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FORM 10-Q

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

OR

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

For the transition period from _____ to _____ .

Commission File Number: 001-06605

EQUIFAX INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia **58-0401110**
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

1550 Peachtree Street, N.W., Atlanta, Georgia 30309
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

404-885-8000
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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

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

Non-accelerated filer

Large accelerated filer Accelerated filer (Do not check if a smaller Smaller reporting company
reporting company)

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Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act).

Yes No

On April 13, 2012, there were 120,383,336 shares of the registrant's common stock outstanding.

EQUIFAX INC.

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QUARTER ENDED MARCH 31, 2012

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FORWARD-LOOKING STATEMENTS

This report contains information that may constitute “forward-looking statements.” Generally, the words “believe,” “expect,” “intend,” “estimate,” “anticipate,” “project,” “will,” “may” and similar expressions identify forward-looking statements, which generally are not historical in nature. All statements that address operating performance, events or developments that we expect or anticipate will occur in the future, including statements relating to future operating results, are forward-looking statements. Management believes that these forward-looking statements are reasonable as and when made. However, forward-looking statements are subject to certain risks and uncertainties that could cause actual results to differ materially from our Company’s historical experience and our present expectations or projections. These risks and uncertainties include, but are not limited to, those described in Part II, “Item 1A. Risk Factors,” and elsewhere in this report and in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011, and those described from time to time in our future reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. As a result of such risks and uncertainties, we urge you not to place undue reliance on any such forward-looking statements. Forward-looking statements speak only as of the date when made. We undertake no obligation to publicly update or revise any forward-looking statements, whether as a result of new information, future events or otherwise, except as required by law.

PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**ITEM 1. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)****EQUIFAX INC.****CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF INCOME**

| (In millions, except per share amounts) | Three Months Ended | |
|--|--------------------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| | March 31, | |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Operating revenue | \$ 522.7 | \$ 472.6 |
| Operating expenses: | | |
| Cost of services (exclusive of depreciation and amortization below) | 201.2 | 192.0 |
| Selling, general and administrative expenses | 151.1 | 128.8 |
| Depreciation and amortization | 41.4 | 42.7 |
| Total operating expenses | 393.7 | 363.5 |
| Operating income | 129.0 | 109.1 |
| Interest expense | (13.8) | (13.8) |
| Other income, net | 1.4 | 0.3 |
| Consolidated income before income taxes | 116.6 | 95.6 |
| Provision for income taxes | (42.9) | (36.3) |
| Consolidated net income | 73.7 | 59.3 |
| Less: Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (2.2) | (2.0) |
| Net income attributable to Equifax | \$ 71.5 | \$ 57.3 |
| Basic earnings per common share: | \$ 0.60 | \$ 0.47 |
| Weighted-average shares used in computing basic earnings per share | 120.0 | 122.8 |
| Diluted earnings per common share: | \$ 0.58 | \$ 0.46 |
| Weighted-average shares used in computing diluted earnings per share | 122.4 | 124.7 |
| Dividends per common share | \$ 0.18 | \$ 0.16 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

EQUIFAX INC.

CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

(Unaudited)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | | | |
|---|------------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|--------|
| | 2012 | | | 2011 | | |
| | Equifax Shareholders | Noncontrolling Interests | Total | Equifax Shareholders | Noncontrolling Interests | Total |
| Net income | \$71.5 | \$ 2.2 | \$73.7 | \$57.3 | \$ 2.0 | \$59.3 |
| Other comprehensive income: | | | | | | |
| Foreign currency translation adjustment, net | 14.9 | 0.2 | 15.1 | 10.9 | 0.2 | 11.1 |
| Change in unrecognized prior service cost and actuarial losses related to our pension and other postretirement benefit plans, net | 3.4 | - | 3.4 | 2.2 | - | 2.2 |
| Change in cumulative loss from cash flow hedging transactions, net | - | - | - | 0.1 | - | 0.1 |
| Comprehensive income | \$89.8 | \$ 2.4 | \$92.2 | \$70.5 | \$ 2.2 | \$72.7 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

EQUIFAX INC.**CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS**

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|-------------------|----------------------|
| | (Unaudited) | |
| (In millions, except par values) | | |
| ASSETS | | |
| Current assets: | | |
| Cash and cash equivalents | \$ 132.7 | \$ 127.7 |
| Trade accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$6.3 and \$5.9 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | 297.8 | 284.4 |
| Prepaid expenses | 29.6 | 24.6 |
| Other current assets | 15.0 | 15.6 |
| Total current assets | 475.1 | 452.3 |
| Property and equipment: | | |
| Capitalized internal-use software and system costs | 342.8 | 332.2 |
| Data processing equipment and furniture | 190.6 | 183.1 |
| Land, buildings and improvements | 175.4 | 178.4 |
| Total property and equipment | 708.8 | 693.7 |
| Less accumulated depreciation and amortization | (417.4) | (400.8) |
| Total property and equipment, net | 291.4 | 292.9 |
| Goodwill | 1,969.0 | 1,961.2 |
| Indefinite-lived intangible assets | 95.7 | 95.6 |
| Purchased intangible assets, net | 528.9 | 550.2 |
| Other assets, net | 158.3 | 156.4 |
| Total assets | \$ 3,518.4 | \$ 3,508.6 |
| LIABILITIES AND EQUITY | | |
| Current liabilities: | | |
| Short-term debt and current maturities | \$ 17.0 | \$ 47.2 |
| Accounts payable | 23.1 | 27.5 |
| Accrued expenses | 63.9 | 56.3 |
| Accrued salaries and bonuses | 33.1 | 79.2 |
| Deferred revenue | 56.8 | 55.8 |
| Other current liabilities | 79.0 | 96.8 |
| Total current liabilities | 272.9 | 362.8 |
| Long-term debt | 965.3 | 966.0 |
| Deferred income tax liabilities, net | 230.0 | 227.8 |
| Long-term pension and other postretirement benefit liabilities | 172.8 | 176.4 |
| Other long-term liabilities | 52.8 | 53.5 |
| Total liabilities | 1,693.8 | 1,786.5 |
| Commitments and Contingencies (see Note 5) | | |
| Equifax shareholders' equity: | | |

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| | | |
|--|------------|------------|
| Preferred stock, \$0.01 par value: Authorized shares - 10.0; Issued shares - none | - | - |
| Common stock, \$1.25 par value: Authorized shares - 300.0; Issued shares - 189.3 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011; Outstanding shares - 120.4 and 119.6 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | 236.6 | 236.6 |
| Paid-in capital | 1,127.0 | 1,118.0 |
| Retained earnings | 2,929.1 | 2,879.2 |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | (373.5) | (391.8) |
| Treasury stock, at cost, 68.3 shares and 69.1 shares at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | (2,110.8) | (2,133.7) |
| Stock held by employee benefits trusts, at cost, 0.6 shares at both March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 | (5.9) | (5.9) |
| Total Equifax shareholders' equity | 1,802.5 | 1,702.4 |
| Noncontrolling interests | 22.1 | 19.7 |
| Total equity | 1,824.6 | 1,722.1 |
| Total liabilities and equity | \$ 3,518.4 | \$ 3,508.6 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

EQUIFAX INC.**CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS**

| (In millions) | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|--|---------------------------------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| | (Unaudited) | |
| Operating activities: | | |
| Consolidated net income | \$ 73.7 | \$ 59.3 |
| Adjustments to reconcile consolidated net income to net cash provided by operating activities: | | |
| Depreciation and amortization | 41.3 | 42.7 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | 9.3 | 4.7 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation plans | (0.5) | (0.5) |
| Deferred income taxes | 0.4 | (0.1) |
| Changes in assets and liabilities, excluding effects of acquisitions: | | |
| Accounts receivable, net | (11.0) | (17.0) |
| Prepaid expenses and other current assets | (3.6) | (9.4) |
| Other assets | (1.2) | 0.1 |
| Current liabilities, excluding debt | (60.2) | (48.0) |
| Other long-term liabilities, excluding debt | 0.1 | (8.7) |
| Cash provided by operating activities | 48.3 | 23.1 |
| Investing activities: | | |
| Capital expenditures | (20.2) | (26.2) |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | - | (30.7) |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates, net | - | (2.7) |
| Cash used in investing activities | (20.2) | (59.6) |
| Financing activities: | | |
| Net short-term borrowings (repayments) | (30.2) | 19.8 |
| Payments on long-term debt | - | (1.7) |
| Dividends paid to Equifax shareholders | (21.2) | (19.6) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | 20.6 | 5.1 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation plans | 0.5 | 0.5 |
| Other | (0.4) | (2.5) |
| Cash provided by (used in) financing activities | (30.7) | 1.6 |
| Effect of foreign currency exchange rates on cash and cash equivalents | 7.6 | 2.4 |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents | 5.0 | (32.5) |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period | 127.7 | 119.4 |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period | \$ 132.7 | \$ 86.9 |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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CONSOLIDATED STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN EQUITY AND OTHER COMPREHENSIVE INCOME

