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#### Fellow Stockholders:

We are pleased to invite you to attend the 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Liquidity Services, Inc. to be held on Thursday, February 27, 2014, at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, at the offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, located at 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

Details regarding admission to the Annual Meeting and the business to be conducted are more fully described in the accompanying Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement.

Your vote is important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we hope you will vote as soon as possible. You may vote over the Internet, by telephone or by mailing a proxy or voting instruction card. Voting over the Internet, by phone or by written proxy will ensure your representation at the Annual Meeting regardless of whether you attend in person. Please review the instructions on the proxy or voting instruction card regarding each of these voting options.

Thank you for your ongoing support and continued interest in Liquidity Services, Inc.

Sincerely,

/s/ WILLIAM P. ANGRICK, III

WILLIAM P. ANGRICK, III Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer

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#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF LIQUIDITY SERVICES, INC. STOCKHOLDERS

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Stockholders' Meeting to be Held on February 27, 2014: This Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement, Annual Report and Other Proxy Materials are Available at www.envisionreports.com/LQDT.

**Time and Date** 

3:00 p.m., Eastern Time, on February 27, 2014. Place

The offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, located at 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington,

DC 20036.

**Items of Business** 

Elect the three Class II directors named in the proxy statement to the Board of Directors to hold office until our Annual Meeting of Stockholders in 2017 or until their respective successors have been

elected or appointed;

Ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm

for fiscal 2014:

Approve an advisory resolution on executive compensation;

Re-approve the material terms of the performance goals under the 2006 Omnibus Long-Term

Incentive Plan; and

Transact any other business that may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or

postponement of the Annual Meeting.

Adjournments and **Postponements** 

Any action on the items of business described above may be considered at the Annual Meeting at the time and on the date specified above or at any time and date to which the Annual Meeting may be

properly adjourned or postponed.

**Record Date** You are entitled to notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting and at any adjournment or

postponement that may take place only if you were a stockholder as of the close of business on

January 14, 2014.

**Annual Meeting Admission** 

You will need an admission ticket or proof of ownership to enter the Annual Meeting. If your shares are held beneficially in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee and you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you must present proof of your ownership of Liquidity Services stock, such as a bank or brokerage account statement, to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. If you would rather have an admission ticket, you may obtain one in advance by mailing a written request, along with proof of your ownership of Liquidity Services stock, to: Liquidity Services, Inc., Attn: Julie Davis, 1920 L Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20036. All stockholders also must present a form of personal identification in order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. No cameras, recording equipment, electronic devices, large bags, briefcases or packages will be permitted in the Annual Meeting.

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### Voting

Your vote is very important. Whether or not you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, we encourage you to read this proxy statement and submit your proxy or voting instruction card as soon as possible. You may submit your proxy or voting instruction card for the Annual Meeting by completing, signing, dating and returning your proxy or voting instruction card in the pre-addressed envelope provided, or, in most cases, by using the telephone or the Internet. For specific instructions on how to vote your shares, please refer to the section entitled "Questions and Answers" beginning on page 1 of this proxy statement and the instructions on the proxy or voting instruction card. You may revoke a proxy prior to its exercise at the Annual Meeting by following the instructions in the accompanying proxy statement. Any stockholder attending the Annual Meeting may personally vote on all matters that are considered, in which event the signed proxy will be revoked.

This Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxy statement, proxy card and voting instructions and our 2013 Annual Report are first being mailed on or about January 27, 2014.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ JAMES E. WILLIAMS

JAMES E. WILLIAMS

Vice President, General Counsel and Corporate Secretary

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# LIQUIDITY SERVICES, INC.

1920 L STREET, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> FLOOR WASHINGTON, DC 20036

#### PROXY STATEMENT

#### **QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS**

#### Why did I receive these proxy materials?

We are sending you this proxy statement as part of a solicitation by the Board of Directors of Liquidity Services, Inc. for use at our 2014 Annual Meeting of Stockholders (the "Annual Meeting") and at any adjournment or postponement that may take place. Unless the context otherwise requires, the terms "us," "we," "our" and the "Company" include Liquidity Services, Inc. and its consolidated subsidiaries.

You are invited to attend our Annual Meeting on Thursday, February 27, 2014, beginning at 3:00 p.m., Eastern Time. The Annual Meeting will be held at the offices of Gibson, Dunn & Crutcher LLP, located at 1050 Connecticut Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20036.

This Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxy statement, proxy card and voting instructions and our 2013 Annual Report are first being mailed on or about January 27, 2014.

