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FORM 10-K

[X] ANNUAL REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

For The Fiscal Year Ended December 31, 2000

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

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to

Commission File Number 000-21771

West Corporation (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction of organization)

47-0777362 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

11808 Miracle Hills Drive, Omaha, Nebraska (Address of principal executive offices)

68154 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (402) 963-1500 Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (b) of the Act: None. Securities registered pursuant to Section 12 (g) of the Act:

Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share

(Title of class)

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 [X] No []

Indicate by check mark if disclosure of delinquent filers pursuant to Item 405 of Regulation S-K is not contained herein, and will not be contained, to the best of registrant's knowledge, in definitive proxy or information statements incorporated by reference in Part III of this Form 10-K or any amendment to this Form 10-K. [ ]

At March 6, 2001, 64,705,406 shares of common stock of the registrant were outstanding. The aggregate market value (based upon the closing price of these shares on the NASDAQ National Market at March 6, 2001) of the voting stock held by non-affiliates was approximately \$469.6 million.

## DOCUMENTS INCORPORATED BY REFERENCE

Portions of the Registrant's Proxy Statement for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on May 15, 2001 are incorporated into Part III.

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## ITEM I. Business

#### General

West Corporation (the "Company"), formerly known as West TeleServices Corporation, is one of the largest independent providers of outsourced customer relationship management, or CRM, solutions in the United States. The Company enables its clients to completely outsource a full range of services, including processing of customer initiated contacts, automated voice response services and direct marketing services. The Company offers its services over the telephone and the Internet. The Company's services minimize its clients' cost of managing their customer relationships, improve their customers' overall experience and provide its clients an opportunity to leverage customer data.

The Company provides CRM solutions to Fortune 500 companies, leading Internet oriented companies and e-commerce companies. These services help its clients acquire customers, provide customer support and generate repeat sales. The Company operates a national network of 28 state-of-the-art customer contact centers and seven automated voice and data processing centers throughout North America and in India.

The Company targets clients in highly competitive industries that require sophisticated services, including:

- . communications
- . public utilities
- . consumer packaged goods

- . pharmaceuticals
- . direct marketing
- . insurance

- . Internet/e-commerce
- . financial services

The Company's management team is among the most experienced in the industry. Each of the Company's eight executive officers has proven experience managing the rapid growth of its business and has been with the Company on average for more than 9 years. Over the last decade, the Company has consistently delivered increasing revenue and profits each year. Revenue has grown from approximately \$317 million in 1996 to approximately \$725 million in 2000, and net income has grown from approximately \$29 million to approximately \$70 million over the same period, representing a compound annual growth rate of approximately 23% and 25%, respectively. All the Company's growth in revenue and earnings have been generated internally.

On December 29, 2000 the Company changed its name from West Teleservices Corporation to West Corporation by a merger with its wholly owned subsidiary with that name.

## Industry Overview

The Company believes that growth in the outsourced CRM solutions industry will be driven by two factors:

- . the trend toward outsourcing of CRM operations to third parties which are able to provide cost-effective, higher levels of service; and
- . the increasing use of telephone and on-line media to acquire and service customers whose expectations of immediate service and access to extensive information have been driven by the explosive growth of the Internet.

The Company's market is large and growing aggressively. A 2000, study by Gartner Dataquest estimates that the business process outsourcing marketplace

is currently approximately \$175 billion and expected to increase to \$500 billion in 2003. The sales, marketing and customer care portion of that marketplace is estimated to increase 27.98% from \$11.3 billion in 1999 to \$38.8 billion by 2004.

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According to the January, 2001, Winterberry Group research study titled Teleservices Industry--Multi-Channel Marketing Drives Universal Call Centers, expenditures on teleservices were \$147.7 billion in 2000--a 19% increase from 1999--and are expected to grow an average of 13% annually through 2004, reaching \$240.5 billion.

## Advantages of Outsourcing CRM Solutions

Many industries, including communications, pharmaceuticals, consumer goods, financial services and insurance, are experiencing increased competition to attract and retain customers. Accordingly, many businesses are seeking to expand their direct contact with current and prospective customers. These businesses are allocating more of their advertising and customer service expenditures to outsourcing CRM solutions which effectively complement other marketing media, such as television, radio and print advertising, and enable businesses to quantify and evaluate the effectiveness of specific marketing expenditures.

## Evolution of the Outsourced CRM Solutions Industry

The outsourced CRM solutions industry has evolved during the past 15 years from primarily single-facility, low technology environments to large, full service organizations with multi-location, large-volume contact centers utilizing advanced systems. Certain independent CRM solution providers have invested an increasing amount of capital in large-volume state-of-the-art contact centers and advanced network technology. Larger service providers, who can achieve greater economies of scale, can more easily justify ongoing investment in sophisticated call management software, predictive dialers and automatic call distributors, to better provide premium quality and cost-effective services. As product and service offerings become more complex and varied, businesses are seeking to provide greater information for consumers to make informed purchase decisions. Moreover, businesses are increasingly recognizing the economic benefits of expanding relationships with existing customers through outsourcing CRM solutions, such as customer retention campaigns.

## Role of Outsourcing

Historically, businesses, have relied on in-house personnel to provide customer sales and service. Based on discussions with its clients and prospective clients, the Company believes that businesses are increasingly outsourcing these activities in order to focus their internal resources on their core competencies, to increase the productivity of their marketing services and to reduce overall expenditures. For example, providers of outsourced CRM solutions can offer clients lower overall teleservices costs due to economies of scale in sharing the cost of new technology among a larger base of users and higher capacity utilization rates.

## Description of Services

The Company is among the few CRM solution providers offering a complete portfolio of services with an emphasis on the complex, higher margin categories that respond to customer initiated interactions. Through December 31, 2000, the Company provided its offerings through its three integrated divisions--Operator Teleservices, Interactive Teleservices and Direct Teleservices.

The Operator Teleservices division provides agents who process customer initiated transactions, such as order capture, product support and general customer service. The Interactive Teleservices division provides technology oriented automated voice response services for customer initiated transactions, consisting of computerized transaction-processing programs, such as automated product information requests,

The Direct Teleservices division furnishes clients with agents who provide a premium service that includes direct marketing applications, product sales, customer acquisition and retention campaigns. The Company has developed proprietary technology platforms designed to provide a high degree of automation and reliability in all three of its service categories.

As illustrated in the table below, over two-thirds of the Company's 2000 revenue was derived from customer initiated interactions.

Division	Percentage of 2000 Revenue
Operator Teleservices Interactive Teleservices	49% 19%
Customer initiated transactions	68% 32%
Total	100%

## Operator Teleservices

The Company offers its clients large volume transaction-processing capabilities, including order processing, customer acquisition and customer service applications. Customer Inter@ction Solutions, formerly Call Center CRM Solutions Magazine, surveyed the top 50 CRM providers and the Operator Teleservices division ranked as the third largest outsourced provider for 1999 and 2000, based upon number of minutes connected. The Company focuses on two service offerings, Direct Response Services and Custom Operator Services.

Custom Operator Services. Many companies find it increasingly difficult to provide high quality customer service without diverting resources from their core businesses. The Company addresses these concerns by providing customized solutions with dedicated agents who have extensive knowledge of a single client and its products. The Company works closely with each client to understand its customer contact needs and jointly develops solutions that enhance its customers' satisfaction. Examples of such solutions include:

- . customer acquisition;
- . customer service;
- . product support; and
- . technical support.

Customers of clients initiate their interaction with Custom Operator Services using their telephone or the Internet. Depending upon the nature of the interaction, the customers of clients may be directed to an agent or an automated voice response system.

The Company's performance is measured based on the critical success factors identified by its client. These success factors are program specific, such as response time, average length of customer interaction, average speed of answering the customer initiated contact, quality and successful resolution of the customer's concerns in a single transaction.

Direct Response Services. Direct Response Services focuses on maximizing the Company's clients' sales potential and, at the same time, lowering their cost per order. The Company's agents typically process telephone or web-based order capture, sales lead generation, dealer referral and other information gathering campaigns. The Company's agents are trained on a sophisticated proprietary system that enables each of them to process transactions for all of the Company's clients. Agents receive transactions for one of hundreds of

per day, 365 days per year. The Company's clients measure service quality by the Company's ability to process a large volume of simultaneous incoming calls and to minimize the number of calls that receive a busy signal. The transaction volume is primarily generated from television advertisements and the Company, therefore, handles extreme fluctuations in transaction volumes over short periods of time.

#### Interactive Teleservices

The Company provides large volume automated voice response services that the Company customizes for its clients. The Company has developed state-of-the-art proprietary software systems and hardware platforms to service its clients. The Company often provides these services with its other service offerings. The Interactive Teleservices division was ranked as the number one interactive teleservices company in each of the last four years, based on number of minutes connected, by Customer Inter@ction Solutions.

The use of this automated system enhances the Company's other service offerings by processing routine customer transactions while routing the more complicated customer interaction to an appropriate agent. This results in a cost-effective solution for the client.

Examples of such applications include:

- . secure automated credit card activation;
- . prepaid calling card services;
- . automated product information requests;
- . frequently asked questions, or FAQs; and
- . routing and call transfer services.

The Interactive Teleservices division strives to remain on the leading edge of technology by incorporating new functions such as common language speech recognition. The Company currently maintains approximately 50,500 voice response ports for simultaneous transaction processing.

## Direct Teleservices

The Company offers direct marketing services, including product sales, customer acquisition and retention campaigns. In each of the last five years, the Direct Teleservices division has been named the top outbound direct marketing company, based on number of minutes connected, by Customer Inter@ction Solutions. Direct Teleservices focuses exclusively on providing direct marketing services for leading brand products. The Company focuses on two service offerings, Consumer Direct Services and Business Direct Services.

Consumer Direct Services. Consumer Direct Services provides business-to-consumer marketing services. Client applications include: product sales, product registration, customer acquisition and retention campaigns, sales lead generation and database enhancement.

The Company contacts consumers identified by its client as existing or potential customers. Integrated call processing systems using large-scale predictive dialers systematically call these consumers and transfer successful connections to a designated agent. As a call is presented to the agent, the consumer's name, address and other available information are simultaneously presented along with the client's customized script.

Business Direct Services. Business Direct Services provides business-to-business marketing services for clients whose target markets include thousands of small to medium-sized businesses. These applications are designed to enhance and increase the Company's clients' databases of information about their current and prospective clients, schedule appointments for their regional and national sales forces, and sell services to accounts that may not warrant a face-to-face sales presentation.

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## Company Strategy

Internet solutions. The Company's strategy is to offer a fully integrated portfolio of services that is customized to address each client's unique needs and that continues to improve the quality and cost-effectiveness of its clients' customer service and marketing operations. The Company strives to implement this strategy through the following:

## I. Build Long-Term Client Relationships by Providing Quality Services

The Company believes that service quality is a critical factor in a potential client's decision to outsource its customer service and sales functions. The Company differentiates the quality of its services through its ability to:

- . quickly respond to new client programs;
- . efficiently address staffing needs;
- . effectively employ operating systems that can process client campaign data; and
  - . provide meaningful reports.

The Company provides premium quality services through an extensive training program and an experienced management team. The Company believes that the quality of its service is one of its competitive advantages.

The Company's focus is on developing long-term client relationships. In 2000, 85% of the Company's revenue growth was derived from existing clients. The Company develops a detailed understanding of each of its clients' specialized business requirements to more effectively manage interaction with its clients' current and prospective customers. This process enables the Company to create customized solutions that consistently meet and exceed the Company's clients' needs, minimizing client turnover. As a result, the Company is better positioned to cross-sell its services and proactively offer new applications. The Company's top 10 clients have been using its services for an average of seven years.

## II. Provide Fully Integrated Service Solutions

The Company develops customized and integrated service solutions that incorporate all of its resources. The Company integrates its service offerings by using its voice and data networking technology and its software systems and hardware platforms. The Company also designs and implements highly flexible applications, combining the large volume capacity of automated voice response with its specialized agent services. Customer follow-up can also be coordinated through Direct Teleservices. This integration of its services provides a cost-effective, comprehensive solution for the client and increases the effectiveness of its agents.

The Company believes that its integrated services give it a significant competitive advantage. By cross-selling integrated services, the Company has been able to capture an increasing share of its clients' outsourced business. The Company currently generates over 60% of its revenue from clients that use two or more of its service offerings.

## III. Manage Profitable Growth through Recurring and Large Volume Programs

The Company has established a strong track record of successfully managing large volume client programs. The Company manages its growth by targeting clients with large volume programs where it has both technological and personnel expertise. For example, the Company's prepaid calling card platform processed over six billion minutes in 2000, up from approximately 95 million minutes in 1997. As a result, the Company's business is more predictable and the Company can maintain consistent revenue streams. The Company selects growth-oriented clients who need customized applications, which often leads to long-term relationships.

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## IV. Capitalize on State-of-the-Art Technology

The Company's state-of-the-art technology enables it to offer premium quality, flexible and cost-effective service solutions tailored to each

client's needs. The Company believes its significant and continuing investment in sophisticated contact center technology provides a competitive advantage. The Company currently employs approximately 780 information technology professionals to modify and enhance its operating systems and to design client programs. Examples of the Company's technology include:

- . computer/telephone and Internet protocol (IP) systems integration;
- . proprietary contact management software systems;
- proprietary interactive voice response technology including Advanced Speech Recognition;
- . high speed, fault-tolerant computer systems; and
- . proprietary staffing and scheduling.

The Company continually strives to improve its technological capabilities.

## V. Leverage Strong Management Experience

The Company believes it has distinguished itself through its ability to attract and retain some of the most talented managers in the outsourced CRM industry. The Company's management team possesses extensive experience. Each of the Company's eight executive officers has proven experience profitably managing the rapid growth of its business and has been with the Company, on average, for more than nine years. The members of the management team have continued to contribute to the development of the industry. The Company's management team has delivered consistently increasing revenue and profits since inception in 1986.

## Contact Management Systems

The Company specializes in processing large and recurring volumes on behalf of its clients. The Company's ability to consistently staff and manage its agents, across geographically dispersed contact centers, is critical to providing premium quality service. The Company applies standardized practices in all contact centers to ensure uniform quality of service. The Company maintains strong centralized control to assure rigorous adherence to the Company's management practices, including quality assurance, and to provide daily staffing plans for each individual site.

The Company continuously evaluates the performance of its agents to ensure that the Company achieves its internal and its clients' quality standards. The Company's testing includes monitoring of the agent/consumer contacts. In addition, the Company measures its performance against objective standards such as average handle time, average response time, sales per hour and conversion percentages. The Company encourages its clients to participate in all aspects of the quality assessment.

The Company's multiple remote sites present unique challenges in delivering consistent premium quality service. The Company's Network Control Center, based in Omaha, Nebraska which operated 24 hours a day, 365 days a year, uses both internal and external systems to effectively create and operate this remote site environment. The Company allocates transactions based upon agent availability for all contact centers servicing customer-initiated transactions, and can remotely adjust staffing requirements based upon projected volume. The Network Control Center is in constant communication with the site operations personnel to ensure efficient use of the available personnel and to maximize utilization of assets. During times of unexpected events, such as weather-related situations, the Company can immediately react and, whenever possible, redirect transactions to an unaffected site to satisfy the Company's clients' business needs.

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## Facilities and Service Fortification

The Company recognizes the importance of providing uninterrupted service for its clients. The Company has invested significant resources to develop, install and maintain facilities and systems designed to be highly reliable. All of the Company's service facilities and systems are designed to maximize system inservice time and minimize the possibility of telecommunications outage,

commercial power loss or equipment failure. The Company believes that this level of reliability provides an important and necessary competitive advantage.

The Operator Teleservices division utilizes redundant network architecture, which substantially reduces the possibility of a system failure and the interruption of telecommunications service. Most contact centers are serviced by dual central office switches, providing split access flexible egress routing capabilities, as well as backup access into each facility, using dual fiber ring SONET-based self-healing network architectures. Most telephone numbers directed to a Company contact center are appended with dual routing instructions in the event of an error on the primary network path. These capabilities allow incoming calls to be redirected via an alternate long distance switch and/or through a backup access line in the unlikely event of a long distance or local network failure.

The Company's systems also feature operational redundancy. The Company uses automatic call distributors with dual processors and online automatic backup and fault-tolerant mainframe computers with spontaneous dual backup for all processors, disk management and mechanical functions. Copies of all proprietary Company software systems and client application software reside in a secure off-site storage facility. The Company actively monitors all critical components of its call-processing facilities 24 hours per day, 365 days per year. The Operator Teleservices and Interactive Teleservices divisions' facilities also have stand-alone primary power systems which includes both battery backup and diesel generator backup power systems.

#### Personnel and Training

The Company believes that a key component of its success is the quality of its employees. As a large-scale service provider, the Company is continually refining its approach to recruiting, training and managing its employees. The Company has established procedures for the efficient weekly hiring and training of hundreds of qualified employees. These procedures, coupled with the Company's proprietary scheduling system, enable the Company to provide flexible scheduling and staffing solutions to meet a client's needs for additional resources.

The Company offers extensive classroom and on-the-job training programs for personnel, including instruction regarding call-processing procedures, direct sales techniques, customer service guidelines, telephone etiquette and proper use of voice inflections. Operators receive professional training lasting from four to 21 days, depending upon the client's program and the nature of the services being provided. In addition to training designed to enhance job performance, employees are also given a detailed description of the Company's organizational structure, standard operating procedures and business philosophies.

In 2000, the Company employed an average of approximately 21,200 agents per day for its agent contact services with peak employment of approximately 24,500 agents per day. In addition, the Company employed, as of December 31, 2000, approximately 3,000 management, staff and administrative employees. The Company considers its relations with its employees to be good.

## Call Management Systems

The Company specializes in processing large and recurring transaction volumes. The Company works closely with its clients to accurately project future transaction volumes. The Company uses the following practices to efficiently manage its transaction volumes:

Historical Trends Analyses. The Company tracks weekly, daily and hourly trends for individual client programs for Operator Teleservices, Interactive Teleservices and Direct Teleservices. The Company believes

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that the key to a cost efficient CRM solutions program begins with the effective planning of future volumes to determine the optimal number of sites, employees, workstations and calling ports that need to be deployed each hour. Based upon the Company's experience in processing large volumes during the past ten years, it has accumulated the data necessary to differentiate the transaction patterns of different applications such as order capture, lead generation and customer service.

Forecasting Call Volumes/Establishing Production Plans. Volumes in Operator Teleservices are forecasted for each one-half hour increment for each day. Detailed assumptions are made regarding average handle time, average wait time, average speed of answer and service level targets to determine the actual number of transactions that may be processed by a workstation or voice response port during a specific one-half hour increment. This process enables the Company to effectively determine the number of workstations and voice response ports needed for a given campaign.

Staffing and Scheduling Plans. Based upon the total number of workstations required to be staffed, a detailed schedule is created. These schedules are typically forecasted six to eight weeks in advance to assist the Company's personnel and training departments in hiring and training the desired number of personnel. Agents are given regular work schedules that are designed to coincide with anticipated transaction patterns and trends.

The Company has developed a proprietary scheduling system that efficiently identifies variances between staff scheduled and staff needed. The system accommodates real-time adjustments to be made for personnel schedules as volume projections fluctuate. Agent personnel directly interact with the system to schedule additional hours or excused time.