For the Three Months Ended March 31, 2012

(Unaudited)

| | Equifax Shareholders | | | | | | Stock Held By Employee Benefits Trusts | Noncontrol Interests | Total Equity |
|--|---------------------------------------|----------|--------------------|----------------------|---|-------------------|--|-------------------------|-----------------|
| | Common Stock Shares Outstanding | Amount | Paid-In Capital | Retained Earnings | Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss | Treasury Stock | | | |
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | 119.6 | \$ 236.6 | \$ 1,118.0 | \$ 2,879.2 | \$ (391.8) | \$(2,133.7) | \$ (5.9) | \$ 19.7 | \$ 1,722.1 |
| Net income | - | - | - | 71.5 | - | - | - | 2.2 | 73.7 |
| Other comprehensive income | - | - | - | - | 18.3 | - | - | 0.2 | 18.5 |
| Shares issued under stock and benefit plans, net of minimum tax withholdings | 0.8 | - | (2.5) | - | - | 22.9 | - | - | 20.4 |
| Cash dividends (\$0.18 per share) | - | - | - | (21.6) | - | - | - | - | (21.6) |
| Dividends paid to employee benefits trusts | - | - | 0.4 | - | - | - | - | - | 0.4 |
| Stock-based compensation expense | - | - | 9.3 | - | - | - | - | - | 9.3 |
| Tax effects of stock-based compensation plans | - | - | 1.8 | - | - | - | - | - | 1.8 |
| Balance, March 31, 2012 | 120.4 | \$ 236.6 | \$ 1,127.0 | \$ 2,929.1 | \$ (373.5) | \$(2,110.8) | \$ (5.9) | \$ 22.1 | \$ 1,824.6 |

* At March 31, 2012, \$112.1 million was authorized for future purchases of common stock under our share repurchase authorization.

Accumulated Other Comprehensive Loss consists of the following components:

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|---|----------------------|----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Foreign currency translation | \$(74.4) | \$ (89.3) |
| Unrecognized actuarial losses and prior service cost related to our pension and other postretirement benefit plans, net of accumulated tax of \$170.7 and \$172.1 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively | (296.9) | (300.3) |
| Cash flow hedging transactions, net of accumulated tax of \$1.4 at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 | (2.2) | (2.2) |
| Accumulated other comprehensive loss | \$(373.5) | \$ (391.8) |

See Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (UNAUDITED)

March 31, 2012

As used herein, the terms Equifax, the Company, we, our and us refer to Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries as a combined entity, except where it is clear that the terms mean only Equifax Inc.

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Nature of Operations. We collect, organize and manage various types of financial, demographic, employment and marketing information. Our products and services enable businesses to make credit and service decisions, manage their portfolio risk, automate or outsource certain human resources, employment tax and payroll-related business processes, and develop marketing strategies concerning consumers and commercial enterprises. We serve customers across a wide range of industries, including the financial services, mortgage, retail, telecommunications, utilities, automotive, brokerage, healthcare and insurance industries, as well as government agencies. We also enable consumers to manage and protect their financial health through a portfolio of products offered directly to consumers. As of March 31, 2012, we operated in the following countries: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, Spain, the United Kingdom, or U.K., Uruguay, and the United States of America, or U.S. We also maintain support operations in the Republic of Ireland. We have an investment in a consumer and commercial credit information company in Brazil and offer credit services in Russia and India through joint ventures.

We develop, maintain and enhance secured proprietary information databases through the compilation of actual consumer data, including credit, employment, asset, liquidity, net worth and spending activity, and business data, including credit and business demographics, that we obtain from a variety of sources, such as credit granting institutions, public record information (including bankruptcies, liens and judgments), income and tax information primarily from large to mid-sized companies in the U.S., and marketing information. We process this information utilizing our proprietary information management systems.

Basis of Presentation. The accompanying unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles, or GAAP, the instructions to Form 10-Q and applicable sections of Regulation S-X. To understand our complete financial position and results, as defined by

GAAP, this Form 10-Q should be read in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes thereto included in our annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2011 (“2011 Form 10-K”).

Our unaudited Consolidated Financial Statements reflect all adjustments which are, in the opinion of management, necessary for a fair presentation of the periods presented and are of a normal recurring nature. Certain prior year amounts have been reclassified to conform to current period presentation.

Earnings Per Share. Our basic earnings per share, or EPS, is calculated as net income attributable to Equifax divided by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding during the period. Diluted EPS is calculated to reflect the potential dilution that would occur if stock options or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised and resulted in additional common shares outstanding. The net income amounts used in both our basic and diluted EPS calculations are the same. A reconciliation of the weighted-average outstanding shares used in the two calculations is as follows:

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | |
|---|------------------------------|-------|
| | 2012 | 2011 |
| | (In millions) | |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding (basic) | 120.0 | 122.8 |
| Effect of dilutive securities: | | |
| Stock options and restricted stock units | 2.4 | 1.9 |
| Weighted-average shares outstanding (diluted) | 122.4 | 124.7 |

For the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, 0.1 million and 1.2 million stock options, respectively, were anti-dilutive and therefore excluded from this calculation.

Financial Instruments. Our financial instruments consist primarily of cash and cash equivalents, accounts and notes receivable, accounts payable and short- and long-term debt. The carrying amounts of these items, other than long-term debt, approximate their fair market values due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The fair value of our fixed-rate debt is determined using quoted market prices for publicly traded instruments, and for non-publicly traded instruments through valuation techniques depending on the specific characteristics of the debt instrument. As of March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, the fair value of our long-term debt, based on observable inputs, was \$1.08 billion and \$1.09 billion, respectively, compared to its carrying value of \$0.97 billion.

Derivatives and Hedging Activities. We use derivative financial instruments as a risk management tool to hedge the Company's exposure to changes in interest rates, not for speculative purposes. We have used interest rate swaps and interest rate lock agreements to manage interest rate risk associated with our fixed and floating-rate borrowings. Forward contracts on various foreign currencies have been used to manage the foreign currency exchange rate risk of certain firm commitments denominated in foreign currencies. We recognize all derivatives on the balance sheet at fair value. Derivative valuations reflect the value of the instrument including material amounts associated with counterparty risk. As of March 31, 2012, we have three unsettled cash flow hedges, with an aggregate notional amount of 1.2 million euros, to hedge the exposure of certain 2012 firm commitments of our U.K. subsidiary that are denominated in euros. The fair value of our unsettled foreign currency cash flow hedges was not material at March 31, 2012.

Fair Value Hedges. In conjunction with our November 2009 sale of five-year Senior Notes, we entered into five-year interest rate swaps, designated as fair value hedges, which convert the debt's fixed interest rate to a variable rate. These swaps involve the receipt of fixed rate amounts for floating interest rate payments over the life of the swaps without exchange of the underlying principal amount. Changes in the fair value of the interest rate swaps offset changes in the fair value of the fixed-rate Senior Notes they hedge due to changes in the designated benchmark interest rate and are recorded in interest expense. The fair value of these interest rate swaps was an asset of \$14.3 million and \$14.8

million at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011, respectively, and was recorded in other long-term assets on our Consolidated Balance Sheets.

Fair Value Measurements. Fair value is determined based on the assumptions marketplace participants use in pricing the asset or liability. We use a three level fair value hierarchy to prioritize the inputs used in valuation techniques between observable inputs that reflect quoted prices in active markets, inputs other than quoted prices with observable market data and unobservable data (e.g., a company's own data).

1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES (Continued)

The following table presents items measured at fair value on a recurring basis:

| Description | Fair Value of Assets (Liabilities) at March 31, 2012 (In millions) | Fair Value Measurements at Reporting Date Using: | | |
|---|---|--|---|---|
| | | Quoted Prices in Active Markets for Identical Assets (Level 1) | Significant Other Observable Inputs (Level 2) | Significant Unobservable Inputs (Level 3) |
| Fair Value Interest Rate Swaps ⁽¹⁾ | \$ 14.3 | \$ - | \$ 14.3 | \$ - |
| Notes, due 2014 ⁽¹⁾ | (289.3) | - | (289.3) | - |
| Deferred Compensation Plan ⁽²⁾ | (15.4) | - | (15.4) | - |
| Total | \$(290.4) | \$ - | \$ (290.4) | \$ - |

(1) The fair value of our interest rate swaps, which are designated as fair value hedges, and notes, due in 2014 are based on the present value of expected future cash flows using zero coupon rates and are classified within Level 2 of the fair value hierarchy.

(2) We maintain deferred compensation plans that allow for certain management employees to defer the receipt of compensation (such as salary, incentive compensation and commissions) until a later date based on the terms of the plan. The liability representing benefits accrued for plan participants is valued at the quoted market prices of the participants' elections.

Variable Interest Entities. We hold interests in certain entities, including credit data and information solutions ventures, that are considered variable interest entities, or VIEs. These variable interests relate to ownership interests that require financial support for these entities. Our investments related to these VIEs totaled \$8.7 million at March 31, 2012, representing our maximum exposure to loss. We are not the primary beneficiary and are not required to consolidate any of these VIEs.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements. *Testing Goodwill for Impairment.* In September 2011, the FASB issued Accounting Standards Update, *Intangibles – Goodwill and Other (Topic 350): Testing Goodwill for Impairment* (the revised standard). The revised standard is intended to reduce the cost and complexity of the annual goodwill impairment test by providing entities an option to perform a “qualitative” assessment to determine whether further impairment testing is necessary. If an entity believes, as a result of its qualitative assessment, that it is more-likely-than-not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount, the quantitative impairment test is required. Otherwise, no further testing is required. The revised standard is effective for annual and interim goodwill impairment tests performed for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. We will implement the new standard in our 2012 annual goodwill impairment testing. This guidance is not expected to have a material effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

Comprehensive Income. In the first quarter of 2012, we adopted Accounting Standards Update No. 2011-05, *Presentation of Comprehensive Income*, which changed our financial statement presentation but did not have an effect on our financial condition or results of operations.