#### Do I need a ticket to attend the Annual Meeting?

You will need an admission ticket or proof of ownership to enter the Annual Meeting. If you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, please vote your proxy prior to the Annual Meeting but keep the admission ticket and bring it with you to the Annual Meeting.

If your shares are held beneficially in the name of a broker, bank or other nominee and you plan to attend the Annual Meeting, you must present proof of your ownership of Liquidity Services common stock, such as a bank or brokerage account statement, to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. If you would rather have an admission ticket, you may obtain one in advance by mailing a written request, along with proof of your ownership of Liquidity Services stock, to:

Liquidity Services, Inc. Attn: Julie Davis 1920 L Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor Washington, DC 20036

All stockholders also must present a form of personal identification in order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting.

No cameras, recording equipment, electronic devices, large bags, briefcases or packages will be permitted in the Annual Meeting.

### Who is entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

Holders of Liquidity Services common stock at the close of business on January 14, 2014 (the "Record Date") are entitled to receive this Notice and to vote their shares at the Annual Meeting. As of the Record Date, there were 32,219,772 shares of common stock outstanding and entitled to vote. All holders of common stock shall vote together as a single class on each matter properly brought before the Annual Meeting.

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#### What is the difference between holding shares as a stockholder of record and as a beneficial owner?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with Liquidity Services' transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., you are considered the "stockholder of record" with respect to those shares. The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxy statement, proxy card and voting instructions and our fiscal 2013 Annual Report have been sent directly to you by Liquidity Services.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the "beneficial owner" of shares held in street name. Access to the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders, proxy statement, voting instruction card and voting instructions and our fiscal 2013 Annual Report are being provided to you by your bank, broker or other nominee, who is considered the stockholder of record with respect to those shares. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank or other nominee on how to vote your shares by using the voting instruction card included in the mailing or by following their instructions for voting by telephone or on the Internet (if available).

#### How do I vote?

You may vote using any of the following methods:

#### By Mail

Complete, sign and date the proxy card or voting instruction card and return it in the prepaid envelope. If you are a stockholder of record and you return your signed proxy card but do not indicate your voting preferences, the persons named in the proxy card will vote the shares represented by that proxy in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors set forth under "What are the voting requirements for the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?" below.

If you are a stockholder of record, and the prepaid envelope is missing, please mail your completed proxy card to Liquidity Services, Inc., 1920 L Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, Attn: Corporate Secretary.

### By Telephone or on the Internet

The telephone and Internet voting procedures established by Liquidity Services for stockholders of record are designed to authenticate your identity, allow you to give your voting instructions and confirm that those instructions have been properly recorded.

You may vote by calling the toll-free telephone number on your proxy card. Please have your proxy card in hand when you call. Easy-to-follow voice prompts allow you to vote your shares and confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. If you are located outside the United States, see your proxy card for additional instructions.

The website for Internet voting is www.envisionreports.com/LQDT for shares directly held with Liquidity Services' transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., and www.edocumentview.com/LQDT for shares held by beneficial owners in street name. Please have your proxy card available when you go online. As with telephone voting, you can confirm that your instructions have been properly recorded. If you vote on the Internet, you also can request electronic delivery of future proxy materials.

Telephone and Internet voting facilities for stockholders of record will be available 24 hours a day, and will close at 11:59 p.m., Eastern Time, on February 26, 2014.

The availability of telephone and Internet voting for beneficial owners will depend on the voting processes of your broker, bank or other nominee, and we recommend that you follow the voting instructions in the materials you receive from them.

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If you vote by telephone or on the Internet, you do not have to return your proxy card or voting instruction card.

#### In Person at the Annual Meeting

All stockholders of record may vote in person at the Annual Meeting. You will need an admission ticket or proof of ownership to enter the Annual Meeting. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you must present proof of your ownership of Liquidity Services stock, such as a bank or brokerage account statement, to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. If you would rather have an admission ticket, you may obtain one in advance by mailing a written request, along with proof of your ownership of Liquidity Services stock, to: Liquidity Services, Inc., Attn: Julie Davis, 1920 L Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20036. All stockholders also must present a form of personal identification in order to be admitted to the Annual Meeting. No cameras, recording equipment, electronic devices, large bags, briefcases or packages will be permitted in the Annual Meeting.

You may also be represented by another person at the Annual Meeting by executing a legal proxy designating that person. If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you must obtain a legal proxy from your broker, bank or other nominee and present it to the inspectors of election with your ballot to be able to vote at the Annual Meeting.

