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2019 Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders and Proxy Statement

Thursday, June 13, 2019  
9:00 a.m. EDT

Issuer Direct Corporation  
500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D  
Morrisville, NC 27560



Issuer Direct Corporation  
500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D  
Morrisville, NC 27560

April 23, 2019

To Our Stockholders:

We are pleased to invite you to attend our Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Company's office at 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560. The Board of Directors has fixed the close of business on April 15, 2019 as the record date for the determination of stockholders entitled to receive notice of, and to vote at, the Annual Meeting. For directions to attend the meeting and vote in person, please visit our proxy website at <https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR>.

The attached Proxy Statement describes the matters proposed by your Board of Directors to be considered and voted upon by our stockholders at our Annual Meeting. These items are more fully described in the following pages, which are hereby made part of this Notice.

The Company's Proxy Statement and Proxy Card accompany this Notice.

Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 13, 2019. Our Proxy Statement is attached. Financial and other information concerning the Company is contained in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2018. Under rules issued by the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"), we are providing access to our proxy materials both by sending you this full set of proxy materials, including a Proxy Card, and by notifying you of the availability of our proxy materials on the Internet. The Proxy Statement and our Annual Report on Form 10-K are available on <https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR>.

Your vote is important. Whether you own relatively few or a large number of shares of our stock, it is important that your shares be represented and voted at the Annual Meeting. Please vote your shares online or by telephone or, if you requested and received a printed set of proxy materials by mail, by returning the accompanying proxy card. Further instructions on how to vote your shares can be found in our Proxy Statement.

We appreciate your support and continued confidence.

Sincerely,

/s/ William H. Everett

William H. Everett  
Chairman of the Board of Directors



Issuer Direct Corporation  
500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D  
Morrisville, NC 27560  
(919) 481-4000

Notice of Annual Meeting of Stockholders  
To Be Held on June 13, 2019

To Our Stockholders:

Our Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Company's office at 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560 (the "Annual Meeting") for the following purposes:

1.  
To elect the five (5) directors nominated by our Board of Directors as set forth in the Proxy Statement;
2.  
To ratify the appointment of Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2019;
3.  
To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

You have the right to receive notice of and to vote at the Annual Meeting if you were a stockholder of record at the close of business on April 15, 2019. Please complete, sign, date and return your proxy card to us in the enclosed, postage-prepaid envelope at your earliest convenience, even if you plan to attend the Annual Meeting. If you prefer, you can authorize your proxy through the Internet or by telephone as described in the Proxy Statement and on the enclosed proxy card. If you attend the meeting, you may revoke your proxy prior to its exercise and vote in person at the meeting. In the event that there are not sufficient stockholders present for a quorum or sufficient votes to approve a proposal at the time of the Annual Meeting, the Annual Meeting may be adjourned from time to time in order to permit further solicitation of proxies by the Company.

Your vote is important. If you are unable to attend in person and wish to have your shares voted, please vote as soon as possible, whether online, by telephone, by fax or by returning a proxy card sent to you in response to your request for printed proxy materials.

By Order of the Board of Directors,

/s/ William H. Everett

William H. Everett  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

Morrisville, North Carolina  
April 23, 2019

YOUR VOTE IS IMPORTANT IT IS IMPORTANT THAT PROXY CARDS BE RETURNED PROMPTLY.  
THEREFORE, WHETHER OR NOT YOU EXPECT TO ATTEND THE ANNUAL MEETING IN PERSON,



PLEASE SIGN, DATE AND RETURN THE ENCLOSED PROXY CARD IN THE ENCLOSED RETURN ENVELOPE OR VOTE OVER THE INTERNET FOLLOWING THE INSTRUCTIONS ON THE PROXY AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. NO POSTAGE IS REQUIRED IF MAILED IN THE UNITED STATES. STOCKHOLDERS WHO EXECUTE A PROXY CARD OR VOTE OVER THE INTERNET MAY NEVERTHELESS ATTEND THE MEETING, REVOKE THEIR PROXY AND VOTE THEIR SHARES IN PERSON.