For additional information about recent accounting pronouncements adopted or pending adoption, see Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

2. MERGER OF BRAZILIAN BUSINESS

On May 31, 2011, we completed the merger of our Brazilian business with Boa Vista Serviços S.A. (“BVS”) in exchange for a 15% equity interest in BVS, which was accounted for as a sale and deconsolidated (the “Brazilian Transaction”). BVS, an unrelated third party whose results we do not consolidate, is the second largest consumer and commercial credit information company in Brazil. Our investment in BVS was valued at 130 million Brazilian Reais (\$71.4 million and \$82.3 million at March 31, 2012 and May 31, 2011, respectively) is recorded in Other assets, net on the Consolidated Balance Sheets and is accounted for using the cost method. The initial fair value was determined by a third-party using income and market approaches and would not have changed materially as of March 31, 2012. In accounting for the transaction, we wrote off \$33.2 million of goodwill and \$27.0 million of cumulative foreign currency translation adjustments. In addition, as part of the agreement with BVS, we have retained certain contingent liabilities. A pre-tax loss of \$10.3 million was recognized during the second quarter of 2011 related to the Brazilian Transaction and is included in other expense in the Consolidated Statements of Income. Tax expense of \$17.5 million was also recorded in conjunction with the Brazilian Transaction.

Equifax has committed to make certain additional funding available to BVS. Until May 31, 2013, BVS will have the right to borrow up to \$55 million from Equifax for general corporate purposes; any borrowings would be due and payable on May 31, 2015. Payments for principal and interest on any borrowings will be convertible, at Equifax’s option, into additional shares of BVS nonvoting preferred stock. Preferred shares issued as a result of any borrowings will be convertible to common shares under specific conditions. There were no borrowings outstanding as of March 31, 2012.

3. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS

Goodwill. Goodwill represents the cost in excess of the fair value of the net assets acquired in a business combination. Goodwill is tested for impairment at the reporting unit level on an annual basis and on an interim basis if an event occurs or circumstances change that would reduce the fair value of a reporting unit below its carrying value. We perform our annual goodwill impairment tests as of September 30.

Changes in the amount of goodwill for the three months ended March 31, 2012, are as follows:

| | | | | |
|--|---|---|---|-------|
| U.S. Consumer Information Solutions | TALX Workforce International Solutions | North America Personal Solutions | North America Commercial Solutions | Total |
| (In millions) | | | | |

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|--|---------|----------|----------|--------|---------|-----------|
| Balance, December 31, 2011 | \$638.4 | \$ 348.5 | \$ 935.0 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 37.5 | \$1,961.2 |
| Adjustments to initial purchase price allocation | - | - | 0.2 | - | - | 0.2 |
| Foreign currency translation | - | 7.8 | - | - | 0.1 | 7.9 |
| Tax benefits of stock options exercised | - | - | (0.3) | - | - | (0.3) |
| Balance, March 31, 2012 | \$638.4 | \$ 356.3 | \$ 934.9 | \$ 1.8 | \$ 37.6 | \$1,969.0 |

3. GOODWILL AND INTANGIBLE ASSETS (Continued)

Indefinite-Lived Intangible Assets. Indefinite-lived intangible assets consist of contractual/territorial rights representing the estimated acquisition date fair value of rights to operate in certain territories acquired through the purchase of independent credit reporting agencies in the U.S. and Canada. Our contractual/territorial rights are perpetual in nature and, therefore, the useful lives are considered indefinite. Indefinite-lived intangible assets are not amortized. We are required to test indefinite-lived intangible assets for impairment annually and whenever events or circumstances indicate that there may be an impairment of the asset value. We perform our annual indefinite-lived intangible asset impairment test as of September 30. Our contractual/territorial rights carrying amounts did not change materially during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

Purchased Intangible Assets. Purchased intangible assets represent the estimated acquisition date fair value of acquired intangible assets used in our business. Purchased data files represent the estimated acquisition date fair value of consumer credit files acquired primarily through the purchase of independent credit reporting agencies in the U.S. and Canada. We expense the cost of modifying and updating credit files in the period such costs are incurred. We amortize purchased data files, which primarily consist of acquired consumer credit files, on a straight-line basis. Primarily all of our other purchased intangible assets are also amortized on a straight-line basis. For additional information about the useful lives related to our purchased intangible assets, see Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

Purchased intangible assets at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 consisted of the following:

| | March 31, 2012 | | | December 31, 2011 | | |
|---|----------------|-----------------------------|-----------|-------------------|-----------------------------|-----------|
| | Gross | Accumulated Amortization | Net | Gross | Accumulated Amortization | Net |
| Definite-lived intangible assets: | (In millions) | | | | | |
| Purchased data files | \$307.3 | \$ (235.9) |) \$71.4 | \$316.2 | \$ (240.5) |) \$75.7 |
| Acquired software and technology | 34.7 | (9.2) |) 25.5 | 68.3 | (41.1) |) 27.2 |
| Customer relationships | 518.7 | (139.2) |) 379.5 | 518.2 | (130.3) |) 387.9 |
| Proprietary database | 125.0 | (100.6) |) 24.4 | 125.0 | (95.5) |) 29.5 |
| Non-compete agreements | 9.0 | (3.7) |) 5.3 | 9.0 | (3.1) |) 5.9 |
| Trade names and other intangible assets | 40.8 | (18.0) |) 22.8 | 40.7 | (16.7) |) 24.0 |
| Total definite-lived intangible assets | \$1,035.5 | \$ (506.6) |) \$528.9 | \$1,077.4 | \$ (527.2) |) \$550.2 |

Amortization expense related to purchased intangible assets was \$22.4 million and \$23.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

4. DEBT

Debt outstanding at March 31, 2012 and December 31, 2011 was as follows:

| | March 31, 2012 | December 31, 2011 |
|--|----------------------|----------------------|
| | (In millions) | |
| Commercial paper | \$- | \$ 30.0 |
| Notes, 7.34%, due in installments through May 2014 | 45.0 | 45.0 |
| Notes, 4.45%, due December 2014 | 275.0 | 275.0 |
| Notes, 6.30%, due July 2017 | 272.5 | 272.5 |
| Debentures, 6.90%, due July 2028 | 125.0 | 125.0 |
| Notes, 7.00%, due July 2037 | 250.0 | 250.0 |
| Capitalized lease obligation | 0.9 | 1.1 |
| Other | 0.6 | 0.6 |
| Total debt | 969.0 | 999.2 |
| Less short-term debt and current maturities | (17.0) | (47.2) |
| Less unamortized discounts | (1.8) | (1.8) |
| Plus fair value adjustments | 15.1 | 15.8 |
| Total long-term debt, net | \$965.3 | \$ 966.0 |

Senior Credit Facility. We are party to a \$500.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility, which we refer to as the Senior Credit Facility, with a group of financial institutions. The Senior Credit Facility also has an accordion feature that allows us to request an increase in the total commitment to \$750.0 million should we so choose. Borrowings may be used for general corporate purposes, including working capital, capital expenditures, acquisitions and share repurchase programs. The Senior Credit Facility is scheduled to expire in February 2015. Availability of the Senior Credit Facility for borrowings is reduced by the outstanding face amount of any letters of credit issued under the facility and, pursuant to our existing Board of Directors authorization, by the outstanding principal amount of our commercial paper notes. As of March 31, 2012, there were no outstanding borrowings under this facility and \$498.6 million was available for borrowing.

Commercial Paper Program. Our \$500.0 million commercial paper program has been established through the private placement of commercial paper notes from time-to-time. Maturities of commercial paper can range from overnight to 397 days. The commercial paper program is supported by our Senior Credit Facility and, pursuant to our existing Board of Directors authorization, the total amount of commercial paper which may be issued is reduced by the amount of any outstanding borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility. At March 31, 2012, there were no commercial paper notes outstanding.

For additional information about our debt agreements, see Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

Data Processing, Outsourcing Services and Other Agreements. We have separate agreements with IBM, TCS and others to outsource portions of our computer data processing operations, applications development, maintenance and related functions and to provide certain other administrative and operational services. The agreements expire between 2012 and 2018. The estimated aggregate minimum contractual obligation remaining under these agreements is approximately \$70 million as of December 31, 2011, with no future year's minimum contractual obligation expected to exceed approximately \$30 million. Annual payment obligations in regard to these agreements vary due to factors such as the volume of data processed; changes in our servicing needs as a result of new product offerings, acquisitions or divestitures; the introduction of significant new technologies; foreign currency; or the general rate of inflation. In certain circumstances (e.g., a change in control or for our convenience), we may terminate these data processing and outsourcing agreements, and, in doing so, certain of these agreements require us to pay a significant penalty.