Facility Calling Plan. Once staffing and scheduling plans have been developed, each division determines how to efficiently allocate the projected volumes among its contact centers. Each contact center receives a detailed plan outlining the projected volumes for each day of the week and each 30 minute increment of each day. Personnel schedules are produced to optimally match the projected volumes.

Network Control. The Company interfaces directly with the nationwide long distance network of AT&T Corp. ("AT&T") and has the ability to allocate volumes among its various Operator Teleservices call centers on command with the assistance of sophisticated third party routing products. Traffic control specialists within the Company are responsible for comparing actual volumes and trends to stated staffing and scheduling plans. When necessary, adjustments can be made to fine tune minor variances between actual volumes and personnel that have been scheduled by facility. As a result, Operator Teleservices transactions are optimally directed to available personnel which maximizes the utilization of personnel and improves efficiency. Network control monitors the status of all Operator Teleservices processing activities on a minute-by-minute basis. Minor real time variances between projected and actual trends are promptly entered into the Company's database and the transaction management cycle repeats.

## Technology/Systems Development

The Company's software and hardware systems, as well as its network infrastructure, are designed to offer high-quality and integrated solutions. The Company has made significant investments in reliable hardware systems. The Company also integrates commercially available software when appropriate. Because its technology is client focused, the Company also relies on proprietary software systems to customize its services.

The Company's significant achievements include:

- development of sophisticated data collection tools and data warehousing systems to analyze and measure the success of clients' programs;
- design of a proprietary system that web-enables its workstations, enhancing its agents' effectiveness in interacting with its clients' customers; and
- . development of a proprietary, state-of-the-art workforce management and scheduling system.

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The Company's network facilities and systems are designed to maximize system in-service time and minimize the possibility of failure. The Company's infrastructure is designed to reduce the possibility of system or site downtime or interruption of the telecommunications service.

All software systems and hardware platforms for Operator Teleservices, Interactive Teleservices and Direct Teleservices permit the design and

execution of highly integrated service offerings. All systems provide clients with the ability to directly interface and communicate with the Company's systems. The Company currently employs approximately 780 systems analysts, programmers and technicians to modify and enhance the Company's operating systems and to design client applications.

## Quality Assurance

By the nature of its services, the Company establishes direct contact with the customer base of its clients. Given the importance of this role, the Company believes that its reputation for providing premium quality service is critical. Both the Company and its clients shadow-monitor and evaluate the performance of agents to confirm that clients' programs are properly implemented using clients' approved scripts and that the agents meet clients' customer service standards. The Company regularly measures the quality of its services by reviewing such variables as average handle time, volume, average speed of answer, sales per hour, rate of abandonment and order conversion percentages. The Company's information systems enable the Company to provide clients with regular reports on a real-time basis as to the status of an ongoing campaign and to transmit summary data and captured information electronically to clients.

The Company maintains a quality assurance department for each of the agent-based divisions that are responsible for the overall quality of the services being provided. A comprehensive performance appraisal is typically given to every agent every six to eight weeks. The Company uses statistical summaries of the performance appraisal information for its training and operations departments to provide feedback and to identify agents who may need additional training.

## Sales and Marketing

The Company's sales and marketing strategy focuses on leveraging the Company's expertise, integrated service capabilities and reputation for premium quality service in order to cross-sell its services to existing clients and to develop new long-term client relationships. The Company also identifies potential new clients with aggressive growth objectives and premium brands in industries that face increased competition. The company can offer clients cost effective solutions on an outsourced basis to help companies acquire, retain and grow their customer relationships.

The Company formulates detailed annual sales and marketing plans. These plans contain objectives and milestones, which are tracked regularly throughout the year. The sales organization is a group of sales professionals organized by division who are trained to focus on specific industries and overall client needs. The objective is to sell integrated solutions to prospective and existing clients. Commissions are paid on both new sales and incremental revenues generated from new and existing clients to provide the appropriate incentives for the sales professionals. Once a client campaign is initiated, a client services account manager is responsible for the daily management of the campaign.

## Competition

The outsourced CRM solution provider industry is highly fragmented and competitive. Some competitors in this industry are starting to provide integrated Internet services with their current service offerings. The Company's competitors range from very small firms, catering to specialized programs and short-term projects, to large independent firms. The Company also competes with the in-house operations of many existing clients and potential clients. The Company believes that only a few competitors have the capability to provide fully integrated outsourced CRM solutions. The principal competitive factors in this industry are:

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quality of service, range of service offerings, flexibility and speed of implementing customized solutions to meet clients' needs, capacity, industry-specific experience, technological expertise and price.

## Proprietary Rights and Licenses

The Company has made significant investments in the development of its proprietary software systems and hardware platforms. The Company relies on a

combination of the protections provided by applicable copyright, patent, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as on confidentiality procedures, to establish and protect its proprietary rights. The Company does not license any of its software or hardware designs for use by others. Despite these precautions, there can be no assurance that misappropriation of the Company's proprietary software and hardware designs will not occur. Although the Company believes that its intellectual property rights do not infringe upon the proprietary rights of third parties, there can be no assurance that third-parties will not assert infringement claims against the Company. Further, there can be no assurance that intellectual property protection will be available in certain foreign countries.

## Reliance on Major Clients

A significant portion of the Company's revenue is generated from relatively few clients. The loss of the largest client or a number of its largest clients could have a material adverse effect on the Company. The Company's largest client, AT&T, accounted for approximately 28% of the Company's revenue in 2000, and the Company's 34 largest clients in the aggregate accounted for approximately 80% of the Company's revenue in 2000. The Company generally operates under contracts with these clients which may be terminated on 30 days' notice and generally the contracts are for a term of less than one year. Subsequent contracts may be subject to open bidding among the Company and its competitors.

## Government Regulation

Teleservices sales practices are regulated at both the federal and state level. The Telephone Consumer Protection Act, which was enacted in 1991, authorized and directed the Federal Communications Commission (the "FCC") to enact rules to regulate the telemarketing industry. In December 1992, the FCC enacted rules, which place restrictions on the methods and timing of telemarketing sales calls.

The Federal Telemarketing Consumer Fraud and Abuse Act of 1994 (the "TCFAA") authorizes the Federal Trade Commission (the "FTC") to issue regulations designed to prevent deceptive and abusive telemarketing acts and practices. The FTC issued its Telemarketing Sales Rule (the "TSR"), which went into effect in January 1996. The TSR applies to most direct teleservices telemarketing calls and certain operator teleservices telemarketing calls and generally prohibits a variety of deceptive, unfair or abusive practices in telemarketing sales. The FTC has initiated administrative rulemaking proceedings to review and possibly revise the TSR. The Company cannot predict whether any modifications will be made to the TSR, and, if so, what impact such revisions would have on the Company or its industry.

The FTC has also adopted regulations governing pay per call services (the "900 Number Rule") pursuant to the Telephone Disclosure and Dispute Resolution Act passed by Congress in 1992. In general, the 900 Number Rule prescribes the content of advertising for such services, requires that certain introductory disclosures be made (at no charge to the caller) and provides for the manner and content of billing and collection for such services. The FCC supplements this regulation by requiring that common carriers assign a telephone number to a provider of interstate pay per call services and offer billing and collection services to such a provider to assure compliance with the 900 Number Rule. In March 1997, the FTC initiated a 900 Number Rule rulemaking review proceeding to evaluate the operation of the 900 Number Rule and to determine whether the scope of the 900 Number Rule should be expanded to information services provided through dialing patterns other than 900 numbers. As part of this rulemaking review proceeding, the FTC has issued proposed revisions to the 900 Number Rule which, among other things, would expand the scope of the 900 Number Rule to information services provided through other dialing patterns, impose more stringent

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requirements on the establishment of pre-subscription arrangements governing the use of toll free numbers for pay per call services and require express verifiable authorization from a telephone subscriber in order for purchases to be billed to the telephone subscriber's telephone bill. The industry filed written comments to the FTC's proposed revisions in March 1999. The FTC held a workshop in May 1999. In addition to commenting on the FTC's proposed changes, the industry has requested certain other reforms, which would help reduce the charge-back rates. The Company cannot predict what final modifications to the

900 Number Rule will be implemented and what impact those modifications will have on the Company or the industry. The Company cannot predict whether any modifications will be made to the 900 Number Rule, and, if so, what impact they would have on the Company or its industry.

The Telecommunications Act of 1996 also contains certain provisions, which may have an impact upon the Company. In general, this act eliminated the tariffed service exception from the pay per call rules and required the FCC to adopt new and more stringent rules for the use of toll free numbers for pay per call services because of abuses that arose from pay per call services offering toll free numbers. The FCC has proposed rules for the use of toll free numbers for pay per call services. The FCC has also proposed rules designed to restrict the use of toll free numbers in connection with pay per call information programming. Among the most significant changes to the toll free number rules are that pre-subscription agreements now must be executed in writing, require the use of a personal identification number (PIN), or other identifier unique to the subscriber and provide subscribers with a choice of the following billing methods: direct remit, debit prepaid account phone bill or credit or calling card. As an alternative, information providers may charge information services provided via toll free numbers with a prepaid account or debit, credit, charge or calling card if there is a preamble disclosing the costs, the point in time when the charges begin and billing methods. There are also corresponding disclosure requirements for soliciting pre-subscription agreements and for consumers' billing statements.

In addition to the federal legislation and regulations, there are numerous state statutes and regulations governing telemarketing activities, which do or may apply to the Company. For example, some states also place restrictions on the methods and timing of telemarketing calls and require that certain mandatory disclosures be made during the course of a telemarketing call. Some states also require that telemarketers register in the state before conducting telemarketing business in the state.

The Company employees who are involved in certain types of sales activity, such as activity regarding insurance or mortgage loans, are required to be licensed by various state commissions or regulatory bodies and to comply with regulations enacted by those entities.

The industries served by the Company are also subject to varying degrees of government regulation. Generally in these instances, the Company relies on its clients and their advisors to develop the scripts to be used by the Company in making consumer solicitations on behalf of its clients. The Company generally requires its clients to indemnify the Company against claims and expenses arising with respect to the scripts provided by its clients.

The Company specifically trains its marketing representatives to handle calls in an approved manner and believes it is in compliance in all material respects with all federal and state telemarketing regulations. There can be no assurance, however, that the Company would not be subject to regulatory challenge for a violation of federal or state law.

## ITEM 2. PROPERTIES

The Company operated seven automated voice response facilities with 50,573 ports as of December 31, 2000 and 28 state-of-the-art customer contact centers with 10,147 workstations as of December 31, 2000.

As of December 31, 2000, Operator Teleservices operated 12 large volume, automated customer contact facilities located in Nebraska, Texas, Virginia, Oklahoma, Nevada, Louisiana, Alabama, Illinois, Pennsylvania

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and Mumbai, India. These facilities consisted of 5,636 computer-assisted workstations. During 2000, Operator Teleservices employed an average of approximately 11,500 agents per day with peak employment of approximately 12,900 agents per day.

As of December 31, 2000, Interactive Teleservices operated seven large volume, automated voice and data processing centers located in Nebraska, Texas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Colorado, Virginia, and Alberta, Canada. As of December 31, 2000, Interactive Teleservices had a total capacity of 50,573 voice response ports. Interactive teleservices is not a labor-intensive business and employed approximately 280 managerial, staff and administrative personnel as of

December 31, 2000.

As of December 31, 2000, Direct Teleservices operated 16 large volume, automated facilities located in Texas, Alabama, Arkansas, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida and Illinois. Direct Teleservices maintained 4,511 computer-assisted workstations and in 2000 employed an average of 9,700 agents per day with peak employment of approximately 11,600 agents per day.

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The following table summarizes the location of and the number of telephone workstations at each of the Company's call centers for each of Operator Teleservices, Interactive Teleservices and Direct Teleservices as of December 31, 2000.

Call Centers		Voice Response Ports
Operator Teleservices	1 150	
Omaha, Nebraska		
San Antonio, Texas		
Hampton, Virginia Tulsa, Oklahoma		
Reno, Nevada		
Baton Rouge, Louisiana		
Rockford, Illinois		
Dothan, Alabama		
Oklahoma City, Oklahoma		
Erie, Pennsylvania		
Huntsville, Alabama		
Mumbai, India		
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Operator Teleservices Total	5,636	
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Interactive Teleservices		
Omaha, Nebraska		22,580
San Antonio, Texas		2,712
Calgary, Alberta, Canada		391
Tulsa, Oklahoma		940
Baton Rouge, Louisiana		480
Denver, Colorado		22,726
Hampton, Virginia		744
Interactive Teleservices Total		50 <b>,</b> 573
Direct Teleservices		
San Antonio, Texas		
Universal City, Texas	682	
El Paso, Texas		
Killeen, Texas	258	
Waco, Texas		
Lubbock, Texas		
Odessa, Texas		
McAllen, Texas		
Mobile, Alabama		
Texarkana, Arkansas		
Ft. Smith, Arkansas		
Fayetteville, Arkansas		
Lafayette, Louisiana		
Carbondale, Illinois		
Tallahassee, Florida		
Hinesville, Georgia	132	
Direct Teleservices Total		
Total		50,573 =====

The Company occupied approximately 1,338,000 square feet of office space at December 31, 2000. The Mumbai, India location is operated under a three year contract. Upon expiration of the contract the Company has an option to buy the contact center and related assets. All of the other facilities described above other than the facilities located in San Antonio, Texas and Carbondale, Illinois (which are owned) are leased. The Company also owns 125,000 square feet of office space in a corporate headquarters building in Omaha, Nebraska.

The Company believes that its facilities are adequate for its current requirements and that additional space will be available as required. See the Notes to the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K for information regarding the Company's obligations under its facilities leases.

## ITEM 3. LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

From time to time, the Company is subject to lawsuits and claims which arise out of its operations in the normal course of its business. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries are defendants in various litigation matters in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve claims for damages that are substantial in amount. The Company believes, except for the items discussed below for which the Company is currently unable to predict the outcome, the disposition of claims currently pending will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position or results of operations or cash flows.

Richard Carney, et al. v. West TeleServices, Inc., et al. was filed on October 31, 1997 in the 131st Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas. Plaintiffs seek certification of a class consisting of all hourly employees of the Company, Inbound, Outbound, and West Telemarketing Insurance Agency, Inc. Plaintiffs allege that they were not paid for all compensable work performed by them during their employment. Plaintiffs seek recovery under the theories of quantum meruit, common law fraud, common law debt, conversion and civil theft. A partial summary judgment was granted to the defendants on March 8, 2000 on breach of express contract and civil theft and on all claims against the individual defendants. On May 12, 2000, the court certified a class of plaintiffs and other similarly situated hourly employees of the Company and several of its subsidiaries that allege they had not been paid for all compensable work performed during their employment. On July 7, 2000, defendants filed a brief for an interlocutory appeal of the certification order. On November 1, 2000, the San Antonio Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the certification order back to the district court for further proceedings. The plaintiffs also amended their petition to allege on quantum meriut as a theory of recovery. On November 21, 2000, the district court entered an order modifying its May 12, 2000 order granting class certification. The Company filed a notice of appeal of the amended order, which remains pending. No claims remain in the lawsuit that allow for an award of punitive damages under Texas law.

Glenn K. Jackson and Elsie Jackson v. West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound and Does 1 through 100, inclusive, was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (No. CV-97-8281 TJH (AIJx)), on August 12, 1997, and transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, where it is pending (Civil Action No. 3:98-CV-0960-H). The complaint contains several causes of action, all of which deal with the purchase by the Company's subsidiary, West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound ("Outbound"), of two pieces of property from the Resolution Trust Corporation ("RTC") during 1993 and 1994. The plaintiffs contend that they also bid on the property, that Outbound learned the amount of their bids, used that information to out-bid them and, ultimately, purchased the property. The complaint seeks general damages, special damages, equitable injunctive and restitutionary relief, including restitution of the property involved, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, and litigation costs. On November 19, 1999, the Company's motion for summary judgment was granted in full. On December 9, 1999, the plaintiffs appealed this summary judgment order to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Plaintiffs filed their brief on April 12, 2000 and the defendants filed their brief on June 16, 2000. The Court heard oral argument on December 6, 2000, but has not yet ruled. A ruling is expected in the first half of 2001.

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Outbound is a defendant in three cases which have been consolidated into one proceeding entitled Bone, Zarella, et al. individually and on behalf of a class

of all other persons similarly situated vs. Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; AT&T Corp.; AT&T Communications, Inc., AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.; and West Telemarketing Outbound Corporation, pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. The plaintiffs in these cases alleged they were marketed AT&T long distance calling plans, and did not receive the full benefits of the marketed plans. Outbound provided telemarketing services to AT&T in connection with AT&T's marketing of these plans. The Federal judge referred the consolidated case to the FCC, and on March 10, 2000, the plaintiffs filed a Motion Seeking Conditional Certification of the Settlement Class, Preliminary Approval of a Settlement, and Approval and Order for Class Notice to be Given. Outbound and the co-defendants concurred in the motion. On March 23, 2000, the Federal judge approved the plaintiffs' motion and conditionally certified a class settlement and preliminarily approved the settlement. Under the proposed settlement AT&T will pay the entire settlement amount and neither Outbound nor the Company will be responsible for any such costs. On November 9, 2000, the court held that the settlement was fair and reasonable and the settlement was approved. Outbound has been released from all class action claims.

## ITEM 4. SUBMISSION OF MATTERS TO A VOTE OF SECURITY HOLDERS

No matter was submitted to a vote of security holders in the fourth quarter of the fiscal year covered by this report.

## EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The executive officers of the Company are as follows:

Name	Age Position	
Gary L. West	55 Chairman of the Board and Director 55 Vice Chair of the Board, Secretary an Director	ıd
Thomas B. Barker	46 President, Chief Executive Officer an Director	ıd
Nancee Shannon Berger	40 Chief Operating Officer	
Michael A. Micek	51 Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer Executive Vice PresidentFinance	î,
Michael E. Mazour	40 Executive Vice PresidentDirect Teleservices	
Mark V. Lavin	42 PresidentOperator Teleservices	
Steven M. Stangl	42 PresidentInteractive Teleservices	
Michael M. Sturgeon	39 Executive Vice PresidentSales and Marketing	
Jon R. Hanson	34 Executive Vice President Administrative Services and Chief Administrative Officer	

Gary L. West co-founded WATS Marketing of America ("WATS") in 1978 and remained with that company until 1985. Mr. West joined the Company in July 1987 after the expiration of a noncompetition agreement with WATS. Mr. West has served as Chairman of the Board since joining the Company. Mr. West and Mary E. West are husband and wife.

Mary E. West co-founded WATS and remained with that company until December 1985. In January 1986, she founded the Company. Mrs. West has served as Vice Chair of the Company since 1987. Mrs. West and Mr. West are wife and husband.

Thomas B. Barker joined the Company in 1991 as Executive Vice President of Interactive Teleservices. Mr. Barker was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer of the Company in March 1995. Mr. Barker was promoted to President and Chief Executive Officer in September 1998.

Nancee Shannon Berger joined Interactive Teleservices in 1989 as Manager of Client Services. Ms. Berger was promoted to Vice President of Interactive Teleservices in May 1994. She was promoted to Executive Vice President of Interactive Teleservices in March 1995, and to President of Interactive Teleservices in October 1996. She was promoted to Chief Operating Officer of the Company in September 1998.