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Proxy Summary

2019 ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS

WHEN	ITEMS OF BUSINESS
<p>Thursday, June 13, 2019 at 9 a.m. EDT</p>	<p>1. Election of five (5) directors nominated by our Board of Directors</p>
<p>WHERE 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D Morrisville, NC 27560</p>	<p>2. Ratification of the appointment by the Audit Committee of Cherry Bekaert LLP as the company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019</p>
<p>RECORD DATE Close of business on April 15, 2019</p>	<p>3. Such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof</p>

PROXY VOTING

Stockholders of record on the Record Date are entitled to vote by proxy in the following ways:

- |  |  |   |
|--|--|---|
| <p>By calling 1 (866) 752-VOTE (8683), toll free, in the United States or Canada</p> | <p>By voting online at <a href="https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR">https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR</a></p> | <p>By returning a properly completed, signed and dated proxy card</p> |
|  | <p>By completing the reverse side of the proxy card and faxing it to (202) 521-3464</p>                      |   |

ANNUAL MEETING AGENDA AND VOTING RECOMMENDATIONS

Proposal	Voting Recommendation	Page Reference
1 Election of five (5) directors	FOR each nominee	6
2 Ratification of the appointment of Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent auditors	FOR	26



DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Name	Age	Director Since	Principal Occupation	Independent	Director	Other Areas of Expertise	Other Company Boards
William H. Everett	68	2013	Chairman of the Board; Retired Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Tekelec, Inc.			Executive Leadership Public Company Management Private Equity Business Strategy	Hakisa SAS
Brian R. Balbirnie	47	2007	Founder and Chief Executive Officer of Issuer Direct Corporation			Finance Multi-national Technology Industry Expertise Executive Leadership Public Company Management, Financial Reporting and Operations Business Strategy M&A Technology Industry Expertise Entrepreneurial Experience Sarbanes Oxley	



				Executive Leadership
J. Patrick Galleher	46	2014	Managing Partner for Boxwood Partners, LLC	Investment Banking M&A Business Administration
				Executive Leadership Data & Analytics Industry Expertise M&A Private Equity Social Market Analytics RANE (Risk Assistance Network & Exchange) Entrepreneurial Experience
Eric Frank	54	2017	President of Internet Technology & Acceleration LLC	Investment Banking Technology & Industry Expertise
Michael Nowlan	60	2017	Executive Consultant to private companies; retired Chief Executive Officer of Primus Telecommunications Canada Inc. and, Marketwire, Inc.	Executive Leadership Financial Management and Operations Business Strategy M&A

Technology  
and  
Communications  
Industry  
Expertise

Accounting

Number of Meetings in 2018

6 3 4

AC – AUDIT COMMITTEE CC – COMPENSATION COMMITTEE SAC – STRATEGIC ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
TOC – TECHNOLOGY OVERSIGHT COMMITTEE

Chairman Member Financial Expert

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## PROXY STATEMENT

### Questions and Answers

#### WHY AM I RECEIVING THESE PROXY MATERIALS?

You are receiving these proxy materials because you owned shares of common stock of our company, Issuer Direct Corporation (the “Company”), at the close of business on April 15, 2019, and, therefore, are eligible to vote at the Company’s Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on Thursday, June 13, 2019, at 9:00 a.m. EDT at the Company’s office at 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560 (the “Annual Meeting”). Our Board of Directors (the “Board”) is soliciting your proxy to vote at the Annual Meeting.

#### ON WHAT MATTERS WILL I BE VOTING?

Stockholders of record at the close of business on April 15, 2019 will be entitled to vote on the following proposals:

- i.  
To elect the five (5) directors nominated by our Board of Directors as set forth in the Proxy Statement;
- ii.  
To ratify the appointment by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019; and
- iii.  
To transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any postponement or adjournment thereof.

The Board does not know of any matters to be presented at our Annual Meeting other than those described in this Proxy Statement. However, if any other matters properly come before the meeting or any adjournment thereof, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy to vote the shares represented by them in accordance with their best judgment.