Agreement with Computer Sciences Corporation. We have an agreement with Computer Sciences Corporation, or CSC, and certain of its affiliates, collectively CSC, under which CSC-owned credit reporting agencies utilize our computerized credit database services. CSC retains ownership of its credit files and the revenues generated by its credit reporting activities. We receive a processing fee for maintaining the database and for each report supplied. The agreement will expire on July 31, 2018 and is renewable at the option of CSC for successive ten-year periods. The agreement provides us with an option to purchase CSC's credit reporting business if it does not elect to renew the agreement or if there is a change in control of CSC while the agreement is in effect. Under the agreement CSC also has an option, exercisable at any time, to sell its credit reporting business to us. The option expires on August 1, 2013. The option exercise price will be determined by a third-party appraisal process and would be due in cash within 180 days after the exercise of the option. We estimate that if the option were exercised at December 31, 2011, the price range would have been approximately \$650 million to \$750 million. This estimate is based solely on our internal analysis of the value of the business, current market conditions and other factors, all of which are subject to constant change. Therefore, the actual option exercise price could be materially higher or lower than the estimated amount.

Guarantees and General Indemnifications. We may issue standby letters of credit, performance bonds or other guarantees in the normal course of business. The aggregate notional amount of all performance bonds and standby letters of credit was not material at March 31, 2012, and all have a remaining maturity of one year or less. The maximum potential future payments we could be required to make under the guarantees is not material at March 31, 2012.

We have agreed to standard indemnification clauses in many of our lease agreements for office space, covering such things as tort, environmental and other liabilities that arise out of or relate to our use or occupancy of the leased premises. Certain of our credit agreements include provisions which require us to make payments to preserve an expected economic return to the lenders if that economic return is diminished due to certain changes in law or regulations. In conjunction with certain transactions, such as sales or purchases of operating assets or services in the ordinary course of business, or the disposition of certain assets or businesses, we sometimes provide routine indemnifications, the terms of which range in duration and sometimes are not limited. Additionally, the Company has

entered into indemnification agreements with its directors and executive officers to indemnify such individuals to the fullest extent permitted by applicable law against liabilities that arise by reason of their status as directors or officers. The Company maintains directors and officers liability insurance coverage to reduce its exposure to such obligations.

5. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Continued)

We cannot reasonably estimate our potential future payments under the indemnities and related provisions described above because we cannot predict when and under what circumstances these provisions may be triggered. We had no accruals related to indemnifications on our Consolidated Balance Sheets at March 31, 2012 or December 31, 2011.

Contingencies. We are involved in legal proceedings, claims and litigation arising in the ordinary course of business. We periodically assess our exposure related to these matters based on the information which is available. We have recorded accruals in our Consolidated Financial Statements for those matters in which it is probable that we have incurred a loss and the amount of the loss, or range of loss, can be reasonably estimated.

For other legal proceedings, claims and litigation, we have recorded loss contingencies that are immaterial, or we cannot reasonably estimate the potential loss because of uncertainties about the outcome of the matter and the amount of the loss or range of loss. Although the final outcome of these other matters cannot be predicted with certainty, any possible adverse outcome arising from these matters is not expected to have a material impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements, either individually or in the aggregate. However, our evaluation of the likely impact of these matters may change in the future.

For additional information about these and other commitments and contingencies, see Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K. For additional information about commitments related to the Brazilian Transaction, see Note 2 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in this 10-Q.

6. INCOME TAXES

We are subject to U.S. federal, state and international income taxes. We are generally no longer subject to federal, state, or international income tax examinations by tax authorities for years ending prior to December 31, 2004, with few exceptions. Due to the potential for resolution of state and foreign examinations, and the expiration of various statutes of limitations, it is reasonably possible that our gross unrecognized tax benefit balance may change within the next twelve months by a range of \$0 to \$7.2 million.

Effective Tax Rate. Our effective income tax rate was 36.8% for the three months ended March 31, 2012, down from 37.9% for the same period in 2011. Our income tax rate was lower due primarily to foreign tax benefits that are expected to be recognized in the current year as compared to the prior year period.

7. BENEFIT PLANS

We sponsor defined benefit pension plans and defined contribution plans. For additional information about our benefit plans, see Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

The following table provides the components of net periodic benefit cost for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

| | Pension Benefits | | Other Benefits | |
|------------------------------------|---------------------------------|--------|-------------------|-------|
| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 | 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | | |
| Service cost | \$1.6 | \$1.6 | \$0.1 | \$0.1 |
| Interest cost | 8.3 | 8.6 | 0.3 | 0.4 |
| Expected return on plan assets | (11.6) | (11.6) | (0.4) | (0.4) |
| Amortization of prior service cost | 0.2 | 0.2 | (0.1) | - |
| Recognized actuarial loss | 4.0 | 3.0 | 0.3 | 0.3 |
| Total net periodic benefit cost | \$2.5 | \$1.8 | \$0.2 | \$0.4 |

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION

Reportable Segments. We manage our business and report our financial results through the following five reportable segments, which are the same as our operating segments:

- U.S. Consumer Information Solutions
- International
- TALX Workforce Solutions
- North America Personal Solutions
- North America Commercial Solutions

The accounting policies of the reportable segments are the same as those described in our summary of significant accounting policies in Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K. We evaluate the performance of these reportable segments based on their operating revenues, operating income and operating margins, excluding unusual or infrequent items, if any. Inter-segment sales and transfers are not material for all periods presented. The measurement criteria for segment profit or loss and segment assets are substantially the same for each reportable segment. All transactions between segments are accounted for at cost, and no timing differences occur between segments.

A summary of segment products and services is as follows:

U.S. Consumer Information Solutions. This segment includes consumer information services (such as credit information and credit scoring, credit modeling services, locate services, fraud detection and prevention services, identity verification services and other consulting services); mortgage loan origination information, appraisal, title and closing services; consumer financial marketing services; and identity management.

International. This segment includes information services products, which includes consumer and commercial services (such as credit and financial information, credit scoring and credit modeling services), credit and other marketing products and services, and products and services sold directly to consumers similar to those sold by North

America Personal Solutions.

TALX Workforce Solutions. This segment includes employment, income and social security number verification services as well as complementary payroll-based transaction services and employment tax and talent management services.

North America Personal Solutions. This segment includes credit information, credit monitoring and identity theft protection products sold directly to consumers via the internet.

North America Commercial Solutions. This segment includes commercial products and services such as business credit and demographic information, credit scores and portfolio analytics (decisioning tools), which are derived from our databases of business credit and financial information.

8. SEGMENT INFORMATION (Continued)

Operating revenue and operating income by operating segment during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 are as follows:

| (In millions) | Three Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | March 31, | |
| Operating revenue: | 2012 | 2011 |
| U.S. Consumer Information Solutions | \$ 217.7 | \$ 181.0 |
| International | 121.0 | 127.2 |
| TALX Workforce Solutions | 113.7 | 99.4 |
| North America Personal Solutions | 49.5 | 44.4 |
| North America Commercial Solutions | 20.8 | 20.6 |
| Total operating revenue | \$ 522.7 | \$ 472.6 |

| (In millions) | Three Months Ended | |
|-------------------------------------|--------------------|----------|
| | March 31, | |
| Operating income: | 2012 | 2011 |
| U.S. Consumer Information Solutions | \$ 79.4 | \$ 61.7 |
| International | 38.5 | 29.8 |
| TALX Workforce Solutions | 26.2 | 21.7 |
| North America Personal Solutions | 14.0 | 12.7 |
| North America Commercial Solutions | 3.5 | 5.1 |
| General Corporate Expense | (32.6) | (21.9) |
| Total operating income | \$ 129.0 | \$ 109.1 |

ITEM 2. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

As used herein, the terms Equifax, the Company, we, our and us refer to Equifax Inc., a Georgia corporation, and its consolidated subsidiaries as a combined entity, except where it is clear that the terms mean only Equifax Inc.

All references to earnings per share data in Management's Discussion and Analysis, or MD&A, are to diluted earnings per share, or EPS, unless otherwise noted. Diluted EPS is calculated to reflect the potential dilution that would occur if stock options or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised and resulted in additional common shares outstanding.

BUSINESS OVERVIEW

We are a leading global provider of information solutions, employment and income verifications and human resources business process outsourcing services. We leverage some of the largest sources of consumer and commercial data, along with advanced analytics and proprietary technology, to create customized insights which enable our business customers to grow faster, more efficiently and more profitably, and to inform and empower consumers.

Businesses rely on us for consumer and business credit intelligence, credit portfolio management, fraud detection, decisioning technology, marketing tools, and human resources and payroll-related services. We also offer a portfolio of products that enable individual consumers to manage their financial affairs and protect their identity. Our revenue stream is diversified among individual consumers and among businesses across a wide range of industries and international geographies.

Segment and Geographic Information

Segments. The U.S. Consumer Information Solutions, or USCIS, segment, the largest of our five segments, consists of three product and service lines: Online Consumer Information Solutions, or OCIS; Mortgage Solutions; and Consumer Financial Marketing Services. OCIS and Mortgage Solutions revenue is principally transaction-based and is derived from our sales of products such as consumer credit reporting and scoring, mortgage settlement services, identity management, fraud detection and modeling services. USCIS also markets certain of our decisioning products which facilitate and automate a variety of consumer credit-oriented decisions. Consumer Financial Marketing Services revenue is principally project- and subscription-based and is derived from our sales of batch credit and consumer wealth information such as those that assist clients in acquiring new customers, cross-selling to existing customers and

managing portfolio risk.