#### What can I do if I change my mind after I vote my shares?

If you are a stockholder of record, you can revoke your proxy before it is exercised by:

sending written notice to the Corporate Secretary of the Company;

delivering a valid, later-dated proxy or a later-dated vote by telephone or on the Internet prior to the Annual Meeting; or

voting in person at the Annual Meeting.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you can revoke your proxy before it is exercised by submitting new voting instructions by contacting your broker, bank or other nominee. You may also vote in person at the Annual Meeting if you obtain a legal proxy as described in the answer to the previous question.

All shares represented by properly executed proxies received prior to the Annual Meeting and not revoked will be voted in accordance with the instructions indicated in such proxies. Properly executed proxies that do not contain voting instructions will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board of Directors set forth under "What are the voting requirements for the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?" below.

#### What shares can I vote?

You can vote all shares that you owned on the Record Date. These shares include (1) shares held directly in your name as the stockholder of record; and (2) shares held for you as the beneficial owner through a broker, bank or other nominee. Each outstanding share of Liquidity Services stock entitles its holder to cast one vote for each director nominee and one vote on each other matter to be voted upon.

# What is "householding" and how does it affect me?

We have adopted a procedure approved by the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC") called "householding." Under this procedure, stockholders of record who have the same address and last name and do not participate in electronic delivery of proxy materials will receive only one copy of our Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement and fiscal 2013 Annual Report,

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unless one or more of these stockholders notifies us that they wish to receive an individual copy. This procedure reduces our printing costs and postage fees and conserves natural resources.

Stockholders who participate in householding will continue to receive separate proxy cards.

If you are eligible for householding, but you and other stockholders of record with whom you share an address currently receive multiple copies of the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement and fiscal 2013 Annual Report, or if you hold stock in more than one account, and in either case you wish to receive only a single copy of each of these documents for your household, please contact our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A. (in writing: P.O. Box 30170, College Station, TX 77842-3170; from within the United States by telephone: (800) 662-7232; from outside the United States by telephone: (781) 575-2879).

If you participate in householding and wish to receive a separate copy of this Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement and fiscal 2013 Annual Report, please contact Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as indicated above and, upon written or oral request, a separate copy of these documents will be delivered to you promptly. Additionally, if you do not wish to participate in householding and prefer to receive separate copies of these documents in the future, please contact Computershare Trust Company, N.A., as indicated above.

If you are a beneficial owner of shares, you may request information about householding from your broker, bank or other nominee.

#### Is there a list of stockholders entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting?

The names of stockholders of record entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting will be available at the Annual Meeting and for ten days prior to the Annual Meeting for any purpose germane to the Annual Meeting, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., Eastern Time, at our principal executive offices at 1920 L Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20036, by contacting the Corporate Secretary of the Company.

#### How can I vote on each of the matters?

In the election of directors, you may vote "for" one or more of the nominees, or your vote may be "withheld" with respect to one or more of the nominees. For the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, approval of the advisory resolution on executive compensation and re-approval of the material terms of the performance goals under the 2006 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan, you may vote "for" or "against," or you may indicate that you wish to "abstain" from voting on the matter.

## What is the quorum requirement for the Annual Meeting?

The presence of the holders of a majority of the outstanding shares of common stock entitled to vote at the Annual Meeting, present in person or represented by proxy, is necessary to constitute a quorum. Abstentions and "broker non-votes" are counted as present and entitled to vote for purposes of determining a quorum. A "broker non-vote" occurs when a broker, bank or other nominee holding shares for a beneficial owner does not vote on a particular proposal because that holder does not have discretionary voting power for that particular item and has not received instructions from the beneficial owner.

Brokers, banks and other nominees are not permitted to vote without instructions from the beneficial owner in the election of directors, on the advisory resolution on executive compensation or on the material terms of the performance goals under the 2006 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan. Therefore, if your shares are held through a broker, bank or other nominee, they will not be voted on these matters unless you affirmatively vote your shares in one of the ways described above. If you are a

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beneficial owner, your broker, bank or other nominee is permitted to vote your shares on the ratification of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm even if the broker, bank or other nominee does not receive voting instructions from you.

#### What are the voting requirements for the matters to be voted on at the Annual Meeting?

A plurality of the votes cast is required for the election of directors. This means that the director nominees with the most "for" votes will be elected. Thus, shares as to which a stockholder withholds voting authority and broker non-votes will not be counted towards any director nominee's achievement of a plurality and will have no effect on the outcome of the election of directors. Stockholders may not cumulate their votes in favor of any one nominee.