Michael A. Micek joined the Company in 1988 and was appointed to Chief Financial Officer, Vice President--Finance and Treasurer in 1990. In 1997, Mr. Micek was promoted to Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President--Finance and Treasurer.

Michael E. Mazour joined the Operator TeleServices division in 1987 as Director--Data Processing Operations. In 1990, Mr. Mazour was promoted to Vice President--Information Services of the Company's Direct TeleServices division and again to Senior Vice President--Client Operations in 1995. In 1997, Mr. Mazour was promoted to Executive Vice President--Direct TeleServices and in July 2000, Mr. Mazour assumed full operations responsibility for this division.

Mark V. Lavin joined the Company in 1996 as Executive Vice President--Operator Teleservices. In September 1998, Mr. Lavin was promoted to President--Operator Teleservices. From 1991 until 1996, he held various management positions in reservation services for Radisson Hospitality Worldwide.

Steve M. Stangl joined Interactive Teleservices in 1993 as Controller. Mr. Stangl was promoted to Vice President of Accounting in 1996. He was promoted to Executive Vice President of Interactive Teleservices in September 1998. Mr. Stangl was promoted to President in September 2000.

Michael M. Sturgeon joined the Company in 1991 as a National Account Manager--Interactive Teleservices. In September 1994, Mr. Sturgeon was promoted to Vice President of Sales and Marketing--Interactive Teleservices. In March of 1997, Mr. Sturgeon was promoted to Executive Vice President--Sales and Marketing for the Company.

Jon R. (Skip) Hanson joined the Company in 1991 as a Business Analyst. Mr. Hanson was promoted to Vice President, Corporate Administrative Services in June 1996. In October 1999, he was promoted to Chief Administrative Officer and Executive Vice President--Administrative Services.

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## PART II

## ITEM 5. MARKET FOR REGISTRANT'S COMMON EQUITY AND RELATED STOCKHOLDER MATTERS

On December 2, 1996, the Company completed the initial public offering (the "Initial Public Offering") of its shares of common stock, par value \$0.01 per share (the "Common Shares"). The Common Shares are listed on the NASDAQ National Market under the symbol "WSTC." The following table sets forth, for the periods indicated, the high and low sales prices of the Common Shares as reported on the NASDAQ National Market.

1999	High	
First Quarter	 \$10.625	\$ 8.50 \$ 7.375 \$ 8.375
Fourth Quarter	 \$25.00	\$11.625
2000		
First Quarter	 \$26.3125	\$18.25
Second Quarter	 \$27.75	\$21.0625
Third Quarter	 \$25.25	\$22.00
Fourth Quarter	 \$30.00	\$18.125

As of March 6, 2001, there were 66 holders of record of Common Shares and approximately 2,000 beneficial shareholders. As of the same date, there were a total of 64,807,743 Common Shares issued and 64,705,406 outstanding. No dividends have been declared with respect to the Common Shares since the Initial Public Offering. The Company currently intends to retain earnings to finance the growth and development of its business and for working capital and

general corporate purposes, and does not anticipate paying cash dividends on the Common Shares in the foreseeable future. Any payment of dividends will be at the discretion of the Company's Board of Directors and will depend upon earnings, financial condition, capital requirements, level of indebtedness, contractual restrictions with respect to payment of dividends and other factors.

## ITEM 6. SELECTED FINANCIAL DATA

The following table sets forth, for the periods on and at the dates indicated, selected historical consolidated financial data of the Company. The selected consolidated historical financial data has been derived from the audited historical consolidated financial statements of the Company. The Company's consolidated financial statements as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 and Deloitte & Touche LLP's audit report with respect thereto have been included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K. The information is qualified in its entirety by the detailed information included elsewhere herein and should be read in conjunction with "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," "Business" and the "Consolidated Financial Statements" and Notes thereto included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

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			d December	31,	
	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
		usands, ex		er share a	
Income Statement Data: Revenue	371,549 243,573	288,503 194,610	256,494 152,838	220,858 118,878	180,380 87,499
Net operating income Other income (expense)		79,331 1,027	73,491 1,269	59,096	49,331 (3,420)
Income before income tax expense Actual income tax expense Pro Forma Information (1): Income tax expense	110,922 40,663	80,358 30,604	74,760 28,769	60,812 23,402	45,911 4,213 12,950
Net income	\$ 70,259	\$ 49,754	\$ 45,991		\$ 28,748
Earnings per share: Basic Diluted Weighted average number of common shares outstanding: Basic	\$ 1.10 \$ 1.03	\$ 0.79 \$ 0.77	\$ 0.73 \$ 0.73	\$ 0.59 \$ 0.59	\$ 0.52 \$ 0.52 54,891
Diluted	67 <b>,</b> 950	64,380	63 <b>,</b> 353	63,346	54,966
Selected Operating Data: EBITDA (2) EBITDA margin (3) Operating margin (4) Net income margin (5)	21.4% 15.1%	20.8% 14.1%	20.7% 15.2%	19.9% 14.8%	19.3% 15.6%
operating activities Number of workstations (at					
end of period)  Number of ports (at end of period)				5,931 8,056	

	2000	1999	1998	1997	1996
Balance Sheet Data:					
Working capital	\$151,006	\$104,427	\$ 70,699	\$ 55,320	\$ 46,169
Property and equipement,					
net	197,178	167,934	144,139	111,710	70,608
Total assets	553 <b>,</b> 907	408,989	326 <b>,</b> 139	282,150	238,285
Total debt	41,355	45,196	30 <b>,</b> 952	21,686	22,523
Stockholders' equity	378,125	291 <b>,</b> 962	242,208	196,217	158,879

- (1) Reflects a pro forma provision for income taxes as if the Company had been subject to Federal and state corporate income taxes for all periods. The pro forma provision for income taxes represents a combined Federal and state tax rate.
- "EBITDA" is defined as income before income taxes, depreciation, interest expense and amortization. EBITDA is not intended to represent cash flow from operations as defined by generally accepted accounting principles and should not be considered as an alternative to net income as an indicator of operating performance or to cash flows as a measure of liquidity. EBITDA is presented as the Company understands that certain investors use it as one measure of a borrower's historical ability to service its debt.
- (3) Represents EBITDA as a percentage of revenue.
- (4) Represents net operating income as a percentage of revenue.
- (5) Represents net income as a percentage of revenue.

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## ITEM 7. MANAGEMENT'S DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS OF FINANCIAL CONDITION AND RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The Company conducts its business principally through three integrated divisions: Operator Teleservices, Interactive Teleservices and Direct Teleservices. The following discussion and analysis of the Company's financial condition and results of operations should be read in conjunction with "Selected Financial Data" and the "Consolidated Financial Statements" and notes thereto appearing elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K.

Certain statements under this caption constitute forward-looking statements, which involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results in the future could differ significantly from the results discussed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, the effect on financial performance of increased competition in the outsourced CRM solutions industry, potential future competition, competitive pricing for services, potential future competing technologies and trends, dependence on technology and phone service, dependence on the Company's labor force, reliance on major clients, the success of new product innovations, legal proceedings and government regulation.

## Overview

The Company is a leading provider of outsourced CRM solutions to businesses. The Company believes it has established a distinct competitive advantage in its ability to offer a range of integrated services through its three operating divisions (Operator Teleservices, Interactive Teleservices and Direct Teleservices) on a fully integrated basis.

Revenue: Operator Teleservices services represented approximately 49.0% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2000. Revenue for Operator Teleservices services is primarily generated at the time calls are answered by a telemarketing representative based on the number of calls and/or minutes received and processed on behalf of clients. Operator Teleservices services also generates revenue from calls transferred to agents from interactive voice response units and by providing assistance to clients in the design and implementation of new applications.

Interactive Teleservices services represented approximately 19.2% of total

revenue for the year ended December 31, 2000. Revenue for Interactive Teleservices services is primarily generated at the time calls are received or sent by automated voice response units and is billed based on call duration.

Direct Teleservices services represented approximately 31.8% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2000. Revenue for Direct Teleservices services is generated generally on an hourly and success based rate basis at the time the agents place calls to consumers on behalf of clients. Direct Teleservices services also generate revenue by providing assistance to clients in the design and programming of customized applications.

Expenses: Costs of telecommunications services incurred by the Company are primarily comprised of long distance transmission charges. The Company effectively manages its telecommunications costs through a long-term services contract with AT&T which includes an established rate schedule subject to certain call volume commitments. As one of AT&T's largest clients, the Company believes it has negotiated a favorable contract at an attractive service rate. The Company has also entered into a number of equipment maintenance and network management contracts with AT&T in order to facilitate reliable and efficient network operations. Rates for telecommunications services are primarily determined by total call volume, level of network management and technical support under contract.

The Company manages its direct labor costs through its flexible staffing and scheduling initiatives. In particular, the Company has developed its own proprietary scheduling systems which are designed to optimize staffing and pay levels in anticipation of fluctuating call volumes as clients' campaigns are scheduled. The Company seeks to control its direct labor costs by decentralizing its operations and by seeking new geographic

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markets which offer attractive labor market characteristics for its Operator Teleservices and Direct Teleservices services. Direct labor rates fluctuate based upon local market factors such as the size and availability of a parttime workforce in addition to local economic growth. Labor rates are adjusted, as necessary, to attract the required number of service representatives during seasonal fluctuations.

Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of all expenses that support the ongoing operation of the Company. These expenses include costs related to division management, facilities costs, equipment depreciation and maintenance, amortization of goodwill, allowance for doubtful accounts, sales and marketing activities, client support services and corporate management costs. Changes in selling, general and administrative expenses primarily, reflect the addition of new facilities over certain periods or expanded marketing activities.

## Results of Operations

The following table sets forth the Consolidated Statement of Operations Data as a percentage of revenue for the periods indicated:

	Year ende	ed Decembe	er 31,
		1999	
Revenue  Cost of services Selling, general and administrative expenses	100.0% 51.3 33.6	100.0% 51.3 34.6	100.0% 53.1 31.7
Net operating income.  Other income (expense).  Income before income tax expense.  Income tax expense.	15.1 0.2 15.3 5.6	14.1 0.2 14.3 5.4	15.2 0.3 15.5 6.0
Net income	9.7%	8.9%	9.5%

Revenue: Revenue increased \$162.1 million or 28.8% to \$724.5 million in 2000 from \$562.4 million in 1999. The increase in revenue included \$23.8 million derived from new clients and \$138.3 million derived from existing clients. The overall revenue increase is attributable to higher call volumes.

During the year ended December 31, 2000, the Company provided service to more than 900 clients. Eighty percent of the Company's total revenue was generated by 34 clients. During 2000, AT&T remained the Company's largest client and accounted for 28% of total revenue, down from 32% in 1999.

Cost of Services: Cost of services represents direct labor, telephone expense and other costs directly related to services activities. Costs of services increased \$83.0 million or 28.8% for the year ended December 31, 2000 to \$371.5 million from \$288.5 million for the comparable period of 1999. As a percentage of revenue, cost of services was 51.3% for 2000 and 1999.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses ("SG&A"): SG&A expenses increased by \$49.0 million or 25.2% to \$243.6 million for the year ended December 31, 2000, from \$194.6 million in 1999. As a percentage of revenue, SG&A expenses decreased to 33.6% for the year ended December 31, 2000, compared to 34.6% in 1999. The decrease can be attributed to higher than expected sales and management's focus on reducing these costs.

Net Operating Income: Net operating income increased by \$30.1 million or 38.0% to \$109.4 million in 2000 from \$79.3 million in 1999. For the year ended December 31, 2000, net operating income as a percentage of revenue increased 1.0% to 15.1% from 14.1% for 1999.

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Other Income (Expense): Other income (expense) includes interest income from short-term investments, interest income from an accounts receivable financing program (net of the related interest expense to fund the program), interest income from customer notes receivable and interest expense from short-term and long-term borrowings under credit facilities and capital leases. Other income (expense) for the year ended December 31, 2000, totaled \$1.5 million compared to \$1.0 million for 1999. This increase was due primarily to an increase in interest income related to increased balances in cash and cash equivalents.

Net Income: Net income increased by \$20.5 million or 41.2% for the year ended December 31, 2000, to \$70.3 million from net income of \$49.8 million in 1999. Net income includes a provision for income tax expense at a combined effective rate of 36.7% and 38.1% for 2000 and 1999, respectively. The reduction in the effective tax rate is due to maximizing state credits and incentive programs in various state and local tax jurisdictions.

Years Ended December 31, 1999 and 1998

Revenue: Revenue increased \$79.6 million or 16.5% to \$562.4 million in 1999 from \$482.8 million in 1998. The increase in revenue included \$32.6 million derived from new clients and \$47.0 million derived from existing clients. The overall revenue increase was attributable to higher call volumes.

During the year ended December 31, 1999, the Company provided service to more than 900 clients. Eighty percent of the Company's total revenue was generated by 46 clients. During 1999, AT&T remained the Company's largest client and accounted for 32% of total revenue.

Cost of Services: Cost of services represents direct labor, telephone expense and other costs directly related to teleservices activities. Cost of services increased \$32.0 million or 12.5% for the year ended December 31, 1999, to \$288.5 million from \$256.5 million for the comparable period of 1998. As a percentage of revenue, cost of services decreased to 51.3% for 1999 compared to 53.1% for 1998. The decreases in direct costs as a percentage of revenues can be attributed to continued favorable labor costs due to the deployment of new facilities earlier in 1999 and the shift in operating activity from interactive teleservices to direct and operator teleservices divisions. Historically, Interactive teleservices has higher cost of services to generate revenue.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses: SG&A expenses increased by \$41.8 million or 27.3% to \$194.6 million for the year ended December 31, 1999, from \$152.8 million in 1998. As a percentage of revenue, SG&A expenses increased to 34.6% for the year ended December 31, 1999, compared to 31.7% in

1998. The increase can be attributed to increased depreciation expense taken on new call centers, SG&A expenses related to 1999 facility site development and the shift in operating activity to Operator Teleservices. Depreciation for the twelve months ended December 31, 1999 was \$35.7 million compared to \$25.6 million in 1998. The change in revenue mix accounted for 1.8% of the shift from direct costs of services to SG&A. The remaining 1.1% increase can be explained by 0.7% in increased depreciation and the remaining 0.4% is due to the under utilization of assets in Direct Teleservices.

Net Operating Income: Net operating income increased by \$5.8 million or 7.9% to \$79.3 million in 1999 from \$73.5 million in 1998. For the twelve months ended December 31, 1999, net operating income as a percentage of revenue decreased 1.1% to 14.1% from 15.2% for 1998. Operating margins were lower than expected in the second quarter at 12.8% due to a reduction in minutes by Direct Teleservices's largest customer, AT&T, but increased to 14.3% in the fourth quarter.

Other Income (Expense): Other income (expense) includes interest income from short-term investments, interest income from an accounts receivable financing program (net of the related interest expense to fund the program), interest expense from short-term and long-term borrowings under credit facilities and capital leases. Other income (expense) for the year ended December 31, 1999, totaled \$1.0 million compared to \$1.3 million for 1998. The decrease was due primarily to an increase in interest expense related to new capital leases.

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Net Income: Net income increased by \$3.8 million or 8.2% for the year ended December 31, 1999, to \$49.8 million from \$46.0 million in 1998. Net income includes a provision for actual income tax expense at a combined effective rate of 38.1% and 38.5% for 1999 and 1998, respectively.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

The Company's primary source of liquidity has been cash flow from operations, supplemented by proceeds from notes payable, capital leases and borrowings under its revolving bank lines of credit.

The Company has a \$25.0 million unsecured revolving credit facility. Advances under the revolving credit facility bear interest at the prime rate less 1.0%. There were no borrowings outstanding under this facility at December 31, 2000. The Company's credit facility contains certain financial covenants and restrictions, which were met at December 31, 2000. The credit facility expires on June 29, 2001. The Company believes it could increase the amount of the facility, if needed.

The Company also has a \$1.0 million revolving bank line used to fund an accounts receivable financing program offered to certain customers in the payper-call industry. Borrowings under the bank line are limited to a borrowing base of pledged accounts receivable from certain of the Company's qualified customers which are assigned by the Company to the bank. Borrowings bear interest at 1.0% below the prime rate. There were no borrowings under this credit facility at December 31, 2000. The bank line expires on June 29, 2001. The Company believes it could increase the amount of the facility, if needed.

During the second quarter of 2000, the Company issued a promissory note to a bank for \$10.0 million to finance its growth in operations. The note will be paid in 36 monthly installments of approximately \$278,000 plus interest. The note bears interest at 1% less than the prime rate.

Throughout 2000, the Company purchased \$74.3 million of furniture and telephone and computer equipment financed through working capital and notes payable to vendors and banks and capital leases over three years which bear interest from 6.11% to 10.65%.

Net cash flow from operating activities was \$111.1 million for the year ended December 31, 2000, compared to net cash flow from operating activities of \$114.2 and \$11.9 million for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. The decrease from 1999 was due principally to increases in accounts receivable and other assets offset by increased earnings.

Net cash flow used in investing activities was \$68.5 million for the year ended December 31, 2000, compared to \$51.6 million and \$43.5 million, for the comparable periods of 1999 and 1998, respectively. The net cash flow used in

investing activities was primarily due to investments in call centers to support the growth of the Company's business.

Net cash flows from financing activities were \$3.7 million for the year ended December 31, 2000, compared to net cash flows used for financing activities of \$7.7 million and \$1.3 million, for the comparable periods of 1999 and 1998, respectively. In the year ended December 31, 2000, net cash flows used in financing activities were primarily for payments of debt and capital lease obligations. The cash used was offset by \$15.9 million of proceeds from the exercise of stock options to purchase Common Shares, including the tax benefit associated with the optionee's gain on the exercise of stock options and \$10.0 million of proceeds from the promissory note issued to the bank referenced above. The net cash flow used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 1999 was due primarily to payments on capital lease obligations. Net cash flow used in financing activities for the year ended December 31, 1998 was due primarily to the repayment of \$6.0 million in longterm debt obligations offset partially by \$2.7 million in cash borrowings under existing lines of credit and the net change in the accounts receivable financing program.

The Company is subject to lawsuits and claims, which arise out of the normal course of its business. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries are defendants in various litigation matters in the ordinary course of

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business, some of which involve claims for damages that are substantial in amount. Management believes, except for the items listed in the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements included elsewhere in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, for which management is currently unable to predict the outcome, the disposition of claims currently pending will not have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows.

## Capital Expenditures

The Company's operations will continue to require significant capital expenditures for real estate and capacity/expansion upgrades. Capital expenditures were \$74.3 million for the year ended December 31, 2000. Capital expenditures for 2000 consisted primarily of furniture, telephone and computer equipment purchases associated with the addition of four new call centers. The Company currently projects its capital expenditures for 2001 to be approximately \$50 to \$60 million, primarily for capacity expansion and upgrades at existing facilities and the addition of two call centers.

The Company believes that the cash flow from operations, together with existing cash and cash equivalents, financing through capital or operating leases, and available borrowings under its credit facilities will be adequate to meet its capital requirements for the foreseeable future. The Company may pledge additional property or assets of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, which are not already pledged as collateral securing existing credit facilities of the Company or any of its affiliates. The Company or any of its affiliates may be required to guarantee any existing or additional credit facilities.

## Inflation

The Company does not believe that inflation has had a material effect on its results of operations. However, there can be no assurance that the Company's business will not be affected by inflation in the future.