The International segment consists of Canada Consumer, Europe and Latin America. Canada Consumer's products and services are similar to our USCIS offerings, while Europe and Latin America are made up of varying mixes of product lines that are in our USCIS, North America Commercial Solutions and North America Personal Solutions reportable segments.

The TALX Workforce Solutions segment consists of Verification Services and Employer Services business lines. Verifications Services revenue is transaction-based and is derived primarily from employment and income verification. Employer Services revenues are derived from our provision of certain human resources business process outsourcing services that include both transaction- and subscription-based product offerings. These services include unemployment claims management, employment-based tax credit services, complementary payroll-based transaction services, and the management of assessments of new hires.

North America Personal Solutions revenue is both transaction- and subscription-based and is derived from the sale of credit monitoring, debt management and identity theft protection products, which we deliver to consumers electronically via the internet.

North America Commercial Solutions revenue is principally transaction-based, with the remainder project-based, and is derived from the sale of business information, credit scores and portfolio analytics that enable customers to utilize our reports to make financing, marketing and purchasing decisions related to businesses.

Geographic Information. We currently operate in the following countries: Argentina, Canada, Chile, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Honduras, Paraguay, Peru, Portugal, the Republic of Ireland, Spain, the U.K., Uruguay, and the U.S. Our operations in the Republic of Ireland focus on data handling and customer support activities. We have an investment in a consumer and commercial credit information company in Brazil and offer consumer credit services in India and Russia through joint ventures.

Key Performance Indicators. Management focuses on a variety of key indicators to monitor operating and financial performance. These performance indicators include operating revenue, change in operating revenue, operating income, operating margin, net income attributable to Equifax, diluted earnings per share, cash provided by operating activities and capital expenditures. The key performance indicators for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

| | Key Performance Indicators | | | |
|--|--|---|----------|---|
| | Three Months Ended | | | |
| | March 31, | | 2011 | |
| | 2012 | | 2011 | |
| | (Dollars in millions, except per share data) | | | |
| Operating revenue | \$ 522.7 | | \$ 472.6 | |
| Operating revenue change | 11 | % | 7 | % |
| Operating income | \$ 129.0 | | \$ 109.1 | |
| Operating margin | 24.7 | % | 23.1 | % |
| Net income attributable to Equifax | \$ 71.5 | | \$ 57.3 | |
| Diluted earnings per share attributable to Equifax | \$ 0.58 | | \$ 0.46 | |
| Cash provided by operating activities | \$ 48.3 | | \$ 23.1 | |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 20.2 | | \$ 26.2 | |

Business Environment and Company Strategy

Consumer and small business lending activity is one of the key drivers of demand for our services. Lending activity is now growing at a moderate rate in most loan categories and markets we serve around the world, but lenders continue to demonstrate caution in loan decisions due to continuing concerns about consumer and small business credit quality and, in the U.S., about home values. Mortgage lending activity, which is an important lending category for our company, is cyclical, based on fluctuations in both home sales and refinancing activity. Mortgage activity associated with home sales is currently depressed, in part due to reduced home values, while mortgage refinancing activity accelerated in the fourth quarter of 2011 and first quarter of 2012 due to low interest rates. We expect that refinancing activity will decline over the course of the year, while we do not yet have indicators that would predict a near-term recovery in mortgage originations from home sales activity. These trends affect both our USCIS and TALX Workforce Solutions segments. In addition, new financial regulations are increasing the compliance requirements for many of our customers and introduce new challenges as well as opportunities in the marketing of our product and service offerings to our customers. Real time decision-making for many of our customers has become more complex and reliant on quality data assets with broad market coverage. Our proprietary technology is efficient and sufficiently

flexible to adapt to a broad array of decisioning applications. By linking data assets, we are able to develop high value solutions that improve the effectiveness of our customers' decision-making activities. In an effort to respond to these market conditions, we have focused on the following activities:

Further diversification of our revenues by pursuing and investing in key strategic initiatives including new product innovation, differentiated decisioning solutions and analytics, leveraging and broadening our diverse data assets and enhancing our technology platforms.

Intensifying our sales force focus on key customer accounts and broadening our product offerings to address the needs of our medium-to-smaller customers.

- Acquiring new data assets and technologies both domestically and internationally.
- Expanding and investing in attractive international markets, including Russia, India and Brazil.
- Continuing our focus on managing expenses through the use of LEAN and other process improvement initiatives.

During 2012, we expect a continuation of modest to moderate economic growth in most of our served markets. The environment will continue to be challenging as various countries deal with their particular political, budgetary, and economic issues. However, we currently expect that our ongoing investments in new product innovation, technology infrastructure, strategic acquisitions, enterprise growth initiatives, and continuous process improvement will enable us to deliver long term average organic revenue growth between 6% and 8% with additional growth of 1% to 2% derived from strategic acquisitions, and we expect to grow earnings per share at a somewhat faster rate than revenue as a result of operating and financial leverage. The diversity of our data assets, the strength of our analytical capabilities, and our proprietary decisioning technology has enabled us to consistently deliver high value solutions that our clients integrate into their business operations. As our clients' business environment becomes more difficult and competitive, these high value solutions will enable them to operate their businesses more efficiently and effectively.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS—THREE MONTHS ENDED MARCH 31, 2012 AND 2011**Consolidated Financial Results***Operating Revenue*

| Consolidated Operating Revenue | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|-------------------------------------|------------------------------|----------|---------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| | | | \$ | % |
| U.S. Consumer Information Solutions | \$ 217.7 | \$ 181.0 | \$ 36.7 | 20 % |
| International | 121.0 | 127.2 | (6.2) | -5 % |
| TALX Workforce Solutions | 113.7 | 99.4 | 14.3 | 14 % |
| North America Personal Solutions | 49.5 | 44.4 | 5.1 | 11 % |
| North America Commercial Solutions | 20.8 | 20.6 | 0.2 | 1 % |
| Consolidated operating revenue | \$ 522.7 | \$ 472.6 | \$ 50.1 | 11 % |

Revenue increased by 11% in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011. The deconsolidation of our Brazilian business, which resulted from the merger of our business into a larger entity during the second quarter of 2011, negatively impacted revenue by \$19.3 million for the first quarter of 2012, compared to the prior year, while all other revenue increased by 15% in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011, primarily driven by strong execution of key strategic initiatives. The effect of foreign exchange rates, in locations other than Brazil, reduced revenue by \$3.0 million in the first quarter compared to the year ago period.

Operating Expenses

| Consolidated Operating Expenses | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---|------------------------------|----------|---------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| | | | \$ | % |
| Consolidated cost of services | \$ 201.2 | \$ 192.0 | \$ 9.2 | 5 % |
| Consolidated selling, general and administrative expenses | 151.1 | 128.8 | 22.3 | 17 % |
| Consolidated depreciation and amortization expense | 41.4 | 42.7 | (1.3) | -3 % |
| Consolidated operating expenses | \$ 393.7 | \$ 363.5 | \$ 30.2 | 8 % |

The increase in cost of services, when compared to the first quarter of 2011, was due to the impact of increased salary expense, direct production expenses and contract services expenses of \$19.2 million for the first quarter resulting from business growth, partially offset by decreases related to the deconsolidation of our Brazilian business, and also by the impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates of \$0.8 million.

Selling, general and administrative expense increased \$22.3 million in the first quarter compared to the year ago quarter. The increase was primarily due to increased salary, benefits and incentive expense of \$21.9 million and higher advertising and contract services expenses offset by decreases related to the deconsolidation of our Brazilian business. The impact of changes in foreign currency exchange rates decreased our selling, general and administrative expense by \$0.8 million for the first quarter of 2012.

Depreciation and amortization expense decreased in 2012 over the same period in 2011, primarily due to the decline in amortization of certain purchased intangibles acquired as part of the TALX acquisition in 2007 which fully amortized during 2011 and the amortization and depreciation decrease resulting from the deconsolidation of our Brazilian business. This decrease was partially offset by our two 2011 acquisitions within TALX Workforce Solutions that contributed \$1.3 million of incremental depreciation and amortization expense.

Operating Income and Operating Margin

| Consolidated Operating Income | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---------------------------------|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| (Dollars in millions) | | | \$ | % |
| Consolidated operating revenue | \$522.7 | \$472.6 | \$50.1 | 11 % |
| Consolidated operating expenses | (393.7) | (363.5) | (30.2) | 8 % |
| Consolidated operating income | \$129.0 | \$109.1 | \$19.9 | 18 % |
| Consolidated operating margin | 24.7 % | 23.1 % | | 1.6%pts |

Operating income for the first quarter of 2012 increased faster than revenue and operating margins increased by 160 basis points to 24.7% compared to a year ago due primarily to the deconsolidation of Brazil, which had negatively impacted company margins a year ago, and improvements in margins in our USCIS and TALX Workforce Solutions businesses driven by revenue growth, partially offset by the impact of higher corporate expenses.

