *Restricted Stock Units* means rights to receive shares of Stock at the close of a Restriction Period, subject to a Risk of Forfeiture.

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2.29. *Stock* means common stock, par value \$.001 per share, of the Company, and such other securities as may be substituted for Stock pursuant to Section 8.