A majority of the votes cast by stockholders present, in person or by proxy, at the meeting and entitled to vote on the matter is required to ratify the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm, to approve the advisory resolution on executive compensation and to re-approve the material terms of the performance goals under the 2006 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan. Abstentions and broker non-votes, if any, will not be counted as votes cast and will have no effect on the outcome of these items.

If you are a registered holder and sign your proxy card with no further instructions, your shares will be voted in accordance with the recommendations of the Board ("for" all director nominees named in the proxy statement, "for" the ratification of the appointment of Ernst & Young LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for fiscal 2014, "for" the approval of the advisory resolution on executive compensation and "for" the re-approval of the material terms of the performance goals under the 2006 Omnibus Long-Term Incentive Plan).

#### Could other matters be decided at the Annual Meeting?

As of the date of this proxy statement, we did not know of any matters to be acted on at the Annual Meeting other than those referred to in this proxy statement.

If other matters are properly presented at the Annual Meeting for consideration, the proxy holders named on the proxy card will have the discretion to vote on those matters for you.

#### Can I access the Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement on the Internet?

The Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and proxy statement are available under the Investors section of our website at www.liquidityservicesinc.com. Instead of receiving future copies of our proxy statement by mail, most stockholders can elect to receive an e-mail that will include electronic links to our proxy statement. Opting to receive your proxy materials online will save us the cost of producing and mailing documents to your home or business, and also will give you an electronic link to the proxy voting site.

Stockholders of Record: You may enroll in the electronic proxy delivery service at any time in the future by going directly to www.computershare.com/investor and following the enrollment instructions.

*Beneficial Owners:* If you hold your shares in a brokerage account, you also may have the opportunity to receive copies of these documents electronically. Please check the information provided in the proxy materials mailed to you by your broker, bank or other nominee regarding the availability of this service.

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#### Who will pay for the cost of this proxy solicitation?

We will pay the cost of soliciting proxies. Proxies may be solicited on our behalf by directors, officers or employees, acting without special compensation, in person or by telephone, electronic transmission or facsimile transmission.

#### Who will count the vote?

Representatives of our transfer agent, Computershare Trust Company, N.A., will tabulate the votes and act as inspectors of election.

#### GOVERNANCE OF THE COMPANY

#### **Our Guidelines of Corporate Governance**

The Board of Directors has adopted a set of corporate governance guidelines as a framework for the governance of the Company. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee reviews the guidelines periodically or more frequently if appropriate and recommends changes to the Board of Directors as appropriate. Our Corporate Governance Guidelines, as well as the charters of the Audit, Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation Committees, are available on our website, *www.liquidityservicesinc.com*, at "Investors Corporate Governance." Stockholders may request a free copy of any of these documents by sending a written request to our Corporate Secretary at Liquidity Services, Inc., 1920 L Street, NW, 6th Floor, Washington, DC 20036.

Among other matters, the Corporate Governance Guidelines contain the following items concerning the Board of Directors:

The Board of Directors, which is elected by the Company's stockholders, oversees the management of the Company and its business. The Board selects the senior management team, which is responsible for operating the Company's business, and monitors the performance of senior management. The Board also reviews the Company's long-term strategic plan and business unit initiatives at least annually.

A majority of the Board is made up of independent directors. An "independent" director is a director who meets, as determined by the Board, the then-current independence requirements of the SEC and the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., as applicable, for directors.

The Board has three standing committees: Audit, Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation. Each of the Audit, Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation Committees consists solely of independent directors. In addition, directors who serve on the Audit and Compensation Committees must meet additional, heightened independence criteria applicable to audit and compensation committee members, respectively. All committees report regularly to the full Board with respect to their activities.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee considers and makes recommendations to the Board regarding committee size, structure, composition and functioning. Committee members and chairs are recommended to the Board by the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee and are appointed by the full Board.

At the invitation of the Board, members of senior management may attend Board and/or committee meetings, or portions of such meetings, for the purpose of presenting matters to the Board and participating in discussions. Directors also have full and free access to other members of management and to employees of the Company.

The Board has the authority to retain such outside counsel, experts and other advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the performance of its functions. Each of the Audit,

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Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation Committees has similar authority to retain outside advisors as it determines appropriate to assist it in the performance of its functions.

The Company has an orientation process for new Board members that is designed to familiarize them with the Company's business, operations, finances and governance practices and with the responsibilities of serving as a director. In addition, the Board encourages directors to participate in education programs to assist them in performing their responsibilities as directors.