## ITEM 7A. QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

Certain statements under this caption constitute forward-looking statements, which involve risks and uncertainties. The Company's actual results in the future could differ significantly from the results discussed or implied in such forward-looking statements. Factors that could cause or contribute to such differences include, but are not limited to, the effect on financial performance of increased competition in the outsourced CRM solutions industry, potential future competition, competitive pricing for services, potential future competing technologies and trends, dependence on technology and phone service, dependence on the Company's labor force, reliance on major clients, the success of new product innovations, legal proceedings and government regulation.

The Company does not use derivative financial and commodity instruments. The

Company's financial instruments include cash and cash equivalents, accounts and notes receivable, accounts and notes payable and long-term obligations. The Company's cash and cash equivalents, accounts and notes receivable and accounts and notes payable balances are generally short-term in nature and do not expose the Company to material market risk. The Company has \$41.4 million of long-term obligations and \$26.0 million of credit facilities with variable interest rates. There were no borrowings outstanding under these credit facilities at December 31, 2000. Management does not believe that changes in future interest rates on these fixed and variable rate long-term obligations and credit facilities would have a material effect on the Company's financial position, results of operations, or cash flows given the Company's currently existing obligations under such long-term obligations and credit facilities.

## ITEM 8. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND SUPPLEMENTARY DATA

The information called for by this item is incorporated from the Company's Consolidated Financial Statements and Notes thereto set forth on pages F-1 through F-16.

ITEM 9. CHANGES IN AND DISAGREEMENTS WITH ACCOUNTANTS ON ACCOUNTING AND FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE

None.

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## PART III

## ITEM 10. DIRECTORS AND EXECUTIVE OFFICERS OF THE REGISTRANT

The information required by Item 10 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2001 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 15, 2001. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

## ITEM 11. EXECUTIVE COMPENSATION

The information required by Item 11 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2001 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 15, 2001. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

## ITEM 12. SECURITY OWNERSHIP OF CERTAIN BENEFICIAL OWNERS AND MANAGEMENT

The information required by Item 12 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2001 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 15, 2001. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

## ITEM 13. CERTAIN RELATIONSHIPS AND RELATED TRANSACTIONS

The information required by Item 13 is incorporated by reference from the Company's definitive proxy statement for the 2001 annual meeting of stockholders to be held on May 15, 2001. The definitive proxy statement will be filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission not later than 120 days after the end of the fiscal year covered by this Form 10-K.

## PART IV

ITEM 14. EXHIBITS, FINANCIAL STATEMENT SCHEDULES, AND REPORTS ON FORM 8-K

- (a) Documents filed as a part of the report:

	ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998	F-4
	Consolidated statements of cash flows for the years ended	
	December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998	F-5
	Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements	F-6
(2)	Financial Statement Schedules:	
	Independent Auditors' Report	S-1
	Schedule II (Consolidated valuation accounts for the three	
	years ended December 31, 2000)	S-2
(3)	Exhibits	

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission, are incorporated herein by reference as exhibits hereto.

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## (a) Exhibits.

# Exhibit Number Description

- 3.01 Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (Exhibit 99.02 to Form 8-K dated December 29, 2001, File No. 000-21771)
- 3.02 Restated Bylaws of the Company (Exhibit 99.03 to Form 8-K dated December 29, 2001, File No. 000-21771)
- 10.01 Form of Registration Rights Agreement (Exhibit 10.01 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.02 Bill of Sale & Assignment, dated October 30, 1996, from West Telemarketing Corp. to Troy L. Eaden (Exhibit 10.02 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.03 Purchase Agreement, dated March 14, 1996, between West Telemarketing Corporation and Executive Jet Sales, Inc. (Exhibit 10.03 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.04 1996 Stock Incentive Plan (Exhibit 10.04 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.05 Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (Exhibit 10.05 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) dated November 21, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.06 Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas B. Barker dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001
- 10.07 Employment Agreement between the Company and Michael A. Micek dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001
- 10.08 Stock Redemption Agreement, dated April 9, 1996, by and among John W. Erwin, Gary L. West, Mary E. West and Troy L. Eaden (Exhibit 10.11 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.09 Assignment and Assumption Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1996, by and among Gary L. West, Mary E. West, Troy L. Eaden and the Company (Exhibit 10.12 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) dated November 21, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.10 Personnel Company Subscription Service Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1996, between West Telemarketing Insurance Agency, Inc. and West Telemarketing Corporation Direct Teleservices (Exhibit 10.13 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) dated November 21, 1996, File No. 333-13991)

- 10.11 Lease, dated September 1, 1994, by and between West Telemarketing Corporation and 99-Maple Partnership (Exhibit 10.14 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 10.12 Employment Agreement between the Company and Nancee S. Berger, dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001
- 10.13 Employee Stock Purchase Plan dated July 1, 1997 (Exhibit 10.01 to Form 10-Q dated August 14, 1997, File No. 000-21771)
- 10.14 Employment Agreement between the Company and Mark V. Lavin dated July 1, 1996, as amended January 1, 2001
- 10.15 Employment Agreement between the Company and Steven M. Stangl dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001

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Exhibit Number Description

- 10.16 Employment Agreement between the Company and Michael M. Sturgeon,
- 10.17 Employment Agreement between the Company and Jon R. (Skip) Hanson, dated October 4, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001

dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001

- 10.18 Employment Agreement between the Company and Michael E. Mazour, dated July 1, 2000, as amended January 1, 2001
- 21.01 Subsidiaries of the Company (Exhibit 21.01 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) dated November 21,1996, File No. 333-13991)
- 23.01 Consent of Deloitte & Touche LLP
- (b) Reports on Form 8-K.

On December 29, 2000, the Company filed a Report on Form 8-K reporting that (1) West Corporation, a wholly owned subsidiary of the Company and a Delaware corporation, was merged into the Company, with the Company being the surviving corporation and (2) the name of the Company was changed from West TeleServices Corporation to West Corporation.

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## SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 13 or 15(d) 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.

WEST CORPORATION

By: /s/ Thomas B. Barker

Thomas B. Barker
President and Chief Executive
Officer

March 16, 2001

(Principal Executive Officer)

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, this report has been signed below by the following persons on behalf of the registrant and in the capacities and on the date indicated.

Signatures	Title	Date
/s/ Gary L. West	Co-Chairman of the Board and Director	March 16, 2001
Gary L. West	_	
/s/ Mary E. West	Vice Chair of the Board and Director	March 16, 2001
Mary E. West	_	
/s/ Thomas B. Barker	President and Chief Executive Officer and	March 16, 2001
Thomas B. Barker	Director (Principal Executive Officer)	
/s/ Michael A. Micek	Chief Financial Officer, Executive Vice President	March 16, 2001
Michael A. Micek	Financial and Treasurer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer)	
/s/ William E. Fisher	Director	March 16, 2001
William E. Fisher	-	
/s/ Greg T. Sloma	Director	March 16, 2001
Greg T. Sloma	-	

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors and Stockholders West Corporation Omaha, Nebraska

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of West Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and the related consolidated statements of operations, stockholders' equity, and cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audits.

We conducted our audits in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, such consolidated financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of December 31, 2000 and 1999 and the results of their operations and their cash flows for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000 in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Omaha, Nebraska

## WEST CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

ASSETS  CURRENT ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents \$ 108,113 \$ 61,865 Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful accounts of \$6,611 and \$4,717. 129,695 88,056 Notes receivable 2,153 4,208 Accounts receivable 2,153 4,208 Accounts receivable 24,555 16,348 Total current assets 283,665 185,140 PROPERTY AND EQUITMENT:  Land and improvements 5,392 5,355 Buildings 30,678 29,908 Telephone and computer equipment 188,775 164,691 Office furniture and equipment 35,100 30,748 Leasehold improvements 56,724 41,372 Construction in process 17,243 6,731 Total property and equipment 333,912 278,805 Accumulated depreciation and amortization (136,734) (110,871) Total property and equipment, net 197,178 167,934 GOOWAILL, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,906 and \$5,222 43,627 45,311 NOTES RECEIVABLE AND OTHER ASSETS \$ 553,907 \$ 408,989 LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY CURRENT LIABILITIES:  Accounts payable \$ 46,132 \$ 33,745 Customer deposits and holdbacks 22,007 9,273 Accumulated wages and benefits 13,553 7,411 Accrued phone expense 8,767 5,245 Other current liabilities 132,659 80,713 LONG-TERN OBLIGATIONS, less current maturities 122,659 80,713 LONG-TERN OBLIGATIONS, less current maturities 122,659 80,713 LONG-TERN OBLIGATIONS, less current maturities 122,659 80,713 LONG-TERN OBLIGATIONS, less current maturities 127,75 30,314 DEFERRED INCOME TRANES 10,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding		December 31,	
ASSETS  CORRENT ASSETS:  Cash and cash equivalents		2000	
Cash and cash equivalents   \$ 108,113 \$ 61,865     Accounts receivable, net of allowance for doubtful   129,695   88,056     Notes receivable   2,153   4,208     Notes receivable   2,153   4,208     Accounts receivable   19,154   14,663     Other   24,550   16,348     Total current assets   283,665   185,140     PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:   283,665   185,140     PROPERTY AND EQUIPMENT:   283,675   164,691     Land and improvements   3,392   5,355     Buildings   30,678   29,908     Telephone and computer equipment   188,775   164,691     Office furniture and equipment   35,100   30,748     Leasehold improvements   56,724   41,372     Construction in process   17,243   6,731     Total property and equipment   333,912   278,805     Accounts deducted depreciation and amortization   (136,734) (110,871)     Total property and equipment, net   197,178   167,934     GOODWILL, net of accumulated amortization of \$6,906 and   35,222   29,437   10,604     TOTAL ASSETS   553,907   \$408,989     LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY   CURRENT LIABILITIES   22,437   10,604     TOTAL ASSETS   553,907   \$408,989     LIABILITIES and STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY   132,659   80,713     Accounts payable   646,132   33,745     Current maturities   132,659   80,713     LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS, less current maturities   21,775   30,314     Accrued wages and benefits   132,659   80,713     LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS, less current maturities   21,775   30,314     Accrued phone expense   5,884   6,000     OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES   663	ASSETS		
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DEFERRED INCOME TAXES	Total current liabilities	132,659	80,713
OTHER LONG TERM LIABILITIES	·		•
MINORITY INTEREST			•
Preferred stock \$0.01 par value, 10,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding	MINORITY INTERESTCOMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES (Note H)		
Additional paid-in capital	Preferred stock \$0.01 par value, 10,000 shares authorized, no shares issued and outstanding Common stock \$0.01 par value, 200,000 shares		
Retained earnings	outstanding and 63,330 shares issued and outstanding		633
Treasury stock at cost (102 shares)		•	
Total stockholders' equity		(2,661)	
TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY \$ 553,907 \$ 408,989	Total stockholders' equity	378,125	291,962
	TOTAL LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	\$ 553,907	\$ 408,989

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## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2000	1999	1998
REVENUE  COST OF SERVICES  SELLING, GENERAL AND ADMINISTRATIVE EXPENSES	371,549 243,573	194,610	256,494 152,838
NET OPERATING INCOME		79 <b>,</b> 331	
Interest income	4,440	3,231	3,762
financing of \$184, \$490 and \$772	206	(2,549) 345	(866)
Other income (expense)		1,027	1,269
INCOME BEFORE INCOME TAX EXPENSE			
Current income tax expense  Deferred income tax expense (benefit)	(803)	31,476 (872)	1,429
Income tax expense		30,604	28,769
NET INCOME	\$ 70,259		\$ 45,991
EARNINGS PER COMMON SHARE: Basic		\$ 0.79	\$ 0.73
Diluted	\$ 1.03		\$ 0.73
WEIGHTED AVERAGE NUMBER OF SHARES OUTSTANDING: Basic common shares Dilutive impact of potential common shares from stock options	64,043	63,330	63 <b>,</b> 330
Diluted common shares			
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## WEST CORPORATION

## CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

		Retained Earnings	_	Total Stockholders' Equity
BALANCE, January 1, 1998 Net income	•	\$ 37,937 45,991		\$196,217 45,991

BALANCE, December 31, 1998	633	157,647	83,928		242,208
Net income			49,754		49,754
BALANCE, December 31, 1999	633	157,647	133,682		291 <b>,</b> 962
Net incomeStock options exercised			70,259		70,259
including related tax					
benefits (1,217 shares)	12	18,553			18,565
Treasury stock (102 shares)				(2,661)	(2,661)
BALANCE, December 31, 2000	\$645	\$176,200	\$203,941	\$(2,661)	\$378,125
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The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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## WEST CORPORATION

# CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

	Years Ended December 31,		
	2000	1999	1998
CASH FLOWS FROM OPERATING ACTIVITIES:  Net income	\$ 70,259	\$ 49,754	\$ 45,991
Depreciation and amortization	723	37,343 170 (872)	58
Accounts receivable Other assets Accounts payable Other liabilities and accrued expenses Income tax payable Customer deposits and holdbacks	(10,145) 12,387 21,527	8,244 (1,610) 20,888 3,200 1,307 (4,203)	(11,139) (6,091) (637)
Net cash flows from operating activities		114,221	11,903
CASH FLOWS FROM INVESTING ACTIVITIES:  Purchase of property and equipment  Proceeds from disposal of property and			
equipment  Issuance of notes receivable  Proceeds from payments of notes receivable	1,425  497	(15,401) 1,471	(6,990) 6,338
Net cash flows from investing activities	(68,514)		(43,519)
CASH FLOWS FROM FINANCING ACTIVITIES:  Proceeds from issuance of debt	10,000 (17,701)	6,000 (13,712) (2,000) 2,026	 (5,954) 2,000
Proceeds from stock options exercised including related tax benefits	15,904		
Net cash flows from financing activities		(7,686)	(1,276)
NET CHANGE IN CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS		54,937	

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, Beginning of period	61,865	6,928	39,820
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS, End of period	\$108,113 ======	\$ 61,865 ======	\$ 6,928
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF CASH FLOW INFORMATION:			
Cash paid during the period for interest		\$ 3,092 ======	•
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	•	\$ 29,842 ======	•
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH INVESTING ACTIVITIES:			
Acquisition of property through assumption of	A 2 060	A 01 056	A 15 000
long-term obligations	•	\$ 21,956 ======	\$ 15,220
Transfer of accounts receivable to notes receivable		\$ 2,000	•
SUPPLEMENTAL DISCLOSURE OF NONCASH FINANCING ACTIVITIES:	======	======	======
Acquisition of patent through issuance of preferred stock of subsidiary	\$ 14,666	\$	
Treasury stock acquired in exchange for stock			
options exercised	. ,	\$	\$

The accompanying notes are an integral part of these financial statements.

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#### WEST CORPORATION

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

## A. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

Business Description--West Corporation (the "Company"), formerly known as West TeleServices Corporation, is one of the largest independent providers of outsourced customer relationship management, or CRM, solutions in the United States. The Company enables its clients to completely outsource a full range of services, including processing of customer initiated contacts, automated voice response services and direct marketing services. The Company offers its services over the telephone and the Internet. The Company's services minimize its clients' cost of managing their customer relationships, improve their customers' overall experience and provide its clients an opportunity to leverage its customer data.

The Company provides its CRM solutions to Fortune 500 companies, leading Internet oriented companies and e-commerce companies. These services help its clients acquire customers, provide customer support and generate repeat sales. The Company operates a national network of 28 state-of-the-art customer contact centers and seven automated voice and data processing centers throughout North America and in India.

Basis of Consolidation--The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its subsidiaries. All intercompany transactions and balances have been eliminated in the consolidated financial statements.

Use of Estimates--The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles, generally accepted in the United States of America, requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates.

Revenue Recognition--Operator Teleservices revenue is recognized at the time calls are answered by an agent based on the number of calls and/or minutes received and processed on behalf of clients. Interactive Teleservices revenue is recognized at the time calls are received or sent by automated voice response units and is billed based on call duration. Direct Teleservices

revenue is generally recognized on an hourly and success based rate basis at the time the agents place calls to consumers on behalf of clients. The customer is obligated to pay for these services when these activities have been performed. Both Operator Teleservices and Direct Teleservices also generate revenue by providing assistance to their clients in the design and programming of customized applications which are generally recognized on an hourly basis at the time the services are provided. Other revenues are recognized during the period services are provided. The Company defers revenues during the period in which customer refund obligations exist. Deferred revenue at December 31, 2000 and 1999 was \$8,257 and \$-0- respectively.

Cost of Services--Cost of services includes labor, telephone and other expenses directly related to service activities.

Selling, General and Administrative Expenses--Selling, general and administrative expenses consist of all expenses that support the ongoing operation of the Company. These expenses include costs related to division management, facilities costs, equipment depreciation and maintenance, amortization of goodwill, allowance for doubtful accounts, sales and marketing activities, client support services and corporate management costs.

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#### WEST CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

Cash and Cash Equivalents--For purposes of the statement of cash flows, the Company considers short-term investments with original maturities of three months or less at acquisition to be cash equivalents.

Financial Instruments—Cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and accounts payable are short—term in nature and the net values at which they are recorded are considered to be reasonable estimates of their fair values. The carrying values of notes receivable, notes payable and long—term obligations are deemed to be reasonable estimates of their fair values. Interest rates that are currently available to the Company for the reissuance of notes with similar terms and remaining maturities are used to estimate fair values of the notes receivable, notes payable and long—term obligations.

Property and Equipment--Property and equipment are recorded at cost. Depreciation expense is based on the estimated useful lives of the assets and is calculated on the straight-line method. The Company's buildings have estimated useful lives of 30.5 years and the majority of the other assets have estimated useful lives of five years.

Goodwill--Goodwill represents the excess of the value of Company stock received by minority stockholders upon their exchange of stock in certain subsidiaries over the book value of this stock. Goodwill is being amortized over 30 years. Recoverability of these assets is evaluated periodically based on management's estimate of future undiscounted operating income for each respective component of goodwill.

Notes Receivable--Notes receivable and other assets are presented net of an allowance for doubtful accounts of \$2,768 in 2000 and \$-0- in 1999.

Customer Deposits and Holdbacks--The Company obtains directly from the billing and collection agent, revenue generated from its customers' programs. The Company retains a specified amount of the revenue and remits the remainder to its customers. The retained amount is based upon the collection history of the customer's program success and is necessary to allow for potential adjustments, which may be filed within one year of the actual transactions. The Company obtains security deposits from certain customers, which are refunded to the customers when the Company discontinues service to the customers' programs.

Income Taxes--The Company and its subsidiaries file a consolidated income tax return. The Company uses an asset and liability approach for the financial reporting of income taxes in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 109, Accounting for Income Taxes. Deferred income taxes arise from temporary differences between financial and tax reporting.

Earnings Per Common Share--Basic earnings per share excludes dilution and is computed by dividing income available to common stockholders by the weighted-average number of common shares outstanding for the period. Diluted earnings per share reflects the potential dilution that could occur if securities or other contracts to issue common stock were exercised or converted into common stock or resulted in issuance of common stock that then shared in the earnings of the entity.