Other Expense, Net

| Consolidated Other Expense, Net | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|----------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| (Dollars in millions) | | | \$ | % |
| Consolidated interest expense | \$13.8 | \$13.8 | \$- | 0 % |
| Consolidated other income, net | (1.4) | (0.3) | (1.1) | nm |
| Consolidated other expense, net | \$12.4 | \$13.5 | \$(1.1) | -8 % |
| Average cost of debt | 5.6 % | 5.4 % | | |
| Total consolidated debt, net, at quarter end | \$982.3 | \$1,015.5 | \$(33.2) | -3 % |

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Interest expense was flat for the first quarter of 2012, when compared to the same period in 2011. Our consolidated debt balance has decreased at March 31, 2012, as a result of less borrowings in the form of commercial paper, on which interest rates and accordingly interest expense are currently very low. The increase in the average cost of debt for the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the 2011 period is due to less low rate commercial paper outstanding on average year to date which caused the average cost of debt to increase as compared to the prior year period.

Other income, net, for the first quarter of 2012 increased when compared to the same period in 2011 driven by higher income from our investment in Russia as compared to the prior year period.

Income Taxes

| Consolidated Provision for Income Taxes | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---|------------------------------|---------|--------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | | | \$ | % |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| Consolidated provision for income taxes | \$ 42.9 | \$ 36.3 | \$ 6.6 | 18 % |
| Effective income tax rate | 36.8 % | 37.9 % | | |

Consolidated income taxes increased from the prior year due to growth in pre-tax income. Our effective income tax rate was 36.8% for the first quarter of 2012, down from 37.9% for the same period in 2011. The decrease is primarily due to foreign tax benefits that are expected to be realized in the current year as compared to the prior year period.

Net Income

| Consolidated Net Income | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|--|---|----------|---------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | | | \$ | % |
| | (In millions, except per share amounts) | | | |
| Consolidated operating income | \$ 129.0 | \$ 109.1 | \$ 19.9 | 18 % |
| Consolidated other expense, net | (12.4) | (13.5) | 1.1 | -8 % |
| Consolidated provision for income taxes | (42.9) | (36.3) | (6.6) | 18 % |
| Consolidated net income | 73.7 | 59.3 | 14.4 | 24 % |
| Net income attributable to noncontrolling interests | (2.2) | (2.0) | (0.2) | 9 % |
| Net income attributable to Equifax | \$ 71.5 | \$ 57.3 | \$ 14.2 | 25 % |
| Diluted earnings per common share attributable to Equifax | \$ 0.58 | \$ 0.46 | \$ 0.12 | 27 % |
| Weighted-average shares used in computing diluted earnings per share | 122.4 | 124.7 | | |

Consolidated net income increased \$14.4 million, or 24%, in the first quarter of 2012, due to higher operating income in four of our five business segments as compared to the prior year period. Net income increased at a growth rate above the rate of growth in consolidated operating income due to the decrease in other expense, net, and a decrease in our effective income tax rate compared to a year ago.

Segment Financial Results**USCIS**

| | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|--|------------------------------|---------|--------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| U.S. Consumer Information Solutions | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| Operating revenue: | | | | |
| Online Consumer Information Solutions (OCIS) | \$149.3 | \$120.2 | \$29.1 | 24 % |
| Mortgage Solutions | 34.3 | 27.3 | 7.0 | 26 % |
| Consumer Financial Marketing Services | 34.1 | 33.5 | 0.6 | 2 % |
| Total operating revenue | \$217.7 | \$181.0 | \$36.7 | 20 % |
| % of consolidated revenue | 42 % | 38 % | | |
| Total operating income | \$79.4 | \$61.7 | \$17.7 | 29 % |
| Operating margin | 36.5 % | 34.1 % | | 2.4%pts |

U.S. Consumer Information Solutions revenue increased 20% in the first quarter as compared to the prior year period due to growth across all of our USCIS business lines, particularly OCIS and Mortgage Solutions.

OCIS

Revenue for the first quarter of 2012 increased 24% when compared to the prior year period. These increases were primarily driven by a 16% increase in core credit decision transaction volume for the period. The rise in transaction volume is partially due to increases in the mortgage, automotive, and telecommunications industries. Revenue for the quarter also benefitted from subscription price increases implemented late in last year's first quarter, new products billed on a subscription rather than a transaction basis, and a shift in product mix to higher priced products. OCIS revenue growth rates are expected to trend back toward mid to upper single digit growth over the course of the year.

Mortgage Solutions

Revenue increased 26% for the three month period ended March 31, 2012 when compared to the prior year period due primarily to increased sales in core mortgage reporting services as a result of higher mortgage refinancings due to mortgage interest rates being at an all time low during the quarter. Revenue in settlement services also increased during the quarter also as a result of the favorable market conditions as well as increased market share from existing

customers.

Consumer Financial Marketing Services

2012 revenue increased, as compared to 2011, in the first quarter due to continued growth in traditional credit-based pre-screen and portfolio management revenue partially offset by a decline in wealth-based consumer information services due to reductions in use for credit marketing by some large financial institutions.

USCIS Operating Margin

USCIS operating margins increased by 240 basis points to 36.5% due to the benefits of strong revenue growth in a business with significant fixed costs.

International

| International | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------|----------|---------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| Operating revenue: | | | | |
| Latin America | \$46.5 | \$59.9 | \$(13.4) | -22% |
| Europe | 43.1 | 37.4 | 5.7 | 15% |
| Canada Consumer | 31.4 | 29.9 | 1.5 | 5% |
| Total operating revenue | \$121.0 | \$127.2 | \$(6.2) | -5% |
| % of consolidated revenue | 23% | 27% | | |
| Total operating income | \$38.5 | \$29.8 | \$8.7 | 29% |
| Operating margin | 31.8% | 23.4% | | 8.4%pts |

International revenue decreased by 5% in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year period. While the deconsolidation of Brazil negatively impacted revenue by \$19.3 million in the first quarter of 2012, revenue in our other geographies increased by 12% as compared to 2011. Local currency revenue, excluding Brazil, increased 15% in the first quarter of 2012 due to solid growth in Europe, Canada and other Latin American countries. Local currency fluctuations against the U.S. dollar, excluding Brazil, negatively impacted our International revenue by \$2.9 million, or 3%, in the first quarter.

Latin America

Revenue decreased by 22% in the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the prior year period. While the deconsolidation of Brazil negatively impacted revenue by \$19.3 million in the first quarter of 2012, revenue in our other Latin American countries increased 15% in the first quarter. Local currency revenue, excluding Brazil, increased by 18% in the current year period due to broad-based growth across other Latin American countries. Local currency fluctuations against the U.S. dollar, excluding Brazil, negatively impacted revenue by \$1.3 million, or 3%, in the first three months of 2012 compared to a year ago.

Europe

Revenue increased in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same period in 2011 due to increased sales in most product segments and the impact of a first quarter 2011 acquisition. In local currency, revenue growth was 18% in the first quarter of 2011 and growth was in the mid teens excluding the impact of the acquisition completed in 2011. Local currency fluctuations against the U.S. dollar negatively impacted revenue by \$1.1 million, or 3%, in the first quarter of

2012.

Canada Consumer

Revenue increased in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the prior year period due to increased volumes for our technology and analytical services products. In local currency, revenue was up 7% from the first quarter of 2011. Local currency fluctuations against the U.S. dollar negatively impacted revenue by \$0.5 million, or 2%, in the first quarter.

International Operating Margin

Operating margin increased in the first quarter of 2012 as compared to the prior year period primarily due to the deconsolidation of our Brazilian business, whose margins had declined in recent periods.

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TALX WORKFORCE SOLUTIONS

| TALX Workforce Solutions | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | | | \$ | % |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| Operating revenue: | | | | |
| Verification Services | \$56.8 | \$41.4 | \$15.4 | 37 % |
| Employer Services | 56.9 | 58.0 | (1.1) | -2 % |
| Total operating revenue | \$113.7 | \$99.4 | \$14.3 | 14 % |
| % of consolidated revenue | 22 % | 21 % | | |
| Total operating income | \$26.2 | \$21.7 | \$4.5 | 20 % |
| Operating margin | 23.0 % | 21.9 % | | 1.1 %pts |

Verification Services

Revenue from Verification Services increased in the first quarter of 2012, compared to the prior year period, due to 28% growth in mortgage-related verification revenue due to the strong level of mortgage refinancing activity during the quarter, 16% growth in non-mortgage verification revenue, and the benefit of our third quarter 2011 acquisition of DataVision Resources.

Employer Services

The decrease in revenue during the first quarter of 2012, as compared to the same period in 2011, resulted primarily from a decline in our Tax Management Services business related to unemployment cost management partially offset by revenue growth in our transaction-based complementary services.

TALX Workforce Solutions Operating Margin

Operating margin for the first quarter of 2012 increased as compared to the prior year period. The increase in margin was driven by the revenue growth during the quarter.

North America Personal Solutions

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| North America Personal Solutions | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|----------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|--------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | | | \$ | % |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| Total operating revenue | \$49.5 | \$44.4 | \$5.1 | 11 % |
| % of consolidated revenue | 9 % | 10 % | | |
| Total operating income | \$14.0 | \$12.7 | \$1.3 | 10 % |
| Operating margin | 28.3 % | 28.7 % | | -0.4 %pts |

Revenue increased 11% for the three month period ended March 31, 2012, as compared to the same period in the prior year primarily due to increased direct to consumer, Equifax-branded subscription service revenue which was up 21%. The increase was driven by both higher subscription sales and higher average revenue per subscriber due to new product offerings and better market segmentation. Operating margin slightly decreased in the first quarter of 2012, as compared to the prior year period, primarily due to an increase in advertising.