The Board conducts an annual self-evaluation to assess its performance and effectiveness, and each of the Audit, Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation Committees annually assesses its own performance. The ability of individual directors to contribute to the Board is considered in connection with the renomination process. The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for developing, administering and overseeing processes for conducting these evaluations.

#### **Governance Information**

#### **Board Leadership**

Currently, Mr. Angrick serves as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. The Board presently believes that it is in the best interests of the Company for a single leader to serve as Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer. Combining the roles of Chairman and CEO makes clear that the person serving in these roles has primary responsibility for managing our business, under the oversight and review of the Board. Under this structure, the Chairman and CEO chairs Board meetings during which the Board discusses strategic and business issues. The Board believes that this approach makes sense because the CEO is the individual with primary responsibility for developing our business strategy, directing the work of other officers and leading implementation of our strategic plans as approved by the Board. As a result of this structure, a single leader is directly accountable to the Board and, through the Board, to our stockholders. This structure also enables the CEO to act as the key link between the Board and other members of management. In addition, the Board believes that it is in our best interests at this time to have Mr. Angrick serve as both our Chairman and CEO because of Mr. Angrick's familiarity with our business and his history of outstanding leadership. Mr. Angrick co-founded the Company and has served as Chairman and CEO since 2000.

The Board also believes that strong, independent Board leadership is a critical aspect of effective corporate governance. In this regard, the independent directors meet in executive session without management present at least four times per year, and the Board has established the position of Lead Director. The Lead Director is an independent director elected for a period of at least one year by the independent directors whose responsibility is to chair these executive sessions. The Lead Director also leads and sets the agenda for these executive sessions, provides input to the Chairman and CEO on the agenda for full Board meetings and provides collective feedback from the members of the Board to the Chairman and CEO. Mr. Kramer served as Lead Director until his resignation in August 2013, and Mr. Gross currently serves as the Lead Director. In addition, each of the Audit, Corporate Governance and Nominating and Compensation Committees is composed of and led by independent directors.

The Board believes that a single leader serving as Chairman and CEO, together with an experienced Lead Director, is the most appropriate leadership structure for the Board at this time. The Board reviews the structure of the Board and the Board's leadership as part of the succession planning process, and the Board may in its discretion separate the roles in the future if it deems it advisable and in the Company's best interests to do so.

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#### Board Oversight of Risk

The Board of Directors has overall responsibility for risk oversight and focuses on the most significant risks facing the Company. In this regard, the Board seeks to understand the material risks we face and to allocate among the full Board and its committees responsibilities for oversight of how management addresses those risks, including the risk management systems and processes management uses for this purpose. Overseeing risk is an ongoing process. Accordingly, the Board considers risks faced by the Company periodically throughout the year and at such other times as the Board considers appropriate with respect to specific proposed actions. The Chairman and CEO is responsible for keeping the Board apprised of material risks facing the Company.

The Board implements its risk oversight function both as a whole and through delegation to various committees. These committees meet regularly and report back to the full Board. The following committees play important roles in carrying out the Board's risk oversight function:

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee: The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for overseeing the Company's risk management systems and processes throughout the year. In this regard, the Chairman and CEO updates the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee on material risks facing the Company and how management is addressing such risks and the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee discusses these risks at each of its regularly scheduled meetings and more frequently as necessary.

*The Audit Committee:* The Audit Committee oversees our processes for assessing financial-related risks and the effectiveness of our system of internal controls. In performing this function, the Audit Committee reviews and discusses with our independent registered public accounting firm and management the Company's significant financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures.

*The Compensation Committee:* The Compensation Committee oversees the assessment of risks related to the Company's compensation structure and assesses whether the Company's compensation structure establishes appropriate incentives for management and employees.

The Board believes that our leadership structure, discussed under "Board Leadership" above, supports the risk oversight function of the Board. We have a combined Chairman and CEO who keeps the Board informed about the risks we face. We also have a Lead Director to provide strong, independent Board leadership. In addition, independent directors chair and serve on the various committees involved with risk oversight. We also encourage open communication between senior management and directors.

Risk Considerations in Our Compensation Program. The Company's management has conducted an assessment of the risk associated with the Company's current compensation programs covering its employees, including executives. Management's risk assessment considered the following:

The Company's compensation programs appropriately balance fixed compensation with short-term and long-term variable compensation and cash-based compensation with equity-based compensation such that no one pay element would motivate employees to engage in excessive risk taking.