#### WHERE AND WHEN WILL THE MEETING BE HELD?

The Annual Meeting will be held at the Company’s office at 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560 on June 13, 2019 at 9:00 a.m., local time.

#### HOW CAN I OBTAIN DIRECTIONS TO THE MEETING?

For directions to the location of our Annual Meeting, please visit our proxy website at <https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR>.

#### WHO IS SOLICITING MY PROXY?

Our Board is soliciting your proxy to vote at our Annual Meeting. By completing and returning a proxy card, you are authorizing the proxy holder to vote your shares at our Annual Meeting as you have instructed.

#### HOW MANY VOTES MAY I CAST?

Each holder of common stock is entitled to one vote, in person or by proxy, for each share of our common stock held of record on the record date.

**HOW MANY VOTES CAN BE CAST BY ALL STOCKHOLDERS?**

Our common stock is the only class of security entitled to vote at our Annual Meeting. As of the record date, we had 3,854,568 shares of common stock outstanding, each of which is entitled to one vote.

**HOW MANY SHARES MUSTS BE PRESENT TO HOLD THE MEETING?**

Our bylaws provide that thirty-three and one-third (33.3%) of the total number of shares of common stock outstanding constitutes a quorum and must be present to conduct a meeting of our stockholders.

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## WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOLDING SHARES AS A STOCKHOLDER OF RECORD AND AS A BENEFICIAL OWNER?

If your shares are registered directly in your name with our transfer agent, Direct Transfer LLC, you are considered, with respect to those shares, the “stockholder of record.” Proxy Materials have been directly sent to you by us.

If your shares are held in a stock brokerage account or by a bank or other nominee, you are considered the “beneficial owner” of shares held in “street name.” Proxy Materials have been forwarded to you by your broker, bank, or nominee who is considered, with respect to those shares, the stockholder of record. As the beneficial owner, you have the right to direct your broker, bank, or nominee how to vote your shares by following their instructions which are included with this proxy, if applicable.

## CAN MY SHARES BE VOTED IF I DO NOT RETURN THE PROXY CARD AND DO NOT ATTEND THE MEETING IN PERSON?

If you hold shares in street name and you do not provide voting instructions to your broker, bank, or nominee, your shares will not be voted on any proposal for which your broker does not have discretionary authority to vote (a “broker non-vote”). Brokers generally have discretionary authority to vote shares held in street name on “routine” matters but not on “non-routine” matters. Proposals to ratify the appointment of the independent auditor are generally considered “routine” matters. Proposals to elect directors are “non-routine” matters.

If you do not vote the shares held in your name, your shares will not be voted. However, the Company may vote your shares if you have returned a blank or incomplete proxy card.

## HOW DOES THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS RECOMMEND THAT I VOTE?

Our Board of Directors recommends that you vote FOR each of the director nominees set forth in this proxy statement, and FOR the ratification of the appointment of Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2019.

## HOW DO I VOTE?

You may vote using any of the following methods:

### In person at the Annual Meeting:

You may vote in person at the Annual Meeting, either by attending the meeting yourself or authorizing a representative to attend the meeting on your behalf. You may also execute a proper proxy designating that person. If you are a street holder of shares, you must obtain a proxy from your broker, bank, or nominee naming you as the proxy holder and present it to the inspectors of election with your ballot when you vote at the Annual Meeting.

### Other ways to vote:

You may also vote by telephone or online as instructed in our proxy, or by returning a proxy card or voting instruction form sent to you in response to your request for printed proxy materials.

**MAIL:** Please mark, sign, date, and return this proxy card promptly using the enclosed envelope.

**FAX:** Complete the reverse portion of this proxy card and fax to (202) 521-3464.

INTERNET: <https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR>

PHONE: 1 (866) 752-VOTE (8683)

ONCE I DELIVER MY PROXY, CAN I REVOKE OR CHANGE MY VOTE?