North America Commercial Solutions

| North America Commercial Solutions | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|------------------------------------|------------------------------|--------|---------|-----------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| Total operating revenue | \$20.8 | \$20.6 | \$0.2 | 1 % |
| % of consolidated revenue | 4 % | 4 % | | |
| Total operating income | \$3.5 | \$5.1 | \$(1.6) | -32 % |
| Operating margin | 16.8 % | 24.9 % | | -8.1 %pts |

Revenue increased for the first quarter of 2012, as compared to the same period in the prior year, by 1% in both reported and local currency. Transaction-based revenue serving credit risk needs of our customers, which represents approximately 60% of our revenue, grew by 10% over the prior year. This growth was largely offset by a 10% decline in project-oriented revenue as customers delayed or canceled certain small business marketing programs given the uncertain environment for small businesses. Operating margin decreased in the current year period due to a 12% increase in operating expenses as the business continues to invest in its longer term strategy despite the current slowdown in demand for marketing services.

General Corporate Expense

| General Corporate Expense | Three Months Ended March 31, | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------------------|---------|---------|------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | Change | |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | | |
| General corporate expense | \$ 32.6 | \$ 21.9 | \$ 10.7 | 49 % |

Our general corporate expenses are unallocated costs that are incurred at the corporate level and include those expenses impacted by corporate direction, such as shared services, administrative, legal, restructuring and equity compensation costs. General corporate expenses increased by \$10.7 million for the first quarter of 2012, compared to the same period in 2011, primarily due to a change in the timing of management equity grants from the second quarter in 2011 to the first quarter in 2012, increased incentive compensation due to stronger first quarter results than is our normal pattern, and increased investment in corporate infrastructure initiatives.

LIQUIDITY AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

Management assesses liquidity in terms of our ability to generate cash to fund operating, investing and financing activities. We continue to generate substantial cash from operating activities and remain in a strong financial position, with resources available for reinvestment in existing businesses, strategic acquisitions and managing our capital structure to meet short- and long-term objectives.

Sources and Uses of Cash

Funds generated by operating activities and our credit facilities continue to be our most significant sources of liquidity. We expect that funds generated from results of operations will be sufficient to finance our anticipated working capital and other cash requirements (such as capital expenditures, interest payments, potential pension funding contributions and dividend payments) for the foreseeable future. If borrowings were needed, we would expect to borrow in the commercial paper or corporate bond markets; or in the event that credit market conditions were to deteriorate, we would rely more heavily on borrowings from the Senior Credit Facility as described below. At March 31, 2012, \$498.6 million was available to borrow under our Senior Credit Facility. Our Senior Credit Facility does not include a provision under which lenders could refuse to allow us to borrow under this facility in the event of a material adverse change in our financial condition, as long as we are in compliance with the covenants contained in the lending agreement.

The following table summarizes our cash flows for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

| Net cash provided by (used in): | Three Months Ended March 31, Change | | |
|---------------------------------|--|------------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 vs. 2011 |
| | (Dollars in millions) | | |
| Operating activities | \$ 48.3 | \$ 23.1 | \$ 25.2 |
| Investing activities | \$ (20.2) | \$ (59.6) | \$ 39.4 |
| Financing activities | \$ (30.7) | \$ 1.6 | \$ (32.3) |

Operating Activities

Cash provided by operating activities in the three months ended March 31, 2012 increased by \$25.2 million over the prior year. Cash provided from net income increased by \$14.4 million. The remaining increase in cash from operations was driven primarily by a \$10 million pension contribution in the first quarter of 2011 that did not recur in 2012.

Fund Transfer Limitations. The ability of certain of our subsidiaries and associated companies to transfer funds to us is limited, in some cases, by certain restrictions imposed by foreign governments. These restrictions do not, individually or in the aggregate, materially limit our ability to service our indebtedness, meet our current obligations or pay dividends. We currently hold \$112.3 million of cash in our foreign subsidiaries.

Investing Activities

Capital Expenditures

| Net cash used in: | Three Months Ended March 31, Change | | |
|----------------------|--|---------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 vs. 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | |
| Capital expenditures | \$ 20.2 | \$ 26.2 | \$ (6.0) |

Our capital expenditures are used for developing, enhancing and deploying new and existing software in support of our expanding product set, replacing or adding facilities and equipment, updating systems for regulatory compliance,

the licensing of software applications and investing in system reliability, security and disaster recovery enhancements. Capital expenditures in 2011 were higher than 2012 primarily due to the purchase of a building in our TALX Workforce Solutions segment during the first quarter of 2011.

Acquisitions, Divestitures and Investments

| Net cash provided by (used in): | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|------------------------------|---------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 vs. 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | |
| Acquisitions, net of cash acquired | \$ - | \$ 30.7 | \$ (30.7) |
| Investment in unconsolidated affiliates, net | \$ - | \$ 2.7 | \$ (2.7) |

During the first quarter of 2011, we invested \$30.7 million in acquisitions, net of cash acquired. We acquired information services businesses in the European and Latin American regions of our International segment. During the first quarter of 2011, we also invested \$2.7 million in our joint venture in India.

Financing Activities**Borrowings and Credit Facility Availability**

| Net cash provided by (used in): | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|--|------------------------------|-----------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 vs. 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | |
| Net short-term borrowings (repayments) | \$ (30.2) | \$ 19.8 | \$ (50.0) |
| Payments on long-term debt | \$ - | \$ (1.7) | \$ 1.7 |

Credit Facility Availability

Our principal unsecured revolving credit facility with a group of banks, which we refer to as the Senior Credit Facility, permits us to borrow up to \$500.0 million through February 2015. The Senior Credit Facility may be used for general corporate purposes. Availability of the Senior Credit Facility for borrowings is reduced by the outstanding face amount of any letters of credit issued under the facility and, pursuant to our existing Board of Directors authorization, by the outstanding principal amount of our commercial paper notes, or CP.

Our \$500.0 million CP program has been established to allow for borrowing through the private placement of CP with maturities ranging from overnight to 397 days. We may use the proceeds of CP for general corporate purposes. The CP program is supported by our Senior Credit Facility and, pursuant to our existing Board of Directors authorization, the total amount of CP which may be issued is reduced by the amount of any outstanding borrowings under our Senior Credit Facility.

At March 31, 2012, there were no borrowings outstanding under our Senior Credit Facility and CP program. At March 31, 2012, a total of \$498.6 million was available under our Senior Credit Facility.

At March 31, 2012, 71% of our debt was fixed-rate debt and 29% was effectively variable-rate debt. Our variable-rate debt, consisting of our five-year senior notes due 2014 (against which we have executed interest rate swaps to convert interest expense from fixed rates to floating rates), generally bears interest based on a specified margin plus a base rate (LIBOR). The interest rates reset periodically, depending on the terms of the respective financing arrangements. At March 31, 2012, the interest rate on our variable-rate debt ranged from 2.07% to 2.29%.

Borrowing and Repayment Activity

Net short-term borrowings (repayments) primarily represent activity under our CP program. We primarily borrow under our CP program, when available.

The decrease in net short-term borrowings (repayments) primarily reflects the net repayment of CP notes during the first quarter of 2012 as compared the borrowing of \$23.0 million of CP notes during the first three months of 2011 as we decreased our use of CP.

Debt Covenants. A downgrade in our credit ratings would increase the cost of borrowings under our CP program and credit facilities, and could limit or, in the case of a significant downgrade, preclude our ability to issue CP. Our outstanding indentures and comparable instruments also contain customary covenants including, for example, limits on the incurrence of secured debt and sale/leaseback transactions. In addition, our Senior Credit Facility requires us to maintain a maximum leverage ratio of not more than 3.5. Our leverage ratio was 1.51 at March 31, 2012. None of these covenants are considered restrictive to our operations and, as of March 31, 2012, we were in compliance with all of our debt covenants.

We do not have any credit rating triggers that would accelerate the maturity of a material amount of our outstanding debt; however, our 6.3% Senior Notes due 2017 and 7.0% Senior Notes due 2037 (together, the “Senior Notes”) contain

change of control provisions. If we experience a change of control or publicly announce our intention to effect a change of control and the rating on the Senior Notes is lowered by each of Standard & Poor's, or S&P, and Moody's Investors Service, or Moody's, below an investment grade rating within 60 days of such change of control or notice thereof, we will be required to offer to repurchase the Senior Notes at a price equal to 101% of the aggregate principal amount of the Senior Notes plus accrued and unpaid interest.