The design of the Company's annual incentive program does not lend itself to excessive risk taking because we:

fund annual incentive awards based on a variety of pre-established performance conditions, thus diversifying the risk associated with any single indicator of performance;

establish performance targets that are objectively determined with verifiable results;

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incorporate pre-established caps in any awards; and

retain discretion to decrease bonus payouts.

The Company's long-term incentive program encourages employees to focus on the long-term success of the Company by providing a mix of stock options, which only reward employees if the Company's stock price increases, and restricted stock, which decline in value if our stock price declines, reducing the motivation employees may have to take excessive risks.

#### **Communications with Directors**

Stockholders and other interested parties may communicate with the Board of Directors by writing c/o the Corporate Secretary, Liquidity Services, Inc., 1920 L Street, NW, 6<sup>th</sup> Floor, Washington, DC 20036. Communications intended for a specific director or directors should be addressed to the attention of the relevant individual(s) c/o the Corporate Secretary at the same address.

Our Corporate Secretary will review all correspondence intended for the Board and will regularly forward to the Board a summary of such correspondence and a copy of correspondence that, in the opinion of the Corporate Secretary, is of significant importance to the functions of the Board or otherwise requires the Board's attention. Directors may at any time review a log of all correspondence received by the Corporate Secretary that is intended for the Board and request copies of any such correspondence.

In addition, the Audit Committee has established a procedure for parties to submit concerns regarding what they believe to be questionable accounting, internal accounting controls and auditing matters. Concerns may be reported through our Compliance Hotline at (888) 475-8376. Concerns may be submitted anonymously and confidentially.

#### Director Independence

The Board makes an affirmative determination regarding the independence of each director annually, based upon the recommendation of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee. Under the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. listing standards, an independent director is a person that the Board of Directors determines to be free of any relationship with Liquidity Services that, in the opinion of the Board, would interfere with the exercise of such person's independent judgment in carrying out the responsibilities of a director, and to meet the then-current objective standards for "director independence" set forth in the listing standards. The Board has not established categorical standards or guidelines to use in making these independence determinations but considers all relevant facts and circumstances. In addition to the Board-level standards for director independence, the directors who serve on the Audit Committee each must satisfy standards established by the SEC, which provide that to qualify as "independent" for purposes of membership on that committee, members may not accept, directly or indirectly, any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from Liquidity Services other than their director compensation or fixed payments under a retirement plan for prior service. Similarly in addition to the Board-level standards for director independence, the directors who serve on the Compensation Committee each must satisfy standards established by the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., which provide that to qualify as "independent" for purposes of membership on that committee, the Board must consider the source of compensation of the member, including any consulting, advisory or other compensatory fee from Liquidity Services other than their director compensation or fixed payments under a retirement plan for prior service, and the Board must consider whether the member is affiliated with Liquidity Services, any of its subsidiaries or any affiliate of its subsidiaries.

The Board of Directors has determined that each of our directors other than Mr. Angrick, our Chairman and CEO, and Mr. Mateus-Tique, our former President and Chief Operating Officer,

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qualifies as "independent" in accordance with the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. listing standards, as follows: Mr. Clough, Mr. Ellis, Mr. Gross, and Mr. Perdue.

#### Code of Conduct

Our Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Conduct (the "Code") applicable to all of our directors, officers and employees in order to protect and promote organization-wide integrity and to enhance Liquidity Services' ability to achieve its mission.

The Code embodies general principles such as compliance with laws, acting with honesty and integrity, avoidance of conflicts of interest, maintenance of accurate and timely financial and business records, use of the Company's assets for legitimate business purposes only, provision and acceptance of gifts to or from customers, suppliers and governments in compliance with law, protecting the Company's information and dealing fairly with other companies.

All directors, officers, and employees are obligated to report violations and suspected violations of the Code and any concerns they may have pertaining to non-compliance with the Code by following certain procedures described in the Code. All reports of suspected Code violations will be forwarded to the General Counsel or Compliance Officer, except for complaints and concerns involving accounting or auditing matters, which will be handled in accordance with procedures established by the Audit Committee.

The Code is available on our website, www.liquidityservicesinc.com, at "Investors Corporate Governance." A free printed copy is available to any stockholder who requests it by writing to us at the address on page 1 of this proxy statement. We intend to disclose future amendments to certain provisions of the Code, or waivers of such provisions granted to executive officers and directors, on our website within four business days following the date of such amendment or waiver.