Preferred Stock--The Board of Directors of the Company has the authority, without any further vote or action by the stockholders, to provide for the issuance of up to ten million shares of preferred stock from time to time in one or more series with such designations, rights, preferences and limitations as the Board of Directors may determine, including the consideration received therefor. The Board also has the authority to determine the number of shares comprising each series, dividend rates, redemption provisions, liquidation preferences, sinking fund provisions, conversion rights and voting rights without approval by the holders of common stock.

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## WEST CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS -- (Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

Minority Interest--The Company exercised an option to acquire, develop and commercialize an innovative new technology that is the subject of a patent issued on April 25, 2000. The technology relates to a process that the Company believes could have applications in the teleservices industry and a wide range of other industries. In order to incentivize certain of the Company's executive officers to develop and pursue this opportunity an equity interest was granted to those executives in the new company. The Company's venture partner and patent developer was granted 500 shares of convertible preferred stock in the new company. The venture partner has the option during the first 18 months of the venture to surrender those shares of convertible preferred stock in the new company in exchange for \$12 million in cash plus an option to acquire 325,000 shares of the Company's common stock, exercisable at the average market price on the 15 days prior to the date of the agreement (\$26.03 per share). Alternatively, the venture partner has the option to convert the 500 shares of convertible preferred stock into 5% of the common stock of the new company. The Company utilized the Black-Scholes pricing model to value the 325,000 options. The sum of that calculation and the \$12 million in cash resulted in the valuation of the patent at \$14.7 million, which is being amortized over the life of the patent, 17 years.

Recent Accounting Pronouncements--In June 1998, the Financial Accounting Standards Board issued Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 133, Accounting for Derivative Financial Instruments and Hedging Activities, (SFAS No. 133). This statement, which is effective for the Company beginning on January 1, 2001, requires recognition of all derivative financial instruments as either assets or liabilities in the balance sheet and measurement of those instruments at fair value. Management has determined that the adoption of SFAS No. 133 will not have a material effect on the Company's financial statements.

Reclassifications—-Certain reclassifications have been made to prior years' financial statements to conform to the current year presentation.

## B. ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE FINANCING PROGRAM

The Company maintains a line of credit with three participating banks in the amount of \$1,000. Outstanding borrowings were \$-0- at December 31, 2000 and 1999. Borrowings bear interest at 1.0% below the prime rate (actual rate 8.5% at December 31, 2000) to fund customer advances. Substantially all current assets of a subsidiary are pledged as collateral on the line of credit, which expires June 28, 2001. The Company had advances to customers through its accounts receivable financing programs aggregating \$19,154 and \$14,663 at December 31, 2000 and 1999, respectively. Under terms of the programs, advances are collateralized by the customer's accounts receivable from unrelated national billing services. The Company charges interest at the prime rate plus 3.0% (actual rate 12.5% at December 31, 2000).

## C. LONG-TERM OBLIGATIONS AND CREDIT ARRANGEMENTS

The Company has a \$25,000 unsecured revolving credit facility. Advances under the revolving credit facility bear interest at the prime rate less 1.0% (actual rate 8.5% at December 31, 2000). The revolving credit facility expires on June 29, 2001. Outstanding borrowings under the revolving credit facility totaled \$-0- at December 31, 2000 and 1999. The Company's credit facility contains certain financial and other covenants which contain current ratio and tangible net worth requirements and limitations on indebtedness, among others. The financial covenants were met at December 31, 2000.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

Long-term obligations consisted of the following:

	Decembe	er 31,
		1999
Mortgage note payable to bank, due in monthly installments of \$102 including interest at 7.63% with a balloon payment at maturity at February 1, 2003	\$11,633	\$11,977
June 30, 2003  Notes payable to bank, due in monthly installments of \$185,	8,333	
including interest at 6.75% maturing April 1, 2002  Notes payable to bank, due in monthly installments of \$176,	2,885	4,780
including interest at 6.20% maturing October 28, 2001  Notes payable to vendor, due in monthly installments of \$141, including interest from 3.54% to 5.40% maturing from March 1,	1 <b>,</b> 875	3 <b>,</b> 802
2001 to January 1, 2002	1,272 15,357	3,098 21,539
Less current maturities:	41,355	45 <b>,</b> 196
Debt	8,792 10,788	- /
Current maturities of long-term obligations	19,580	14,882
Long-term obligations		\$30,314

The agreements contain restrictive covenants, which, among other things, require the maintenance of certain ratios and minimum tangible net worth, as defined in the agreements. The financial covenants were met at December 31, 2000.

Scheduled maturities on long-term debt excluding capital lease obligations described in Note D, are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,

2001	\$ 8,792
2002	4,625
2003	12,581

## D. LEASES

The Company leases certain land, buildings and equipment under operating and capital leases, which expire at varying dates through September 2007. Rent expense on operating leases was \$6,730, \$4,595 and \$4,190 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively, exclusive of related party lease expense as discussed in Note E. On all real estate leases, the Company pays real estate taxes, insurance and maintenance associated with the leased sites. Certain of the leases offer extension options ranging from month to month to five years. All of the capital leases call for transfer of ownership or contain bargain purchase options at the end of the lease term. Amortization of assets purchased through capital lease agreements is included in depreciation expense.

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## WEST CORPORATION

## NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

	December 31,	
	2000	1999
Assets under capital leases consisted of: Telephone and computer equipment Office furniture and equipment Lease/building improvements	3,328	\$24,490 2,361 633
Total cost	- · <b>,</b> · · ·	27,484 (6,621)
Net book value	\$ 19,639 ======	\$20,863

Future minimum payments under non-cancelable operating and capital leases with initial or remaining terms of one year or more and present value of the net minimum lease payments are as presented below exclusive of related party leases as discussed in Note E:

	Operating Leases	Leases
Year Ending December 31,     2001	7,497 6,511	4,545 257  
Total minimum obligations	\$31,265 =====	16,359
Less interest at 6.11% to 10.65%		1,002
Present value of net minimum lease payments  Less current portion		15,357 10,788
		\$ 4,569 ======

## E. RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

The Company leases certain office space owned by a partnership whose partners are majority stockholders of the Company. The lease expires August 31, 2004, and is accounted for as an operating lease. Required lease payments are as follows:

Year Ending December 31,

2001	\$ 921
2002	976
2003	1,035
2004	717

Lease expense was \$869, \$820 and \$773 for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

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## WEST CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

## F. INCOME TAXES

Components of the actual income tax expense were as follows:

	Year End	Year Ended December 31,		
	2000	1999	1998	
Current income tax expense: Federal State			2,890	
	41,466	31,476		
Deferred income tax expense (benefit): Federal		(687) (185)		
	(803)	(872)	1,429	
	\$40,663	\$30,604	\$28,769	

A reconciliation of income tax expense computed at statutory tax rates compared to effective income tax rates was as follows:

	_ 0 0 0	1999	
Statutory rate	1.4%	2.5%	2.3%
	36.7%	38.1%	38.5%
	=====	=====	=====

Significant temporary differences between reported financial and taxable earnings that give rise to deferred tax assets and liabilities were as follows:

	Decembe	er 31,
	2000	1999
Deferred tax assets: Allowance for doubtful accounts	\$2,479	\$1,792
Deferred tax liabilities: Depreciation	5,884	6,000
Net deferred tax liability	\$3,405	\$4,208

The deferred tax asset at December 31, 2000 and 1999 was included in other current assets.

#### G. EMPLOYEE BENEFITS AND INCENTIVE PLANS

The Company has a 401(k) plan, which covers substantially all employees. Under the plan, the Company will match 50% of employee contributions up to 14% of their gross salary. The Company matching contributions are 100% vested after the employee has attained five years of service. Total employer contributions under the plan were \$1,614, \$1,390 and \$1,076 for the years ended December \$1,2000, 1999 and 1998, respectively.

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

During 2000, the Company established a grantor trust under the West Corporation Executive Retirement Savings Plan ("Trust"). The principal of the Trust, and any earnings thereon shall be held separate and apart from other funds of the Company and shall be used exclusively for the uses and purposes of plan participants and general creditors. Participation in the Trust is voluntary and is restricted to highly compensated individuals as defined by the Internal Revenue Service. The Company will match 50% of employee contributions, limited to the same maximums as those of the 401(k) plan. Total employer contributions under the plan were \$221 for the year ended December 31, 2000.

The Company's 1996 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") authorized granting to officers and directors the right to purchase shares of Common Stock of the Company ("Common Shares") at the fair market value determined on the date of grant. Options generally vest over a four year period and expire ten years after grant date. Options to purchase a maximum of 9,499,500 Common Shares may be granted under the Plan.

During December 1998, the Company amended all outstanding options granted. The options to purchase the Common Shares at prices ranging from \$15.625 to \$17.75 were surrendered by option holders in December of 1998 and replacement options of 5,185,700 Common Shares with an exercise price, equal to the current market price, of \$9.6875 were issued including replacement options of 44,000 Common Shares held by non-employee directors.

The following table presents the activity of the stock options for each of the fiscal years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998 and the stock options outstanding at the end of the respective fiscal years.

	Shares	Exercise Price
Outstanding at January 1, 1998	4,558,300	\$15.6381
Granted Surrendered and replaced by plan amendment Canceled	7,760,800 (5,185,700) (137,700)	15.6361
Outstanding at December 31, 1998	6,995,700	9.6875
Granted Canceled	515,000	10.7693 9.7443
Outstanding at December 31, 1999	7,011,400	9.7634
Granted. Canceled. Exercised.	145,000 (60,780) (1,182,995)	24.0054 9.8268 9.7268
Outstanding at December 31, 2000	5,912,625	\$10.1194 ======
Shares available for future grants at December 31, 2000	2,403,880	

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#### WEST CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

The following table summarizes information about the Company's stock options outstanding at December 31, 2000:

Exercise Price	Stock Option Shares Outstanding	Weighted Average Remaining Contractual Life in Years	Weighted Average Exercise Price	Stock Option Shares Exercisable
\$ 8.0000	8,000	8.36	\$ 8.0000	2,000
\$ 9.6875	5,325,895	7.95	\$ 9.6875	899,270
\$10.8130	433,730	8.58	\$10.8130	79,730
\$21.1250	10,000	9.36	\$21.1250	
\$23.1250	67 <b>,</b> 500	9.58	\$23.1250	
\$25.3125	67 <b>,</b> 500	9.84	\$25.3125	
	5,912,625	8.04	\$10.1194	981,000
	=======	====		======

The Company accounts for its stock-based compensation plans under the provisions of Accounting Principles Board Opinion 25, Accounting for Stock Issued to Employees, which utilizes the intrinsic value method. As a result of the exercise price being equal to the market price at the date of grant, the Company recognized no compensation expense for the years ended December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998.

For purposes of pro forma disclosures, the estimated fair value of the options is amortized over the options' vesting period. Had the Company's stock option and stock purchase plan been accounted for under Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 123, Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation; 2000, 1999 and 1998 net income and earnings per share would have been reduced to the following pro forma amounts:

	Year Ended December 31,				
		1999			
Net Income: As reported Pro forma Earnings per common share: Basic as reported	\$64,840	\$41,782	\$39,885		
Diluted as reported  Pro forma basic  Pro forma diluted	\$ 1.03 \$ 1.01	\$ 0.77 \$ 0.66	\$ 0.73 \$ 0.63		

The weighted average fair value per share of options granted in 2000, 1999, and 1998 was \$14.18, \$6.80 and \$3.45, respectively. The fair value for options granted under the above described plans were estimated at the date of grant using the Black Scholes pricing model with the following assumptions:

	2000	1999	1998
Risk-free interest rate	6.2%	5.3%	4.7%
Dividend yield	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Expected volatility	75.0%	60.0%	55.0%
Expected life (years)	4.0	4.1	4.1

During May 1997, the Company and its stockholders adopted the 1997 Employee Stock Purchase Plan (the "Stock Purchase Plan"). The Stock Purchase Plan provides employees an opportunity to purchase

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## WEST CORPORATION

NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

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Common Shares through annual offerings to be made during the five-year period commencing July 1, 1997. Each employee participating in any offering is granted an option to purchase as many full Common Shares as the participating employee may elect so long as the purchase price for such Common Shares does not exceed 10% of the compensation received by such employee from the Company during the annual offering period or 1,000 Common Shares. The purchase price is to be paid through payroll deductions. The purchase price for each Common Share is equal to 100% of the fair market value of the Common Share on the date of the grant, determined by the average of the high and low NASDAQ National Market quoted market price (\$25.3125 at July 3, 2000). On the last day of the offering period, the option to purchase Common Shares becomes exercisable. If at the end of the offering, the fair market value of the Common Shares is less than 100% of the fair market value at the date of grant, then the options will not be deemed exercised and the payroll deductions made with respect to the options will be applied to the next offering unless the employee elects to have the payroll deductions withdrawn from the Stock Purchase Plan. The maximum number of Common Shares available for sale under the Stock Purchase Plan is 1,965,532 shares.

## H. COMMITMENTS AND CONTINGENCIES

From time to time, the Company is subject to lawsuits and claims which arise out of its operations in the normal course of its business. The Company and certain of its subsidiaries are defendants in various litigation matters in the ordinary course of business, some of which involve claims for damages that are substantial in amount. The Company believes, except for the items discussed below for which the Company is currently unable to predict the outcome, the disposition of claims currently pending will not have a material adverse effect

on the Company's financial position, results of operations or cash flows.

Richard Carney, et al. v. West TeleServices, Inc., et al. was filed on October 31, 1997 in the 131st Judicial District Court of Bexar County, Texas. Plaintiffs seek certification of a class consisting of all hourly employees of the Company, Inbound, Outbound, and West Telemarketing Insurance Agency, Inc. Plaintiffs allege that they were not paid for all compensable work performed by them during their employment. Plaintiffs seek recovery under the theories of quantum meruit, common law fraud, common law debt, conversion and civil theft. A partial summary judgment was granted to the defendants on March 8, 2000 on breach of express contract and civil theft and on all claims against the individual defendants. On May 12, 2000, the court certified a class of plaintiffs and other similarly situated hourly employees of the Company and several of its subsidiaries that allege they had not been paid for all compensable work performed during their employment. On July 7, 2000, defendants filed a brief for an interlocutory appeal of the certification order. On November 1, 2000, the San Antonio Court of Appeals reversed and remanded the certification order back to the district court for further proceedings. The plaintiffs also amended their petition to allege on quantum meriut as a theory of recovery. On November 21, 2000, the district court entered an order modifying its May 12, 2000 order granting class certification. The Company filed a notice of appeal of the amended order, which remains pending. No claims remain in the lawsuit that allow for an award of punitive damages under Texas law.

Glenn K. Jackson and Elsie Jackson v. West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound and Does 1 through 100, inclusive, was filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California (No. CV-97-8281 TJH (AIJx)), on August 12, 1997, and transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of Texas, Dallas Division, where it is pending (Civil Action No. 3:98-CV-0960-H). The complaint contains several causes of action, all of which deal with the purchase by the Company's subsidiary, West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound ("Outbound"), of two pieces of property from the Resolution Trust Corporation ("RTC") during 1993 and 1994. The plaintiffs contend that they also bid on the property, that Outbound learned the amount of their bids, used that information to out-bid them and, ultimately, purchased the

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## WEST CORPORATION

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YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

property. The complaint seeks general damages, special damages, equitable injunctive and restitutionary relief, including restitution of the property involved, punitive damages, attorneys' fees, and litigation costs. On November 19, 1999, the Company's motion for summary judgment was granted in full. On December 9, 1999, the plaintiffs appealed this summary judgment order to the U.S. Fifth Circuit Court of Appeals for the Fifth Circuit. Plaintiffs filed their brief on April 12, 2000 and the defendants filed their brief on June 16, 2000. The Court heard oral argument on December 6, 2000, but has not yet ruled. A ruling is expected in the first half of 2001.

Outbound is a defendant in three cases which have been consolidated into one proceeding entitled Bone, Zarella, et al. individually and on behalf of a class of all other persons similarly situated vs. Horry Telephone Cooperative, Inc.; AT&T Corp.; AT&T Communications, Inc., AT&T Communications of the Southern States, Inc.; and West Telemarketing Outbound Corporation, pending in the United States District Court for the District of South Carolina. The plaintiffs in these cases alleged they were marketed AT&T long distance calling plans, and did not receive the full benefits of the marketed plans. Outbound provided telemarketing services to AT&T in connection with AT&T's marketing of these plans. The Federal judge referred the consolidated case to the FCC, and on March 10, 2000, the plaintiffs filed a Motion Seeking Conditional Certification of the Settlement Class, Preliminary Approval of a Settlement, and Approval and Order for Class Notice to be Given. Outbound and the co-defendants concurred in the motion. On March 23, 2000, the Federal judge approved the plaintiffs' motion and conditionally certified a class settlement and preliminarily approved the settlement. Under the proposed settlement AT&T will pay the entire settlement amount and neither Outbound nor the Company will be responsible for

any such costs. On November 9, 2000, the court held that the settlement was fair and reasonable and the settlement was approved. Outbound has been released from all class action claims.

## I. SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMERS AND SERVICE LINES

For the years ended December 31, 2000, through December 31, 1998, the Company had 34 to 46 major customers who accounted for approximately 80% of total revenues. The Company had one customer who accounted for 28% of total revenue for the year ended December 31, 2000 and 32% and 33% of total revenue for the years ended December 31, 1999 and 1998, respectively. On December 31, 2000 the Company had no material revenue or assets outside the United States.

The following is revenue by service lines for years ending December 31, 2000, 1999 and 1998:

	For the Year Ended December 31,			
		1999		
Operator Teleservices	138,903	131,720	122,601	
Total revenue	\$724,505 ======	\$562,444 ======	\$482,823	

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NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS--(Continued)

YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000, 1999 AND 1998 (DOLLARS IN THOUSANDS EXCEPT PER SHARE AMOUNTS)

## J. QUARTERLY RESULTS OF OPERATIONS (UNAUDITED)

The following is the summary of the quarterly results of operations for the two years ended December 31, 2000 and 1999. Certain reclassifications between other income (expense) and selling, general and administrative expenses have been made to the companies quarterly financial statements to conform to the current year presentation primarily for the classification of sales and use taxes and the gain or loss on sale of equipment:

	Three Months Ended					
			September 30, 2000	·		
Revenue  Cost of services  Selling, general and	86,198	89,223	98,593	97,535		
administrative expenses	57 <b>,</b> 427	58,239	62 <b>,</b> 320	65 <b>,</b> 587		
Net operating income Other income (expense)	•	•	28,600 460	30,274 (254)		
Income before income tax expense	•	24,942 9,222	29,060 10,704	•		
Net income	\$ 17,028	\$ 15,720	\$ 18,356	\$ 19 <b>,</b> 155		

	====	=====	==	=====	===		===	
Earnings per common share:								
Basic	\$	0.27	\$	0.24	\$	0.29	\$	0.30
Diluted	\$	0.25	\$	0.23	\$	0.27	\$	0.28

## Three Months Ended

			September 30,	
Revenue  Cost of services  Selling, general and	•		•	·
administrative expenses				49,603
Net operating income Other income (expense)	20,923	17,439		
Income before income tax				
expense	•		7,618	20,464 7,845
Net income	\$ 13,909	\$ 11,066 ======		
Earnings per common share: Basic Diluted				

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## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Board of Directors and Stockholders West Corporation

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of West Corporation and subsidiaries (the "Company") as of December 31, 2000 and 1999, and for each of the three years in the period ended December 31, 2000, and have issued our report thereon dated February 6, 2001; such report is included elsewhere in this Form 10-K. Our audits also included the consolidated financial statement schedule of the Company, listed in Item 14. This consolidated financial statement schedule is the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion based on our audits. In our opinion, such consolidated financial statement schedule, when considered in relation to the basic consolidated financial statements taken as a whole, presents fairly in all material respects the information set forth therein.