Yes. You may revoke or change your proxy at any time before it is voted by giving a written revocation notice to our corporate secretary, by delivering a new revised proxy no later than the end of the day prior to the Annual Meeting, or by voting in person at the meeting.

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#### WHO PAYS FOR SOLICITING PROXIES?

We are paying for all costs of soliciting proxies. Our directors, officers, and employees may request the return of proxies by mail, telephone, internet, telefax, telegram, or personal interview. We are also requesting that banks, brokerage houses, and other nominees or fiduciaries forward the soliciting material to their principals and that they obtain authorization for the execution of proxies. We will reimburse them for their expenses.

#### COULD OTHER MATTERS BE CONSIDERED AND VOTED UPON AT THE MEETING?

Our Board does not expect to bring any other matter before the Annual Meeting and is not aware of any other matter that may be considered at the meeting. However, if any other matter does properly come before the meeting, the proxy holders will vote the proxies as the Board may recommend.

#### WHAT HAPPENS IF THE MEETING IS POSTPONED OR ADJOURNED?

Your proxy will still be good and may be voted at the postponed or adjourned meeting. You will still be able to change or revoke your proxy at any time until it is voted.

#### HOW CAN I CONTACT ISSUER DIRECT TO REQUEST MATERIALS OR INFORMATION REFERRED TO IN THESE QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS?

By mail addressed to: Issuer Direct Corporation, 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560, Attn: Chairman of the Board. By phone, call (919) 481-4000 or (866) 752-VOTE (8683), by fax, (202) 521-3464, or by email at [proxy@iproxydirect.com](mailto:proxy@iproxydirect.com).

#### Delivery of Documents to Security Holders Sharing an Address

We will only deliver one set of materials to multiple stockholders sharing an address, unless we have received contrary instructions from one or more of the stockholders. Also, we will promptly deliver a separate copy of these materials and future stockholder communication documents to any stockholder at a shared address to which a single copy of these materials was delivered, or deliver a single copy

of these materials and future stockholder communication documents to any stockholder or stockholders sharing an address to which multiple copies are now delivered, upon written request to us at our address noted above. Stockholders may also address future requests regarding delivery of proxy materials and/or annual reports by contacting us at the address noted above.



Proposal 1–Election of Directors

ELECTION OF THE FIVE DIRECTORS TO SERVE UNTIL THE NEXT ANNUAL MEETING OR UNTIL THEIR SUCCESSORS ARE DULY ELECTED AND QUALIFIED

NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

At our Annual Meeting of Stockholders, stockholders will elect five directors, each to serve a term of one year or until his or her successor is elected and qualified. Our Board of Directors is currently comprised of five directors. Our Board of Directors is not divided into classes of directors, meaning all of our directors are voted on every year at our Annual Meeting of Stockholders.

All of the director nominees currently serve as members of our Board.

Unless otherwise instructed on the proxy card, each of the persons named as proxies on the proxy card intends to vote the shares represented thereby in favor of the five nominees listed under “Certain Information Concerning Director Nominees” below.

All nominees have consented to being named in this Proxy Statement and to serve if elected. If, however, any nominee should become unable or unwilling to serve, the persons named as proxies on the proxy card will vote the shares represented by the proxy for another person duly nominated by our Board.

CERTAIN INFORMATION CONCERNING DIRECTOR NOMINEES

Certain information concerning the nominees for election as directors is set forth below. This information was furnished to us by the nominees. No family relationship exists between any of our directors or executive officers. The five directors have been nominated for election to the Board of Directors at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to be held on June 13, 2019.