#### **Board and Committee Membership**

Our bylaws provide that our Board of Directors shall consist of at least three members. The exact number of members of our Board of Directors will be determined from time to time by resolution of our Board of Directors. Our Board of Directors currently is composed of seven directors, divided into three classes: Class I, Class II and Class III. The term for each class of directors expires at successive annual meetings. The Class I directors are William P. Angrick, III and David A. Perdue, Jr., the Class II directors are Phillip A. Clough, George H. Ellis and Jaime Mateus-Tique, and the Class III director is Patrick W. Gross. Mr. Kramer, a former Class III director, resigned from the Board effective August 28, 2013 and will not be standing for reelection. The Company and its Board of Directors would like to thank Mr. Kramer for his years of service and contributions to the Board. As of the date hereof, one Class III vacancy exists on the Board following Mr. Kramer's resignation from the Board. The Company is conducting a search to find an independent director to fill the vacancy on the Board.

The Board of Directors met six times during fiscal 2013. Each of our directors attended 75% or more of the aggregate of the total number of meetings of the Board of Directors held while he was a director and of each standing committee on which he served during the period in which the director served as a member of that committee. Our Board has adopted a policy that our directors are encouraged to attend each Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Two members of our Board of Directors attended the 2013 Annual Meeting.

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The table below provides membership information for the Board of Directors and for each standing committee of the Board as of the date of this proxy statement.

		Year Current Term		Compensation Committee	Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee
Name(1)	Position	Expires	Member	Member	Member
Mr. Angrick	Class I director	2016			
Mr. Clough	Class II director	2014	X	X	X*
Mr. Ellis	Class II director	2014	X*		
	Class III				
Mr. Gross	director	2015	X	X*	X
Mr. Mateus-Tique	Class II director	2014			
Mr. Perdue	Class I director	2016		X	X

Chair

(1)
Prior to his resignation in August 2013, Mr. Kramer served as a member of the Audit and Compensation Committees and Chair of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee.

#### The Audit Committee

Under the terms of its Charter, the Audit Committee meets at least four times per fiscal year, including periodic meetings in executive session with Liquidity Services' management and Liquidity Services' independent registered public accounting firm, and reports regularly to the full Board of Directors with respect to its activities. The Audit Committee represents and assists the Board of Directors in overseeing Liquidity Services' accounting and financial reporting processes and the audits of Liquidity Services' financial statements, including the integrity of the financial statements, Liquidity Services' compliance with legal and regulatory authority requirements, the independent registered public accounting firm's qualifications and independence, the performance of Liquidity Services' independent registered public accounting firm, and in overseeing the preparation of a report of the Audit Committee to be included in Liquidity Services' annual proxy statement. Specifically, the Audit Committee is responsible for:

Directly appointing, retaining, compensating, evaluating and overseeing the Company's independent registered public accounting firm, which reports directly to the Committee;

Reviewing and pre-approving all audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm, and establishing policies and procedures for the pre-approval of audit and permissible non-audit services to be provided by the independent registered public accounting firm;

At least annually, obtaining and reviewing a report by the independent registered public accounting firm describing: (a) the auditors' internal quality-control procedures; and (b) any material issues raised by the most recent internal quality-control review, or peer review, or by any inquiry or investigation by governmental or professional authorities, within the preceding five years, with respect to one or more independent audits carried out by the independent registered public accounting firm, and any steps taken to deal with any such issues;

At least annually, reviewing the qualifications, independence and performance of the independent registered public accounting firm, and discussing with the independent registered public accounting firm its independence. As part of such annual review, the Committee will obtain and review a report by the independent registered public accounting firm describing all relationships between the independent registered public accounting firm and the Company, consistent with professional standards applicable to independent registered public accounting

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firms, and any other relationships that may impact the independent registered public accounting firm's independence;

Upon completion of the annual audit, reviewing and discussing with the independent registered public accounting firm the matters required to be discussed by the independent registered public accounting firm under Auditing Standard No. 16, as adopted by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board and amended from time to time;

Meeting to review and discuss with corporate management and the independent registered public accounting firm the annual audited financial statements, and the unaudited quarterly financial statements, including reviewing the Company's specific disclosures under "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations" in Annual and Quarterly Reports the Company files with the SEC;

Reviewing and approving related party transactions;

Reviewing and discussing earnings press releases, corporate practices with respect to earnings press releases and financial information and earnings guidance provided to analysts and ratings agencies;

Overseeing the Company's processes for assessing financial-related risks, and reviewing and discussing with management and the independent registered public accounting firm the Company's major financial risk exposures and the steps management has taken to monitor and control such exposures;