Deloitte & Touche LLP

/S/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Omaha, Nebraska February 6, 2001

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Schedule II

WEST CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES
CONSOLIDATED VALUATION ACCOUNTS
THREE YEARS ENDED DECEMBER 31, 2000
(AMOUNTS IN THOUSANDS)

Description	Beginning of Year	Cost and Expenses	Amounts Charged-Off	
December 31, 2000Allowance for doubtful accounts Accounts receivable	\$4,717 	\$9 <b>,</b> 723	\$7 <b>,</b> 829	\$6,611
December 31, 1999Allowance for doubtful accounts Accounts receivable	\$1,870 	\$8,381	\$5 <b>,</b> 534	\$4,717
December 31, 1998Allowance for doubtful accounts Accounts receivable	\$ 447 	\$3 <b>,</b> 484	\$2 <b>,</b> 061	\$1,870 
December 31, 2000Allowance for doubtful accounts Long-term notes receivable	\$ 	\$2 <b>,</b> 768	\$ 	\$2,768

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## EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibits identified in parentheses below, on file with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission are incorporated herein by reference as exhibits hereto.

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3.01	Restated Certificate of Incorporation of the Company (Exhibit 99.02 to Form 8-K dated December 29, 2001, File No. 000-21771)	*
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10.03	Purchase Agreement, dated March 14, 1996, between West Telemarketing Corporation and Executive Jet Sales, Inc. (Exhibit 10.03 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)	*
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10.05	Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (Exhibit 10.05 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) dated November 21, 1996, File No. 333-13991)	*
10.06	Employment Agreement between the Company and Thomas B. Barker dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001	**
10.07	Employment Agreement between the Company and Michael A. Micek dated January 1, 1999, as amended January 1, 2001	**

10.08	Stock Redemption Agreement, dated April 9, 1996, by and among John W. Erwin, Gary L. West, Mary E. West and Troy L. Eaden (Exhibit 10.11 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 1) dated November 12, 1996, File No. 333-13991)	*
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10.10	Personnel Company Subscription Service Agreement, dated as of November 12, 1996, between West Telemarketing Insurance Agency, Inc. and West Telemarketing Corporation Direct Teleservices (Exhibit 10.13 to Registration Statement under Form S-1 (Amendment No. 2) dated November 21, 1996, File No. 333-13991)	*
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 $<sup>{}^{\</sup>star}$ Indicates that the page number for such item is not applicable.

<sup>\*\*</sup> Filed herewith

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of January, 1999, between West TeleServices Corporation a Delaware corporation ("Employer") and TOM BARKER ("Employee").

#### RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in his capacity as PRESIDENT AND CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employee's total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of his ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote his best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of his employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 1st day of January, 1999, and shall continue for a period of two years unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
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- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
- 5. Other Activities. Employee shall devote substantially all of his working time and efforts during the Company's normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and to the duties and responsibilities assigned to him pursuant to this Agreement. Employee may devote a reasonable amount of his time to civic, community or charitable activities. Employee in all events shall be free to invest his assets in such manner as will not require any substantial services by Employee in the conduct of the businesses or affairs of the entities or in the management of the assets in which such investments are made.

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- f) During the term of this Agreement, including any period of consulting, Employee shall not, singly, jointly, or as a member, employer or agent of any partnership, or as an officer, agent, employee, director, stockholder or investor of any other corporation or entity, or in any other capacity, engage in any business endeavors of any kind or nature whatsoever, other than those of Employer or its Affiliates without the express written consent of Employer, provided, however, that Employee may own stock in a publicly traded corporation. Employee agrees that Employer may in its sole discretion give or withhold its consent and understands that Employer's consent will not be unreasonably withheld if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duties and obligations as a consultant, including The fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
  - (2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
  - (3) Employee's new employment will not, in Employer's opinion, result, directly or indirectly, in competition with Employer or its Affiliates, then or in the future.
- g) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of paragraph 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- h) Employer shall reimburse Employee for all reasonable expenses incurred by Employee in furtherance of his consulting duties

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pursuant to this Agreement provided the expenses are pre-approved by  $\operatorname{\sc Employer}$  .

- i) Benefits During Consulting Period. Employee and his dependents shall be entitled to continue their participation in all benefit plans in effect on the date of Employee's termination from employment during the period of consulting, under the same terms and conditions and at the same net cost to Employee as when employed by Employer unless Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term in accordance with paragraph 7 above, in which event all benefits will cease, at Employer's option, when the new employment is accepted by Employee.
- 8. Confidential Information. In the course of Employee's employment, Employee will be provided with certain information, technical data and know-how regarding the business of Employer and its Affiliates and their products, all of which is confidential (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"). Employee agrees to receive, hold and treat all confidential information received from Employer and its Affiliates as confidential and secret and agrees to protect the secrecy of said Confidential Information. Employee agrees that the Confidential Information will be disclosed only to those persons who are required to have such knowledge in connection with their work for Employer and that such Confidential Information will not be disclosed to others without the prior written consent of the Employer. The provisions hereof shall not be applicable to: (a) information which at the time of disclosure to Employee is a matter of public knowledge; or (b) information which, after disclosure to Employee, becomes public knowledge other than through a breach of this

Agreement. Unless the Confidential Information shall be of the type herein before set forth, Employee shall not use such Confidential Information for his own benefit or for a third party's or parties' benefit at any time. Upon termination of employment, Employee will return all books, records and other materials provided to or acquired by Employee during the course of employment which relate in any way to Employer or its business. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

- 9. Covenant Not to Compete. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Employee covenants and agrees that for the period of two (2) years following termination of his employment with Employer for any reason he will not:
  - a) directly or indirectly, for himself, or as agent of, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any person, firm, association or corporation, engage in any business competing directly for the customers, prospective customers or accounts of the Employer or any of its Affiliates with whom Employee had contact or about whom Employee learned during the course of his employment with Employer and during the one (1) year immediately preceding the end of his employment.
  - b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave his employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
  - c) induce or attempt to induce any customer of Employer or any of its Affiliates to terminate or change in any way its business relationship with Employer or the Affiliate.

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Employee agrees the knowledge and information gained by him in the performance of his duties would be valuable to those who are now, or might become, competitors of the Employer or its Affiliates and that the business of Employer and its Affiliates by its nature, covers at least the entire United States of America and Canada. In the event these covenants not to compete are held, in any respect, to be an unreasonable restriction upon the Employee, the Court so holding may reduce the territory, or time, to which it pertains or otherwise reasonably modify the covenant to the extent necessary to render this covenant enforceable by said Court for the reasonable protection of Employer and its Affiliates. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph are severable from, and shall survive the expiration or termination of, this Agreement.

# 10. Developments.

- a) Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under his direction or jointly with others during his employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working hours or on the premises of Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").
- b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- c) Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to

protect its rights and interest in any Developments.

- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.
- 12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee

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by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in paragraph 7 hereof.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

General Counsel West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, Nebraska 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
- c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.
- d) This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Employer

By: /s/ Troy L. Eaden

Its: Co-Chairman

WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION.

, Employee

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#### WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

# MEMORANDUM

To: Tom Barker

From: WTSC Comp. Committee

Date: December 11, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as President and Chief Executive Officer for West TeleServices Corporation is outlined below:

- 1. Your base salary will be \$475,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- 2. Effective January 1, 2001, you will be eligible to receive a performance bonus based on year-to-date growth of profits over the same period of the prior year. This bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date growth in profits for each quarter by the corresponding profit growth participation factor from the table below, minus bonus paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

Profit Growth	Profit Growth Participation Factor
0% - 14.99%	0
15% - 19.99%	.0155
20% - 24.99%	.0165
25% - 29.99%	.0175
30%+	.0185

Please note that a negative year-to-date profit calculations at the end of any given quarter will result in "loss carry forward" to be applied to the next quarterly year-to-date calculation. All bonuses will be paid within thirty (30) days of the end of the quarter.

- 3. You will be eligible for a bonus of \$50,000.00 for every net new analyst that initiates coverage with a report on West TeleServices in the year 2001. The maximum bonus to be earned as a result of new analysts' coverage in the year 2001 is \$250,000.00.
- 4. For the purposes of this Exhibit A, profit shall be defined as pre-tax profit growth of the Company on a consolidated basis.
- At the discretion of management, you may receive an additional bonus based on the Companies' and your individual performance.
- 6. Your Compensation Plan for the year 2002 will be presented no later than December 1, 2001.
- 7. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting

term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401 K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Tom Barker
----Employee - Tom Barker

Exhibit 10.07

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THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of January, 1999, between West TeleServices Corporation a Delaware corporation ("Employer") and MICHAEL A. MICEK ("Employee").

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- Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under his direction or jointly with others during his employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working hours or on the premises of Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").
- b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- c) Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any Developments.
- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of

the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.

12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee

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by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in paragraph 7 hereof.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address;

President and CEO West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, Nebraska 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
- c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.

Employer

d) This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

By: /s/ Thomas B. Barker

Its: President/CEO

/s/ Michael A. Micek

Michael A. Micek

-----, Employee

WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION,

#### WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

## MEMORANDUM

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To: Mike Micek

From: Tom Barker

Date: December 11, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as Chief Financial Officer for West TeleServices Corporation is being revised as indicated below:

- 1. Your base salary will be \$225,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- 2. Effective January 1, 2001, you will be eligible to receive a performance bonus based on year-to-date growth of profits over the same period of the prior year. This bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date growth in profits for each quarter by the corresponding profit growth participation factor from the table below, minus bonus paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

Profit Growth	Profit Growth Participation Factor
0% - 19.99%	.0075
20% - 24.99%	.0085
25% - 29.99%	.0095
30%+	.0105

Please note that a negative year-to-date profit calculations at the end of any given quarter will result in "loss carry forward" to be applied to the next quarterly year-to-date calculation. All bonuses will be paid within thirty (30) days of the end of the quarter.

- 3. For the purposes of this Exhibit A, profit shall be defined as pre-tax profit growth of the Company on a consolidated basis.
- 4. At the discretion of management, you may receive an additional bonus based on the Companies' and your individual performance.
- 5. Your Compensation Plan for the year 2002 will be presented no later than December 1, 2001.
- 6. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Mike Micek
----Employee - Mike Micek

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of January, 1999, between West TeleServices Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Employer"), and NANCEE R. BERGER ("Employee").

#### RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows:

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in her capacity as CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employee's total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of her ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote her best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of her employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 1st day of January, 1999, and shall continue for a period of two years unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
  - (a) Unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 6(a), the term of the employment shall be extended by one year at the end of each successive year so that at the beginning of each successive year the term of this Agreement will be two years .
- 3. Compensation. Employer shall pay Employee as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully set forth in this paragraph. Employee may receive additional discretionary bonuses as determined by the Board of Directors of Employer in its sole discretion provided nothing contained herein shall be construed as a commitment by the corporation to declare or pay any such bonuses.
- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
- 5. Other Activities. Employee shall devote substantially all of her working time and efforts during the Company's normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and to the duties and responsibilities assigned to her pursuant to this Agreement. Employee may devote a reasonable amount of her time to civic, community or charitable activities. Employee in all events shall be free to invest her assets in such manner as will not require any substantial services by Employee in the conduct of the businesses or affairs of the entities or in the management of the assets in which such investments are made.
- 6. Term and Termination. The termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the following:
  - (a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set out in paragraph 2 unless earlier terminated in one of the following ways:

- (1) Death. This Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the death of Employee.
- (2) For Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time for "cause." For purposes of this paragraph, "cause" shall be deemed to exist if, and only if, the CEO of Employer, in good faith, determine that Employee has engaged, during the performance of her duties hereunder, in significant objective acts or omissions constituting dishonesty, willful misconduct or gross negligence relating to the business of Employer.
- (3) Without Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time without cause.
- (4) Resignation. Employee, upon written notice to Employee, may resign from the employment of Employer at any time.
- (b) Accrued Compensation on Termination. In the event of termination of the Agreement, Employee shall be entitled to receive:
  - (1) salary earned prior to and including the date of termination;
  - (2) any bonus earned as of the end of the month immediately preceding the date of termination; and
  - (3) all benefits, if any, which have vested as of the date of termination.

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### 7. Consulting.

- (a) In the event of termination of employment pursuant to paragraph 6(a)(3) or 6(a)(4) above, Employer and Employee agree that Employee shall, for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination serve as a consultant to Employer.
- (b) In the event of termination pursuant to paragraph 6(a)(2), Employer and Employee agree that Employer may, at its sole option, elect to retain the services of Employee as a consultant for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination and that Employee will serve as a consultant to Employer if Employer so elects.
- (c) During any period of consulting, Employee shall be acting as an independent contractor. As part of the consulting services, Employee agrees to provide certain services to Employer, including, but not limited to, the following:
  - (1) oral and written information with reference to continuing programs and new programs which were developed or under development under the supervision of Employee;
  - (2) meeting with officers and managers of Employer to discuss and review programs and to make recommendations;
  - (3) analysis, opinion and information regarding the effectiveness and public acceptance of their programs.
- (d) During the consulting period, Employee shall continue to receive, as compensation for her consulting the annualized salary set forth in Exhibit A. No bonus of any kind will be paid during any period of consulting.
- (e) Employee hereby agrees that during any period of consulting, he will devote her full attention, energy and skill to the performance of her duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the affiliates, which shall include, and Employee acknowledges a fiduciary duty and obligation to Employer. Employee

acknowledges that this prohibition includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a preclusion from any other employment or consulting by Employee during the consulting period except pursuant to paragraph 7(f) hereafter.

(f) During the term of this Agreement, including any period of consulting, Employee shall not, singly, jointly, or as a member, employer or agent of any partnership, or as an officer, agent, employee, director, stockholder or investor of any other corporation or entity, or in any other capacity, engage in any business endeavors of any kind or nature whatsoever, other than those of Employer or its Affiliates without the express written consent of Employer, provided, however, that Employee may own stock in a publicly traded corporation. Employee agrees that

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Employer may in its sole discretion give or withhold its consent and understands that Employer's consent will not be unreasonably withheld if the following conditions are met:

- (1) Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duting and obligations as a consultant, including the fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
- (2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
- (3) Employee's new employment will not, in Employer's opinion, result, directly or indirectly, in competition with Employer or its Affiliates, then or in the future,
- (g) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of paragraph 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- (h) Employer shall reimburse Employee for all reasonable expenses incurred by Employee in furtherance of her consulting duties pursuant to this Agreement provided the expenses are pre-approved by Employer.
- (i) Benefits During Consulting Period. Employee and her dependents shall be entitled to continue their participation in all benefit plans in effect on the date of Employee's termination from employment during the period of consulting, under the same terms and conditions and at the same net cost to Employee as when employed by Employer unless Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term in accordance with paragraph 7 above, in which event all benefits will cease, at Employer's option, when the new employment is accepted by Employee.
- 8. Confidential Information. In the course of Employee's employment, Employee will be provided with certain information, technical data and know-how regarding the business of Employer and its Affiliates and their products, all of which is confidential (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"). Employee agrees to receive, hold and treat all confidential information received from Employer and its Affiliates as confidential and secret and agrees to protect the secrecy of said Confidential Information. Employee agrees that the Confidential Information will be disclosed only to those persons who are required to have such knowledge in connection with their work for Employer and that such Confidential Information will not be disclosed to others without the prior written consent of the Employer. The provisions hereof shall not be applicable to: (a) information which at the time of disclosure to Employee is a matter of public knowledge; or (b) information which, after disclosure to Employee, becomes public knowledge other than through a breach of this Agreement. Unless the Confidential

Information shall be of the type herein before set forth, Employee shall not use such Confidential Information for her own benefit or for a third party's or parties' benefit at any time. Upon termination of employment, Employee will return all books, records and other materials provided to or acquired by Employee during the course of employment which relate in any way to Employer or its business. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

- 9. Covenant Not to Compete. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Employee covenants and agrees that for the period of two (2) years following termination of her employment with Employer for any reason she will not:
  - directly or indirectly, for herself, or as agent of, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any person, firm, association or corporation, engage in any business competing directly for the customers, prospective customers or accounts of the Employer or any of its Affiliates with whom Employee had contact or about whom Employee learned during the course of her employment with Employer and during the one (1) year immediately preceding the end of her employment.
  - (b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave her employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
  - (c) induce or attempt to induce any customer of Employer or any of its Affiliates to terminate or change in any way its business relationship with Employer or the Affiliate.

Employee agrees the knowledge and information gained by her in the performance of her duties would be valuable to those who are now, or might become, competitors of the Employer or its Affiliates and that the business of Employer and its Affiliates by its nature, covers at least the entire United States of America and Canada. In the event these covenants not to compete are held, in any respect, to be an unreasonable restriction upon the Employee, the Court so holding may reduce the territory, or time, to which it pertains or otherwise reasonably modify the covenant to the extent necessary to render this covenant enforceable by said Court for the reasonable protection of Employer and its Affiliate. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph are severable from, and shall survive the expiration or termination of, this Agreement.

## 10. Developments

(a) Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under her direction or jointly with others during her employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working

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hours or on the premises or Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").

- (b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of her right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- (c) Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after her employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any

Developments.

- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by her, or in the event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.
- 12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in paragraph 7 hereof.
- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.

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15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing
----and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

President and CEO West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, NE 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- a) She has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- b) She will receive substantial and adequate consideration for her obligations under this Agreement.
- c) She believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.
- d) This Agreement contains restrictions on her post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

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#### WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Nancee Berger

From: Tom Barker

Date: December 11, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as Chief Operating Officer for West TeleServices Corporation is being revised as indicated below:

- Your base salary will be \$290,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- 2. Effective January 1, 2001, you will be eligible to receive a performance bonus based on year-to-date growth of profits over the same period of the prior year. This bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date growth in profits for each quarter by the corresponding profit growth participation factor from the table below, minus bonus paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

Profit Growth	Profit Growth Participation Factor
0% - 14.99%	0
15% - 19.99%	.013
20% - 24.99%	.014
25% - 29.99%	.015
30%+	.016

Please note that a negative year-to-date profit calculations at the end of any given quarter will result in "loss carry forward" to be applied to the next quarterly year-to-date calculation. All bonuses will be paid within thirty (30) days of the end of the quarter.

- 3. For the purposes of this Exhibit A, profit shall be defined as pre-tax profit growth of the Company on a consolidated basis.
- 4. At the discretion of management, you may receive an additional bonus based on the Companies' and your individual performance.
- Your Compensation Plan for the year 2002 will be presented no later than December 1, 2001.
- 6. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Nancee Berger
-----Employee - Nancee Berger

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of July, 1996, between West Telemarketing Corporation a Delaware corporation ("Employer") and MARK LAVIN ("Employee").

#### RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in his capacity as EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECT RESPONSE SERVICES of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound and West Interactive Corporation and other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employees total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of his ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote his best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of his employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 1st day of July, 1996, and shall continue for a period of two years unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
  - (a) Unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 6(a), the term of employment shall be extended by one year at the end of each successive year so that at the beginning of each successive year the term of this Agreement will be two years.
- 3. Compensation. Employer shall pay Employee as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully set forth in this paragraph. Employee may receive additional discretionary bonuses as determined by the Board of Directors of Employer in its sole discretion provided nothing contained herein shall be construed as a commitment by the corporation to declare or pay any such bonuses.
- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
- 5. Other Activities. Employee shall devote substantially all of his working time and efforts during the Company's normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and to the duties and responsibilities assigned to him pursuant to this Agreement. Employee may devote a reasonable amount of his time to civic, community or charitable activities. Employee in all events shall be free to invest his assets in such manner as will not require any substantial services by Employee in the conduct of the businesses or affairs of the entities or in the management of the assets in which such investments are made.

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6. Term and Termination. The termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the following:

- (a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set out in paragraph 2 unless earlier terminated in one of the following ways:
  - Death. This Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the death of Employee.
  - (2) For Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time for "cause." For purposes of this paragraph, "cause" shall be deemed to exist if, and only if, the CEO and COO of Employer, in good faith, determine that Employee has engaged, during the performance of his duties hereunder, in significant objective acts or omissions constituting dishonesty, willful misconduct or gross negligence relating to the business of Employer.
  - (3) Without Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time without cause.
  - (4) Resignation. Employee, upon written notice to Employer, may resign from the employment of Employer at any time.
- (b) Accrued Compensation on Termination. In the event of termination of the Agreement, Employee shall be entitled to receive:
  - (1) salary earned prior to and including the date of termination;
  - (2) any bonus earned as of the end of the month immediately preceding the date of termination; and
  - (3) all benefits, if any, which have vested as of the date of termination.

## 7. Consulting.

- (a) In the event of termination of employment pursuant to paragraph 6(a)(3) or 6(a)(4) above, Employer and Employee agree that Employee shall, for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) mouths from the date of termination serve as a consultant to Employer.
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- (2) meeting with officers and managers of Employer to discuss and review programs and to make recommendations;
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affiliates, which shall include, and Employee acknowledges, a fiduciary duty and obligation to Employer. Employee acknowledges that this prohibition includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a preclusion from any other employment or consulting by Employee during the consulting period except pursuant to paragraph 7(f) hereafter.

- f) During the term of this Agreement, including any period of consulting, Employee shall not, singly, jointly, or as a member, employer or agent of any partnership, or as an officer, agent, employee, director, stockholder or investor of any other corporation or entity, or in any other capacity, engage in any business endeavors of any kind or nature whatsoever, other than those of Employer or its Affiliates without the express written consent of Employer, provided, however, that Employee may own stock in a publicly traded corporation. Employee agrees that Employer may in its sole discretion give or withhold its consent and understands that Employer's consent will not be unreasonably withheld if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duties and obligations as a consultant, including the fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
  - (2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
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- g) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of paragraph 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- h) Employer shall reimburse Employee for all reasonable expenses incurred by Employee in furtherance of his consulting duties

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pursuant to this Agreement provided the expenses are pre-approved by  $\operatorname{\sc Employer}$  .

- i) Benefits During Consulting Period. Employee and his dependents shall be entitled to continue their participation in all benefit plans in effect on the date of Employee's termination from employment during the period of consulting, under the same terms and conditions and at the same net cost to Employee as when employed by Employer unless Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term in accordance with paragraph 7 above, in which event all benefits will cease, at Employer's option, when the new employment is accepted by Employee.
- 8. Confidential Information. In the course of Employee's employment, Employee will be provided with certain information, technical data and know-how regarding the business of Employer and its Affiliates and their products, all of which is confidential (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"). Employee agrees to receive, hold and treat all confidential information received from Employer and its Affiliates as confidential and secret and agrees to protect the secrecy of said Confidential Information. Employee agrees that the Confidential Information will be disclosed only to those persons who are required to have such knowledge in connection with their work for Employer and that such Confidential Information will not be disclosed to others without the prior written consent of the Employer. The provisions hereof shall not be applicable to: (a) information which at the time of disclosure to Employee is a matter of public knowledge; or (b) information which, after disclosure to Employee, becomes public knowledge other than through a breach of this Agreement. Unless the Confidential Information shall be of the type herein before set forth, Employee shall not use such Confidential Information for his own benefit or for a third party's or parties' benefit at any time. Upon termination of employment, Employee will return all books, records and other

materials provided to or acquired by Employee during the course of employment which relate in any way to Employer or its business. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

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  - b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave his employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
  - c) induce or attempt to induce any customer of Employer or any of its Affiliates to terminate or change in any way its business relationship with Employer or the Affiliate.

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Employee agrees the knowledge and information gained by him in the performance of his duties would be valuable to those who are now, or might become, competitors of the Employer or its Affiliates, and that the business of Employer and its Affiliates by its nature, covers at least the entire United States of America and Canada. In the event these covenants not to compete are held, in any respect, to be an unreasonable restriction upon the Employee, the Court so holding may reduce the territory, or time, to which it pertains or otherwise reasonably modify the covenant to the extent necessary to render this covenant enforceable by said Court for the reasonable protection of Employer and its Affiliates. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph are severable from, and shall survive the expiration or termination of, this Agreement.

## 10. Developments.

- a) Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under his direction or jointly with others during his employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working hours or on the premises of Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").
- b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- c) Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any Developments.
- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the

event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.

12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee

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by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in paragraph 7 hereof.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

President - West Telemarketing Corporation 9910 Maple Street Omaha, Nebraska 68134

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
- c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.

Employer

This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

By: /s/ Thomas B. Baker

Its: President

/s/ Mark Lavin

WEST TELEMARKETING CORPORATION

Mark Lavin

-----, Employee

#### WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

# MEMORANDUM

To: Mark Lavin

From: Nancee Berger

Date: December 22, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan 2001 while you are employed as President of West Telemarketing Corporation is being revised as indicated below:

- 1. Your base salary will be \$200,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- 2. The rate factors used to calculate your pre-tax profit bonus are being revised according to the schedule below. You are eligible to receive a quarterly performance bonus based on each quarter's pre-tax profit growth when compared to the same quarter the previous year. A negative differential will result in a loss carry forward to be applied to future bonus calculations. The bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date pre-tax profit differential times the rate factor from the table below minus bonuses paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

#### Rate Factor

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- 3. In addition, if WTC's pre-tax profit margin for 2001 is equal to or greater than 20% and pre-tax profit objectives are met, you will be eligible to receive an additional one-time bonus of \$200,000. You will be paid the amount due for the quarterly bonus within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter. The annual bonus earned for WTC exceeding its profit target will be paid within thirty (30) days after financial statements for December 2001 are prepared, but in no event will be paid later than February 28, 2002.
- 4. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Mark Lavin

Employee - Mark Lavin

Exhibit 10.15

#### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of January, 1999, between West Interactive Corporation, a Delaware corporation ("Employer") and Steve Stangl ("Employee").

#### RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in his capacity as Executive Vice President of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound, West Telemarketing Corporation, and other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employee's total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of his ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote his best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of his employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 1st day of January, 1999, and shall continue for a period of two years unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
  - a) Unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 6(a), the term of employment shall be extended by one year at the end of each successive year so that at the beginning of each successive year the term of this Agreement will be two years.
- 3. Compensation. Employer shall pay Employee as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully set forth in this paragraph. Employee may receive additional discretionary bonuses as determined by the Board of Directors of Employer in its sole discretion provided nothing contained herein shall be construed as a commitment by the corporation to declare or pay any such bonuses.
- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
- 5. Other Activities. Employee shall devote substantially all of his working time and efforts during the Company's normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and to the duties and responsibilities assigned to him pursuant to this Agreement. Employee may devote a reasonable amount of his time to civic, community or charitable activities. Employee in all events shall be free to invest his assets in such manner as will not require any substantial services by Employee in the conduct of the businesses or affairs of the entities or in the management of the assets in which such investments are made.

- 6. Term and Termination. The termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the following:
  - a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set out in paragraph 2 unless earlier terminated in one of the following ways:

- Death. This Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the death of Employee.
- 2) For Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time for "cause." For purposes of this paragraph, "cause" shall be deemed to exist if, and only if, the CEO and COO of Employer, in good faith, determine that Employee has engaged, during the performance of his duties hereunder, in significant objective acts or omissions constituting dishonesty, willful misconduct or gross negligence relating to the business of Employer.
- Without Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time without cause.
- 4) Resignation. Employee, upon written notice to Employer, may resign from the employment of Employer at any time.
- b) Accrued Compensation on Termination. In the event of termination of the Agreement, Employee shall be entitled to receive:
  - 1) salary earned prior to and including the date of termination;
  - 2) any bonus earned as of the end of the month immediately preceding the date of termination; and
  - 3) all benefits, if any, which have vested as of the date of termination.

## 7. Consulting.

- a) In the event of termination of employment pursuant to paragraph 6(a)(3) or 6(a)(4) above, Employer and Employee agree that Employee shall, for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination serve as a consultant to Employer.
- b) In the event of termination pursuant to paragraph 6(a)(2), Employer and Employee agree that Employer may, at its sole option, elect to retain the services of Employee as a consultant for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination and that Employee will serve as a consultant to Employer if Employer so elects.
- c) During any period of consulting, Employee shall be acting as an independent contractor. As part of the consulting services, Employee agrees to provide certain services to Employer, including, but not limited to, the following:

- oral and written information with reference to continuing programs and new programs which were developed or under development under the supervision of Employee;
- 2) meeting with officers and managers of Employer to discuss and review programs and to make recommendations;
- analysis, opinion and information regarding the effectiveness and public acceptance of their programs.
- d) During the consulting period, Employee shall continue to receive, as compensation for his consulting, the annualized salary set forth in Exhibit A. No bonus of any kind will be paid during any period of consulting.
- e) Employee hereby agrees that during any period of consulting, he will devote his full attention, energy and skill to the performance of his duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the affiliates, which shall include, and Employee acknowledges, a fiduciary duty and obligation to Employer. Employee acknowledges that this prohibition includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a preclusion from any other employment or consulting by Employee

during the consulting period except pursuant to paragraph 7(f) hereafter.

- During the term of this Agreement, including any period of consulting, Employee shall not, singly, jointly, or as a member, employer or agent of any partnership, or as an officer, agent, employee, director, stockholder or investor of any other corporation or entity, or in any other capacity, engage in any business endeavors of any kind or nature whatsoever, other than those of Employer or its Affiliates without the express written consent of Employer, provided, however, that Employee may own stock in a publicly traded corporation. Employee agrees that Employer may in its sole discretion give or withhold its consent and understands that Employer's consent will not be unreasonably withheld if the following conditions are met:
  - Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duties and obligations as a consultant, including the fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
  - 2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
  - 3) Employee's new employment will not, in Employer's opinion, result, directly or indirectly, in competition with Employer or its Affiliates, then or in the future.
- g) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of paragraph 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- h) Employer shall reimburse Employee for all reasonable expenses incurred by Employee in furtherance of his consulting duties

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pursuant to this Agreement provided the expenses are pre-approved by  $\operatorname{\sc Employer}$  .

- i) Benefits During Consulting Period. Employee and his dependents shall be entitled to continue their participation in all benefit plans in effect on the date of Employee's termination from employment during the period of consulting, under the same terms and conditions and at the same net cost to Employee as when employed by Employer unless Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term in accordance with paragraph 7 above, in which event all benefits will cease, at Employer's option, when the new employment is accepted by Employee.
- 8. Confidential Information. In the course of Employee's employment, Employee will be provided with certain information, technical data and know-how regarding the business of Employer and its Affiliates and their products, all of which is confidential (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"). Employee agrees to receive, hold and treat all confidential information received from Employer and its Affiliates as confidential and secret and agrees to protect the secrecy of said Confidential Information. Employee agrees that the Confidential Information will be disclosed only to those persons who are required to have such knowledge in connection with their work for Employer and that such Confidential Information will not be disclosed to others without the prior written consent of the Employer. The provisions hereof shall not be applicable to: (a) information which at the time of disclosure to Employee is a matter of public knowledge; or (b) information which, after disclosure to Employee, becomes public knowledge other than through a breach of this Agreement. Unless the Confidential Information shall be of the type herein before set forth, Employee shall not use such Confidential Information for his own benefit or for a third party's or parties' benefit at any time. Upon termination of employment, Employee will return all books, records and other materials provided to or acquired by Employee during the course of employment which relate in any way to Employer or its business. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.

- 9. Covenant Not to Compete. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Employee covenants and agrees that for the period of two (2) years following termination of his employment with Employer for any reason he will not:
  - directly or indirectly, for himself, or as agent of, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any person, firm, association or corporation, engage in any business competing directly for the customers, prospective customers or accounts of the Employer or any of its Affiliates with whom Employee had contact or about whom Employee learned during the course of his employment with Employer and during the one (1) year immediately preceding the end of his employment.
  - b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave his employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
  - c) induce or attempt to induce any customer of Employer or any of its Affiliates to terminate or change in any way its business relationship with Employer or the Affiliate.

Employee agrees the knowledge and information gained by him in the performance of his duties would be valuable to those who are now, or might become, competitors of the Employer or its Affiliates and that the business of Employer and its Affiliates by its nature, covers at least the entire United States of America and Canada. In the event these covenants not to compete are held, in any respect, to be an unreasonable restriction upon the Employee, the Court so holding may reduce the territory, or time, to which it pertains or otherwise reasonably modify the covenant to the extent necessary to render this covenant enforceable by said Court for the reasonable protection of Employer and its Affiliates. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph are severable from, and shall survive the expiration or termination of, this Agreement.

## 10. Developments.

- a) Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under his direction or jointly with others during his employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working hours or on the premises of Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").
- b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any Developments.
- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the

event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.

12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee

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by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in paragraph 7 hereof.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

Chief Operating Officer West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, Nebraska 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
  - a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
  - b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
  - c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.
  - d) This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

Employer

WEST INTERACTIVE CORPORATION,

# MEMORANDUM

To: Steve Stangl

From: Nancee Berger

Date: December 22, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as President of West Interactive Corporation is being revised as indicated below:

- Your base salary will be \$200,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement.
- 2. The rate factors used to calculate your pre-tax profit bonus are being revised according to the schedule below. You are eligible to receive a quarterly performance bonus based on each quarter's pre-tax profit growth. The bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date pre-tax profit times the rate factor from the table below minus bonuses paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

Rate Factor	WIC Pre-Tax Profit
.0061	up to \$33,000,000
.0143	\$33,000,001 - 39,999,999
.0178	over \$40,000,000

- You will be paid the amount due for the quarterly bonus within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter.
- 4. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Steve Stangl
----Employee - Steve Stangl

Exhibit 10.16

### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of January, 1999, between West TeleServices Corporation a Delaware corporation ("Employer") and MICHAEL STURGEON ("Employee").

#### RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in his capacity as EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT -- SALES AND MARKETING of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employee's total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of his ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote his best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of his employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 1st day of January, 1999, and shall continue for a period of two years unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
  - (a) Unless terminated pursuant to paragraph 6(a), the term of employment shall be extended by one year at the end of each successive year so that at the beginning of each successive year the term of this Agreement will be two years.
- 3. Compensation. Employer shall pay Employee as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully set forth in this paragraph. Employee may receive additional discretionary bonuses as determined by the Board of Directors of Employer in its sole discretion provided nothing contained herein shall be construed as a commitment by the corporation to declare or pay any such bonuses.
- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
- 5. Other Activities. Employee shall devote substantially all of his working time and efforts during the Company's normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and to the duties and responsibilities assigned to him pursuant to this Agreement. Employee may devote a reasonable amount of his time to civic, community or charitable activities. Employee in all events shall be free to invest his assets in such manner as will not require any substantial services by Employee in the conduct of the businesses or affairs of the entities or in the management of the assets in which such investments are made.

- 6. Term and Termination. The termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the following:
  - (a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set out in paragraph 2 unless earlier terminated in one of the following ways:

- (1) Death. This Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the death of Employee.
- (2) For Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any lime for "cause." For purposes of this paragraph, "cause" shall be deemed to exist if and only if the CEO and COO of Employer, in good faith, determine that Employee has engaged, during the performance of his duties hereunder, in significant objective acts or omissions constituting dishonesty, willful misconduct or gross negligence relating to the business of Employer.
- (3) Without Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time without cause.
- (4) Resignation. Employee, upon written notice to Employer, may resign from the employment of Employer at any time.
- (b) Accrued Compensation on Termination. In the event of termination of the Agreement, Employee shall be entitled to receive:
  - (1) salary earned prior to and including the date of termination;
  - (2) any bonus earned as of the end of the month immediately preceding the date of termination; and
  - (3) all benefits, if any, which have vested as of the date of termination.

## 7. Consulting.

- (a) In the event of termination of employment pursuant to paragraph  $6\,(a)\,(3)$  or  $6\,(a)\,(4)$  above, Employer and Employee agree that Employee shall, for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination serve as a consultant to Employer.
- (b) In the event of termination pursuant to paragraph 6(a)(2), Employer and Employee agree that Employer may, at its sole option, elect to retain the services of Employee as a consultant for a period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination and that Employee will serve as a consultant to Employer if Employer so elects.
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hereafter.

- f) During the term of this Agreement, including any period of consulting, Employee shall not, singly, jointly, or as a member, employer or agent of any partnership, or as an officer, agent, employee, stockholder or investor of any other corporation or entity, or in any other capacity, engage in any business endeavors of any kind or nature whatsoever, other than those of Employer or its Affiliates without the express written consent of Employer, provided, however, that Employee may own stock in a publicly traded corporation. Employee agrees that Employer may in its sole discretion give or withhold its consent and understands that Employer's consent will not be unreasonably withheld if the following conditions are met:
  - (1) Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duties and obligations as a consultant, including the fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
  - (2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
  - (3) Employee's new employment will not, in Employer's opinion, result, directly or indirectly, in competition with Employer or its Affiliates, then or in the future.
- g) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of paragraph 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
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- 9. Covenant Not to Compete. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Employee covenants and agrees that for the period of two (2) years following termination of his employment with Employer for any reason he will not:
  - a) directly or indirectly, for himself, or as agent of, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any person, firm, association or corporation, engage in any business competing directly for the customers, prospective customers or accounts of the Employer or any of its Affiliates with whom Employee had contact or about whom Employee learned during the course of his employment with Employer and during the one (1) year immediately preceding the end of his employment.
  - b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave his employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
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- b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- c) Employee agrees to cooperate filly with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may dean necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any Developments.
- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be

entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.

12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee

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by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in paragraph 7 hereof.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

President and CEO West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, Nebraska 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
- c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.

Employee

 $\ensuremath{\mathtt{d}}\xspace)$  This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

By: /s/ Tom Barker

Its: President / CEO

/s/ Michael Sturgeon

Michael Sturgeon, Employee

WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION,

WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

To:

From: Nancee Berger

Date: December 6, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as Executive Vice-President of Sales and Marketing for West TeleServices Corporation is outlined below:

- Your base salary will be \$190,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- You will be eligible to receive a monthly performance bonus based on 2001 WTSC revenue growth. This monthly bonus will be calculated by multiplying year-to-date revenue growth times the incentive factors indicated below. A negative calculation at the end of any given month will result in a loss carry forward to be applied to the next monthly bonus calculation. All bonuses will be paid within 30 days of the end of the month.