For additional information about our debt, including the terms of our financing arrangements, basis for variable interest rates and debt covenants, see Note 5 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

Equity Transactions

| Net cash provided by (used in): | Three Months Ended March 31, | | |
|---|------------------------------|------------|---------------|
| | 2012 | 2011 | 2012 vs. 2011 |
| | (In millions) | | |
| Dividends paid to Equifax shareholders | \$ (21.2) | \$ (19.6) | \$ (1.6) |
| Proceeds from exercise of stock options | \$ 20.6 | \$ 5.1 | \$ 15.5 |
| Excess tax benefits from stock-based compensation plans | \$ 0.5 | \$ 0.5 | \$ - |

Sources and uses of cash related to equity during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011 were as follows:

We increased our quarterly dividend from \$0.16 per share previously to \$0.18 per share as announced in the first quarter of 2012. Accordingly, our dividends per share were \$0.18 and \$0.16 per share for the three month periods ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively. We paid cash dividends to Equifax shareholders of \$21.2 million and \$19.6 million during the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, respectively.

We received cash of \$20.6 million and \$5.1 million during the first three months of 2012 and 2011, respectively, from the exercise of stock options.

At March 31, 2012, the Company had approximately \$112.1 million remaining for stock repurchases under the existing Board authorization.

Contractual Obligations, Commercial Commitments and Other Contingencies

Our contractual obligations have not changed materially from those reported in our 2011 Form 10-K. For additional information about certain obligations and contingencies, including those related to Computer Sciences Corporation and the Brazilian Transaction, see Note 2 and Note 6 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-Q.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

There have been no material changes with respect to our off-balance sheet arrangements from those presented in our 2011 Form 10-K.

Related Party Transactions

We engage in various transactions and arrangements with related parties. We believe the terms of the transactions and arrangements do not differ from those that would have been negotiated with an independent party.

Benefit Plans

At December 31, 2011, our U.S. Retirement Income Plan, or USRIP, met or exceeded ERISA's minimum funding requirements. In the future, we expect to make minimum funding contributions as required and may make discretionary contributions, depending on certain circumstances, including market conditions and our liquidity needs. We believe additional funding contributions, if any, would not prevent us from continuing to meet our liquidity needs, which are primarily funded from cash flows generated by operating activities, available cash and cash equivalents, and our committed credit facilities.

For our non-U.S., tax-qualified retirement plans, we fund an amount sufficient to meet minimum funding requirements but no more than allowed as a tax deduction pursuant to applicable tax regulations. For our non-qualified supplementary retirement plans, we fund the benefits as they are paid to retired participants, but accrue the associated expense and liabilities in accordance with GAAP.

For additional information about our benefit plans, see Note 11 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

Seasonality

We experience seasonality in certain of our revenue streams. Revenue generated by the online consumer information services component of our USCIS operating segment are typically the lowest during the first quarter, when consumer lending activity is at a seasonal low. Revenue generated from the Employer Services business unit within the TALX Workforce Solutions operating segment is generally higher in the first quarter due primarily to the provision of Form W-2 preparation services which occur in the first quarter each year. Revenue generated from our financial wealth asset products in Consumer Financial Marketing Services (CFMS) and from data management services in our North America Commercial business are generally higher in the fourth quarter each year due to the significant portion of our annual renewals which occur in the fourth quarter of each year.

RECENT ACCOUNTING PRONOUNCEMENTS

For information about new accounting pronouncements and the potential impact on our Consolidated Financial Statements, see Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-Q and Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in our 2011 Form 10-K.

APPLICATION OF CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with GAAP requires our management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities, revenues and expenses and related disclosures of contingent assets and liabilities in our Consolidated Financial Statements and the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements. We believe the most complex and sensitive judgments, because of their significance to the Consolidated Financial Statements, result primarily from the need to make estimates and assumptions about the effects of matters that are inherently uncertain. The “Application of Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates” section in the MD&A, and Note 1 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements, in our 2011 Form 10-K describe the significant

accounting estimates and policies used in the preparation of our Consolidated Financial Statements. Although we believe that our estimates, assumptions and judgments are reasonable, they are based upon information available at the time. Actual results may differ significantly from these estimates under different assumptions, judgments or conditions.

ITEM 3. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

For information regarding our exposure to certain market risks, see “Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures about Market Risk,” in Part II, Item 7A of our 2011 Form 10-K. There were no material changes to our market risk exposure during the three months ended March 31, 2012.

ITEM 4. CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

As of the end of the period covered by this report, an evaluation was carried out by the Company’s management, with the participation of our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer, of the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934). Based upon that evaluation, our Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer concluded that these disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this report. In addition, no change in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rule 13a-15(f) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934) occurred during our most recent fiscal quarter that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

PART II. OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

Equifax, certain of its subsidiaries, and other persons have been named as parties in various legal actions and administrative proceedings arising in connection with the operation of Equifax's businesses. In most cases, plaintiffs seek unspecified damages and other relief. These actions include the following:

California Bankruptcy Litigation. In consolidated actions filed in the U.S. District Court for the Central District of California, captioned *Terri N. White, et al. v. Equifax Information Services LLC, Jose Hernandez v. Equifax Information Services LLC, Kathryn L. Pike v. Equifax Information Services LLC, and Jose L. Acosta, Jr., et al. v. Trans Union LLC, et al.*, plaintiffs asserted that Equifax violated federal and state law (the FCRA, the California Credit Reporting Act and the California Unfair Competition Law) by failing to follow reasonable procedures to determine whether credit accounts are discharged in bankruptcy, including the method for updating the status of an account following a bankruptcy discharge. On August 20, 2008, the District Court approved a Settlement Agreement and Release providing for certain changes in the procedures used by defendants to record discharges in bankruptcy on consumer credit files. That settlement resolved claims for injunctive relief, but not plaintiffs' claims for damages. On May 7, 2009, the District Court issued an order preliminarily approving an agreement to settle remaining class claims. The District Court subsequently deferred final approval of the settlement and required the settling parties to send a supplemental notice to those class members who filed a claim and objected to the settlement or opted out, with the cost for the re-notice to be deducted from the plaintiffs' counsel fee award. Mailing of the supplemental notice was completed on February 15, 2011. The deadline for this group of settling plaintiffs to provide additional documentation to support their damage claims or to opt-out of the settlement was March 31, 2011. On July 15, 2011, following another approval hearing, the District Court approved the settlement. Several objecting plaintiffs subsequently filed notices of appeal to the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, which are currently pending.

Other. Equifax has been named as a defendant in various other legal actions, including administrative claims, class actions and other litigation arising in connection with our business. Some of the legal actions include claims for substantial compensatory or punitive damages or claims for indeterminate amounts of damages. We believe we have strong defenses to, and where appropriate, will vigorously contest, many of these matters. Given the number of these matters, some are likely to result in adverse judgments, penalties, injunctions, fines or other relief. However, we do not believe that these litigation matters will be individually material to our financial condition or results of operations. We may explore potential settlements before a case is taken through trial because of the uncertainty and risks inherent in the litigation process.

For information regarding our accounting for legal contingencies, see Note 7 of the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements in this Form 10-Q.

ITEM 1A. RISK FACTORS

There have been no material changes with respect to the risk factors disclosed in our 2011 Form 10-K.

ITEM 2. UNREGISTERED SALES OF EQUITY SECURITIES AND USE OF PROCEEDS

The following table contains information with respect to purchases made by or on behalf of Equifax or any “affiliated purchaser” (as defined in Rule 10b-18(a) (3) under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934), of our common stock during our first quarter ended March 31, 2012:

| Period | Total Number of Shares Purchased (1) | Average Price Paid Per Share (2) | Total Number of Shares Purchased as Part of Publicly-Announced Plans or Programs | Maximum Number (or Approximate Dollar Value) of Shares that May Yet Be Purchased Under the Plans or Programs (3) |
|--------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--|
| December 1 - December 31, 2011 | | | | \$ 112,127,299 |
| January 1 - January 31, 2012 | 3,545 | \$ - | - | \$ 112,127,299 |
| February 1 - February 29, 2012 | 4,933 | \$ - | - | \$ 112,127,299 |
| March 1 - March 31, 2012 | 650 | \$ - | - | \$ 112,127,299 |
| Total | 9,128 | \$ - | - | \$ 112,127,299 |

(1) The total number of shares purchased for the quarter includes shares surrendered, or deemed surrendered, in satisfaction of the exercise price and/or to satisfy tax withholding obligations in connection with the exercise of employee stock options, totaling 3,545 shares for the month of January 2012, 4,933 shares for the month of February 2012, and 650 shares for the month of March 2012.

(2) Average price paid per share for shares purchased as part of our share repurchase program (includes brokerage commissions).

(3) At March 31, 2012, the amount authorized for future share repurchases under the share repurchase program was \$112.1 million. The program does not have a stated expiration date.

Dividend and Share Repurchase Restrictions

Our Senior Credit Facility restricts our ability to pay cash dividends on our capital stock or repurchase capital stock if a default or event of default exists or would result, according to the terms of the credit agreement.

ITEM 6. EXHIBITS

Exhibit No. Description

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| 31.1 | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Executive Officer |
| 31.2 | Rule 13a-14(a) Certification of Chief Financial Officer |
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| 101.INS | XBRL Instance Document |

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101.SCH XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document
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101.LAB XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase
101.PRE XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase
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SIGNATURES

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

Equifax Inc.
(Registrant)

Date: April 26, 2012 By: /s/ Richard F. Smith
Richard F. Smith
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer
(Principal Executive Officer)

Date: April 26, 2012 /s/ Lee Adrean
Lee Adrean
Corporate Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer
(Principal Financial Officer)

Date: April 26, 2012 /s/ Nuala M. King
Nuala M. King
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