Reviewing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's internal control procedures and internal controls over financial reporting, and any programs instituted to correct deficiencies;

Reviewing and discussing the adequacy and effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures;

Overseeing the Company's compliance systems with respect to legal and regulatory requirements and reviewing the Company's Code of Conduct and programs to monitor compliance with such Code;

Establishing procedures for the submission of complaints regarding accounting, internal accounting controls, auditing and federal securities law matters. These procedures address the receipt, retention and treatment of complaints received by the Company and the confidential, anonymous submission of employee concerns about questionable accounting or auditing matters, and federal securities law matters;

Investigating or referring matters brought to its attention, as appropriate, with full access to all books, records, facilities and personnel of the Company;

Reviewing the application of significant regulatory, accounting and auditing initiatives, including new pronouncements;

Establishing policies for the hiring of employees and former employees of the independent registered public accounting firm;

Annually reviewing and reassessing the adequacy of the Audit Committee Charter and evaluating the performance of the Committee, and recommending changes to the Board as appropriate; and

Performing such other functions as assigned by law, the Company's certificate of incorporation or bylaws or the Board of Directors.

The Audit Committee met five times during fiscal 2013.

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The members of the Audit Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Messrs. Ellis (Chair), Clough and Gross. The Board of Directors has determined that each is independent, as defined by the Company's director independence standards and the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc. and the SEC, and that Mr. Ellis is an "audit committee financial expert" for purposes of the rules of the SEC.

Under the rules of the SEC and the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc., members of the Audit Committee must meet heightened independence standards. The Board of Directors has determined that each of Messrs. Ellis, Clough and Gross meets these heightened independence standards.

See "Audit Committee Report" below for more information on the Audit Committee.

#### The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee

Under the terms of its Charter, the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for identifying individuals qualified to become Board members, recommending director candidates to the Board, developing and recommending amendments to the Corporate Governance Principles to the Board and undertaking a leadership role in shaping corporate governance. Specifically, the committee is responsible for:

Developing and recommending to the Board criteria for identifying and evaluating director candidates;

Identifying, reviewing the qualifications of and recruiting candidates for election to the Board;

Assessing the contributions and independence of incumbent directors in determining whether to recommend them for reelection to the Board:

Reviewing and recommending changes to the Company's policies on stockholder recommendations of director candidates;

Recommending to the Board candidates for election or reelection to the Board at each annual stockholders' meeting;

Recommending to the Board candidates to be elected by the Board as necessary to fill vacancies and newly created directorships;

Reviewing, evaluating and recommending to the Board a set of Corporate Governance Guidelines and reviewing and recommending changes to these guidelines, as necessary;

Making recommendations to the Board concerning the structure, composition and functioning of the Board and its committees;

Recommending to the Board candidates for appointment to Board committees;

Reviewing the Company's succession plans relating to the Chief Executive Officer and other senior officers;

Overseeing the annual evaluation of the Board, its committees and directors; and

Annually evaluating the performance of the Committee and the adequacy of the Committee's Charter and recommending changes to the Board as appropriate.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is also responsible for overseeing risk management at the Company throughout the year.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee met four times during fiscal 2013.

The members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee as of the date of this proxy statement are Messrs. Clough (Chair), Gross and Perdue. The Board of Directors has determined

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that each of the members of the Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is independent, as defined by the Company's director independence standards and the rules of the NASDAQ Stock Market, Inc.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee is responsible for recommending candidates for election to the Board and believes that candidates for director should have certain minimum qualifications, including the highest level of personal and professional ethics and integrity, sound judgment, the ability to make independent analytical inquiries, the willingness to devote adequate time and resources to diligently perform Board duties and appropriate and relevant business experience and acumen. The Committee also considers the number of other boards of public companies on which the candidate serves. The Committee believes that the Board should also include members who have specific industry experience and familiarity with general issues affecting our business, as discussed in more detail under "Item 1 Election of Directors" below.

The Committee evaluates candidates for the Board on the basis of the standards and qualifications set forth above, and seeks to achieve a diversity of strengths and backgrounds on the Board, particularly in the areas described below. The Committee's review of the skills and experience it seeks in the Board as a whole, and in individual directors, in connection with its review of the Board's composition, enables it to assess the effectiveness of its goal of achieving a Board whose members have a diversity of experiences. The Committee considers these criteria when evaluating director nominees in accordance with the procedures set forth below.

The Corporate Governance and Nominating Committee uses a variety of methods to identify and eval