Compensation Rate Factor

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- 3. You will be eligible to receive an additional one-time bonus of \$100,000.00 if growth from COS, iCare and AS exceeds \$100,000,000 for 2001. Revenue derived from mergers, acquisitions or joint ventures will not be considered when calculating revenue for this bonus. If earned, this bonus will be paid within thirty (30) days after 12/31/2001 financials are prepared, but no later than 02/26/2002.
- 4. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Mike Sturgeon

Employee - Mike Sturgeon

Exhibit 10.17

### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 4th day of October, 1999, between West TeleServices Corporation a Delaware corporation ("Employer") and JON R. HANSON ("Employee").

#### RECITALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in his capacity as EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT / CHIEF ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICER of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employee's total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of his ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote his best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of his employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 4th day of October, 1999, and shall continue for a period of one year unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
  - (a) Unless terminated pursuant to Paragraph 6(a), the term of employment shall be extended by one year at the period of each successive year so that at the beginning of each successive year the term of this Agreement will be one year.
- 3. Compensation. Employer shall pay Employee as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully set forth in this paragraph. Employee may receive additional discretionary bonuses as determined by the Board of Directors of Employer in its sole discretion provided nothing contained herein shall be construed as a commitment by the corporation to declare or pay any such bonuses.
- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
- 5. Other Activities. Employee shall devote substantially all of his working time and efforts during the Company's normal business hours to the business and affairs of the Company and to the duties and responsibilities assigned to him pursuant to this Agreement. Employee may devote a reasonable amount of his time to civic, community or charitable activities. Employee in all events shall be free to invest his assets in such manner as will not require any substantial services by Employee in the conduct of the businesses or affairs of the entities or in the management of the assets in which such investments are made.

- 6. Term and Termination. The termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the following:
  - (a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set out in paragraph 2 unless earlier terminated in one of the following ways:

- (1) Death. This Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the death of Employee.
- (2) For Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time for "cause." For purposes of this paragraph, "cause" shall be deemed to exist if, and only if the CEO and COO of Employer, in good faith, determine that Employee has engaged, during the performance of his duties hereunder, in significant objective acts or omissions constituting dishonesty, willful misconduct or gross negligence relating to the business of Employer.
- (3) Without Cause. The Employer, upon written notice to Employee, may terminate the employment of Employee at any time without cause.
- (4) Resignation. Employee, upon written notice to Employer, may resign from the employment of Employer at any time.
- (b) Accrued Compensation on Termination. In the event of termination of the Agreement, Employee shall be entitled to receive:
  - (1) salary earned prior to and including the date of termination;
  - (2) any bonus earned as of the end of the month immediately preceding the date of termination; and
  - (3) all benefits, if any, which have vested as of the date of termination,

## 7. Consulting.

- (a) In the event of termination of employment pursuant to Paragraph  $6(a)\ (3)$  or  $6(a)\ (4)$  above, Employer and Employee agree that Employee shall, for a minimum period of twelve (12) months form the date of termination, serve as a consultant to Employer.
- (b) In the event of termination pursuant to Paragraph 6(a)(2), Employer and Employee agree that Employer may, at its sole option, elect to retain the services of Employee as a consultant for a period of twelve (12) months from the date of termination and that Employee will serve as a consultant to Employer if Employer so elects.
- (c) During any period of consulting, Employee shall be acting as an independent contractor. As part of the consulting services, Employee agrees to provide certain services to Employer, including, but not limited to, the following:

- (1) oral and written information with reference to continuing programs and new programs which were developed or under development under the supervision of Employee;
- (2) meeting with officers and managers of Employer to discuss and review programs and to make recommendations;
- (3) analysis, opinion and information regarding the effectiveness and public acceptance of their programs.
- (d) During the consulting period, Employee shall continue to receive, as compensation for his consulting, the annualized salary being paid at the time of termination. No bonus of any kind will be paid during any period of consulting.
- (e) Employee hereby agrees that during any period of consulting, he will devote his full attention, energy and skill to the performance of his duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the affiliates, which shall include, and Employee acknowledges, a fiduciary duty and obligation to Employer. Employee acknowledges that this prohibition includes, but is not necessarily limited to, a preclusion from any other employment or consulting by Employee during the consulting period except

pursuant to Paragraph 7(f) hereafter.

- (f) During the term of this Agreement, including any period of consulting, Employee shall not, singly, jointly, or as a member, employer or agent of any partnership, or as an officer, agent, employee, director, stockholder or investor of any other corporation or entity, or in any other capacity, engage in any business endeavors of any kind or nature whatsoever, other than those of Employer or its Affiliates without the express written consent of Employer, provided, however, that Employee may own stock in a publicly traded corporation. Employee agrees that Employer may in its sole discretion give or withhold its consent and understands that Employer's consent will not be given unless the following conditions are met:
  - (1) Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duties and obligations as a consultant, including the fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
  - (2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
  - (3) Employee's new employment will not, in Employer's opinion, result, directly or indirectly, in competition with Employer or its Affiliates, then or in the future.
- (g) Notwithstanding any provisions in this Agreement to the contrary, the provisions of Paragraph 7 shall survive the termination of this Agreement.
- (h) Employer shall reimburse Employee for all reasonable expenses incurred by Employee in furtherance of his consulting duties pursuant to

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this Agreement provided the expenses are pre-approved by Employer.

- (i) Benefits During Consulting Period. Employee and his dependents shall be entitled to continue their participation in all benefit plans in effect on the date of Employee's termination from employment during the period of consulting, under the same terms and conditions and at the same net cost to Employee as when employed by Employer unless Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term in accordance with Paragraph 7 above, in which event all benefits will cease, at Employer's option, when the new employment is accepted by Employee.
- 8. Confidential Information. In the course of Employee's employment, Employee will be provided with certain information, technical data and know-how regarding the business of Employer and its Affiliates and their products, all of which is confidential (hereinafter referred to as "Confidential Information"). Employee agrees to receive, hold and treat all confidential information received from Employer and its Affiliates as confidential and secret and agrees to protect the secrecy of said Confidential Information. Employee agrees that the Confidential Information will be discussed only to those persons who are required to have such knowledge in connection with their work for Employer and that such Confidential Information will not be disclosed to others without the prior written consent of the Employer. The provisions hereof shall not be applicable to: (a) information which at the time of disclosure to Employee is a matter of public knowledge; or (b) information which, after disclosure to Employee, becomes public knowledge other than through a breach of this Agreement. Unless the Confidential Information shall be of the type herein before set forth, Employee shall not use such Confidential Information for his own benefit or for a third party's or parties' benefit at any time. Upon termination of employment, Employee will return all books, records and other materials provided to or acquired by Employee during the course of employment which relate in any way to Employer or its business. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph shall survive the expiration or termination of this Agreement.
- 9. Covenant Not to Compete. Notwithstanding any other provision of this Agreement to the contrary, Employee covenants and agrees that for the period of one (1) year following termination of his employment with Employer for any reason he will not:

- (a) directly or indirectly, for himself, or as agent of, or on behalf of, or in connection with, any person, firm, association or corporation, engage in any business competing directly for the customers, prospective customers or accounts of the Employer or any of its Affiliates with whom Employee had contact or about whom Employee learned during the course of his employment with Employer and during the one (1) year immediately preceding the end of his employment.
- (b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave his employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
- (c) induce or attempt to induce any customer of Employer or any of its Affiliates to terminate or change in any way its business relationship with Employer or the Affiliate.

Employee agrees the knowledge and information gained by him in the performance of his duties would be valuable to those who are now, or might become, competitors of the Employer or its Affiliates and that the business of Employer and its Affiliates by its nature, covers at least the entire United States of America and Canada. In the event these covenants not to compete are held, in any respect, to be an unreasonable restriction upon the Employee, the Court so holding may reduce the territory, or time, to which it pertains or otherwise reasonably modify the covenant to the extent necessary to render this covenant enforceable by said Court for the reasonable protection of Employer and its Affiliates. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph are severable from, and shall survive the expiration or termination of, this Agreement.

# 10. Developments.

- (a) Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under his direction or jointly with others during his employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working hours or on the premises of Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").
- (b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- (c) Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any Developments.
- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.
- 12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or

unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in Paragraph 7 hereof.

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- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

President and CEO West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, Nebraska 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- (a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- (b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
- (c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.
- (d) This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION, Employer

By: /s/ Nancee Berger

Its: COO

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/s/ Jon R. Hanson

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Jon R. Hanson, Employee

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## WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

# MEMORANDUM

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To: Jon "Skip" Hanson

From: Nancee Berger

Date: December 21, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as Executive Vice President for Corporate Administration for West Teleservices Corporation is being revised as indicated below:

- Your base salary will be \$145,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- 2. The rate factors used to calculate your pre-tax profit bonus are being revised according to the schedule below. You are eligible to receive a quarterly performance bonus based on each quarter's pre-tax profit growth when compared to the same quarter the previous year. A negative differential will result in a loss carry forward to be applied to future bonus calculations. The bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date pre-tax profit differential times the rate factor from the table below minus bonuses paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

Rate Factor

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- 3. In addition, if West Teleservices Corporation achieves 2001 net income of \$1.39 per share, you will be eligible to receive an additional one-time bonus of \$50,000.00. You will be paid the amount due for the quarterly bonus within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter. Your annual bonus will be paid within thirty (30) days after the financial statements for December 2001 are prepared, but in no event will be paid later than February 28, 2002.
- 4. All pre-tax profit and net income objectives are based upon West Teleservices Corporation operations and will not include profit and income derived from mergers, acquisitions, joint ventures or other non-operating income.
- 5. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

/s/ Skip Hanson

Employee - Jon "Skip" Hanson

### EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

THIS AGREEMENT is entered into effective the 1st day of July, 2000, between West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound ("Employer"), a Delaware corporation, and MICHAEL E. MAZOUR ("Employee").

#### RECTTALS

- A. WHEREAS, Employer and Employee have agreed to certain terms and conditions of employment between the parties; and
- B. WHEREAS, the parties desire to enter into this Agreement to memorialize the terms and conditions of the employment relationship and any prior and existing employment agreement(s) between the parties.

NOW THEREFORE, the parties agree as follows;

- 1. Employment. Employer agrees to employ Employee in his capacity as EXECUTIVE VICE PRESIDENT, DIRECT TELESERVICES of Employer. Employer may also direct Employee to perform such duties for other entities which now are, or in the future may be, affiliated with Employer (the "Affiliates"), subject to the limitation that Employee's total time commitment shall be consistent with that normally expected of similarly situated executive level employees. Employee shall serve Employer and the Affiliates faithfully, diligently and to the best of his ability. Employee agrees during the term of this Agreement to devote his best efforts, attention, energy and skill to the performance of his employment and/or consulting duties and to furthering the interest of Employer and the Affiliates.
- 2. Term of Employment. Employee's employment under this Agreement shall commence effective the 1st day of July, 2000, and shall continue for a period of two years unless terminated or renewed under the provisions of Paragraph 6 below.
  - (a) Unless terminated pursuant to Paragraph 6(a), the term of employment shall be extended by one year at the end of each successive year so that at the beginning of each successive year the term of this Agreement will be two years.
- 3. Compensation. Employer shall pay Employee as set forth in Exhibit A attached hereto and incorporated herein as is fully set forth in this paragraph. Employee may receive additional discretionary bonuses as determined by the Board of Directors of Employer in its sole discretion provided nothing contained herein shall be construed as a commitment by the corporation to declare or pay any such bonuses.
- 4. Benefits. In addition to the compensation provided for in Paragraph 3 above, Employer will provide Employee with employment benefits commensurate to those received by other executive level employees of Employer during the term of this Agreement.
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- 6. Term and Termination. The termination of this Agreement shall be governed by the following:
  - (a) The term of this Agreement shall be for the period set out in Paragraph 2 unless earlier terminated in one of the following ways:

- (1) Death. This Agreement shall immediately terminate upon the death of Employee.
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- (4) Resignation. Employee, upon written notice to Employer, may resign from the employment of Employer at any time.
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  - (1) salary earned prior to and including the date of termination;
  - (2) any bonus earned as of the end of the month immediately preceding the date of termination; and
  - (3) all benefits, if any, which have vested as of the date of termination.

## 7. Consulting.

- (a) In the event of termination of employment pursuant to Paragraph 6(a)(3) or 6(a)(4) above, Employer and Employee agree that Employee shall, for a minimum period of twenty-four (24) months from the date of termination, serve as a consultant to Employer.
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  - (1) Employee's intended employment will not interfere in Employer's opinion with Employee's duties and obligations as a consultant, including the fiduciary duty assumed hereunder; and
  - (2) Employee's intended employment or activity would not, in the opinion of Employer, place Employee in a situation where confidential information of Employer or its Affiliates known to Employee may benefit Employee's new employer; and
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this Agreement provided the expenses are pre-approved by Employer.

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- (b) induce or attempt to induce any person employed by Employer or any of its Affiliates, in any capacity, at the time of the termination of Employee's service with Employer, to leave his/her employment, agency directorship or office with Employer or the Affiliate.
- (c) induce or attempt to induce any customer of Employer or any of its Affiliates to terminate or change in any way its business relationship with Employer or the Affiliate.

Employee agrees the knowledge and information gained by him in the performance of his duties would be valuable to those who are now, or might become, competitors of the Employer or its Affiliates and that the business of Employer and its Affiliates by its nature, covers at least the entire United States of America and Canada. In the event these covenants not to compete are held, in any respect, to be an unreasonable restriction upon the Employee, the Court so holding may reduce the territory, or time, to which it pertains or otherwise reasonably modify the covenant to the extent necessary to render this covenant enforceable by said Court for the reasonable protection of Employer and its Affiliates. The obligations imposed upon Employee by this paragraph are severable from, and shall survive the expiration or termination of, this Agreement.

### 10. Developments.

- (a) Employee will make full and prompt disclosure to Employer of all inventions, improvements, discoveries, methods, developments, software and works of authorship, whether patentable or not, which are created, made, conceived, reduced to practice by Employee or under his direction or jointly with others during his employment by Employer, whether or not during normal working hours or on the premises of Employer which relate to the business of Employer as conducted from time to time (all of which are collectively referred to in this Agreement as "Developments").
- (b) Employee agrees to assign, and does hereby assign, to Employer (or any person or entity designated by Employer) all of his right, title and interest in and to all Developments and all related patents, patent applications, copyrights and copyright applications.
- (c) Employee agrees to cooperate fully with Employer, both during and after his employment with Employer, with respect to the procurement, maintenance and enforcement of copyrights and patents (both in the United States and foreign countries) relating to Developments. Employee shall sign all papers, including, without limitation, copyright applications, patent applications, declarations, oaths, formal assignments, assignment or priority rights, and powers of attorney, which Employer may deem necessary or desirable in order to protect its rights and interest in any Developments.
- 11. Injunction and Other Relief. Both parties hereto recognize that the services to be rendered under this Agreement by Employee are special, unique and of extraordinary character, and that in the event of the breach of Employee of the terms and conditions of this Agreement to be performed by him, or in the event Employee performs services for any person, firm or corporation engaged in the competing line of business with Employer as provided in Paragraph 9, or if Employee shall breach the provisions of this Agreement with respect to Confidential Information or consulting services, then Employer shall be entitled, if it so elects, in addition to all other remedies available to it under this Agreement or at law or in equity to affirmative injunctive relief.
- 12. Severability. In the event that any of the provisions of this Agreement shall be held invalid or unenforceable by any court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unenforceability shall not affect the remainder of this Agreement and same shall be construed as if such invalid or unenforceable provisions had never been a part hereof. In the event any court

would invalidate or fail to enforce any provision of Paragraph 7 and or Paragraph 9 of this Agreement, Employee shall return any sums paid to Employee

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by Employer pursuant to the consulting provision in Paragraph 7 hereof.

- 13. Governing Law. This Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of Nebraska.
- 14. Entire Agreement. This Agreement constitutes the entire agreement between the parties respecting the employment of Employee by Employer and supersedes all prior understandings, arrangements and agreements, whether oral or written, including without limitation, any existing employment agreement, and may not be amended except by a writing signed by the parties hereto.
- 15. Notice. Notices to Employer under this Agreement shall be in writing and sent by registered mail, return receipt requested, at the following address:

President and CEO West TeleServices Corporation 11808 Miracle Hills Drive Omaha, Nebraska 68154

- 16. Miscellaneous. Employee acknowledges that:
- (a) He has consulted with or had an opportunity to consult with an attorney of Employee's choosing regarding this Agreement.
- (b) He will receive substantial and adequate consideration for his obligations under this Agreement.
- (c) He believes the obligations, terms and conditions hereof are reasonable and necessary for the protectable interests of Employer and are enforceable.
- (d) This Agreement contains restrictions on his post-employment activities.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, Employer has, by its appropriate officers, executed this Agreement and Employee has executed this Agreement as of the day and year first above written.

WEST TELEMARKETING CORPORATION OUTBOUND, Employer

By: /s/ Nancee Berger

Its: COO

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/s/ Michael E. Mazour

Michael E. Mazour, Employee

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## WEST TELESERVICES CORPORATION

MEMORANDUM

To: Mick Mazour

From: Nancee Berger

Date: December 6, 2000

Re: 2001 Compensation Plan - Exhibit A

The compensation plan for 2001 while you are employed as Executive Vice-President of West Telemarketing Corporation Outbound is being revised as indicated below:

- Your base salary will be \$185,000.00. Should you elect to voluntarily terminate your employment, you will be compensated for your services through the date of your actual termination per your Employment Agreement. This will be reviewed on an annual basis and revised, if necessary in accordance with the consumer price index.
- The rate factors used to calculate your pre-tax profit bonus are outlined on the schedule below. You are eligible to receive a quarterly performance bonus based on each quarter's pre-tax profit margin. The bonus will be calculated by multiplying the year-to-date pre-tax profit times the rate factor from the table below minus bonuses paid year-to-date for the respective calendar year.

Rate Factor	WTCO Pre-Tax Margin
N/A	0 - 7.99%
.0047	8.0% - 8.99%
.0086	9% - 9.99%
.01	10% - 10.99%
.011	11%+

- 3. In addition, if WTCO's pre-tax profit margin is equal to or greater than 12% for 2001, you will receive an additional one-time bonus of \$50,000. You will be paid the amount due for the quarterly bonus within thirty (30) days after the end of the quarter. The annual bonus earned for WTCO exceeding its profit target will be paid within thirty (30) days after financial statements for December 2001 are prepared, but in no event will be paid later than February 28, 2002.
- 4. The benefit plans, as referenced in Section 7(i), shall include insurance plans based upon eligibility pursuant to the plans. If the insurance plans do not provide for continued participation, the continuation of benefits shall be pursuant to COBRA. In the event Employee's benefits continue pursuant to COBRA and Employee accepts new employment during the consulting term, Employee may continue benefits thereafter to the extent allowed under COBRA. In no event shall benefits plans include the 401K Plan or the 1996 Stock Incentive Plan.

## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' CONSENT

We consent to the incorporation by reference in Registration Statements Nos. 333-24473 and 333-29353 on forms of West Corporation and subsidiaries of our reports dated February 6, 2001, appearing in the Annual Report on Form 10-K of West Corporation and subsidiaries for the year ended December 31, 2000.

/s/ DELOITTE & TOUCHE LLP

Omaha, Nebraska March 16, 2001