The names of the nominees and certain information about them as of April 23, 2019 are set forth below:

Nominee	Age	Position	Director Since
William H. Everett	68	Director, Chairman of the Board, Member of Audit Committee & Strategic Advisory Committee	2013
Brian R. Balbirnie	47	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer	2007
J. Patrick Galleher	46	Director, Chairman of Compensation Committee and Strategic Advisory Committee	2014
Eric Frank	54	Director, Chairman of Technology Oversight Committee, Member of Compensation Committee	2017
Michael Nowlan	60	Director, Chairman of Audit Committee	2017



William H.  
Everett

**Professional Background and Qualifications** Mr. Everett joined the Board of Directors of Issuer Direct Corporation on October 2, 2013. Mr. Everett has had more than thirty years of management experience and currently serves as a director of Hakisa SAS in Strasbourg France. In addition, Mr. Everett served on the Board of NeoNova Network Services until it was acquired in July 2013. In April 2010, Mr. Everett retired as Executive Vice President and CFO of Tekelec, a publicly traded telecom equipment supplier. Since that time, he has served as a corporate director and provided consulting services to Chairman of public company and private equity clients. From 2011 through 2015, he served as an Executive in the Board Residence and a member of the Board of Advisors at the Poole College of Management at NC State University. He has significant experience as both a Chief Financial Officer and a general manager Member of working with a variety of multi-national technology companies over his career, including Epsilon Data the Audit Management, Chemfab Inc., Eastman Software and Steleus SAS. He was the Co-founder and President Committee of Maps a la Carte, an internet mapping and spatial data company, which was acquired by Demand the Strategic Media Inc. Mr. Everett received his BA in Political Science from Middlebury College and his MBA Advisory from the University of New Hampshire. He also practiced as Certified Public Accountant with Price Committee Waterhouse for seven years before joining Epsilon Data Management.

Brian R.  
Balbirnie

**Professional Background and Qualifications** Mr. Balbirnie is a member of the Board and our President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Balbirnie established Issuer Direct in 2006 with a vision of creating a technology driven back-office compliance platform that would reduce costs as well as increase the efficiencies of the most complex tasks, today the company calls it Platform id. Mr. Balbirnie is responsible for the strategic leadership of the company and oversees day-to-day operations. Under Mr. Balbirnie's direction, the Company has grown and in 2018 worked with approximately 4,000 customers. Mr. Balbirnie is an entrepreneur with more than 20 years of experience in emerging industries. Prior to Issuer Direct, Mr. Balbirnie was the founder and managing partner of Catapult Company, a compliance and consulting practice focused on the Sarbanes Oxley Act. During 2002 and 2003, Mr. Balbirnie also served as the Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Mobile Reach International, Inc., a publicly traded company, and as the President and Chief Technology Officer of IVUE Corporation, a private company. Prior to and with Catapult, Mr. Balbirnie also advised several companies on their public market strategies, merger & acquisitions as well as their financial reporting requirements.



J. Patrick  
Galleher

Age 46  
Director Since  
2014

Chairman of the  
Compensation  
Committee  
Chairman of the  
Strategic  
Advisory  
Committee

**Professional Background and Qualifications** Mr. Galleher joined the Board of Directors of Issuer Direct Corporation on March 11, 2014. Mr. Galleher is a Managing Partner for Boxwood Partners, a merchant bank in Richmond, Virginia, where he leads transactions for Boxwood’s M&A advisory services and private equity group. In this capacity, he has led sell-side, buyout and capital raising transactions. Prior to joining Boxwood, Mr. Galleher was CEO of WILink plc (WLK: LSE), a global financial communications business with operations in the U.S., Canada, U.K., Continental Europe, and Sweden. In 2006, as CEO, he successfully led the company through a public-to-private transaction and sale to SVIP, a NYC-based private equity group. Mr. Galleher holds a B.S. in Business Administration from the University of Richmond and a degree from the London Business School as well as attending the Centre for Creative Leadership in Belgium. He is a board member and founder of the Virginia Chapter of Young President’s Organization (YPO) and the Midlothian Athletic Club. He formerly served as chairman of the board for sweetFrog and Shockoe Commerce Group, both of which are private companies.

Eric Frank

Age 54  
Director Since  
2017

Chairman of the  
Technology  
Oversight  
Committee  
Member of the  
Compensation  
Committee

**Professional Background and Qualifications** Mr. Frank joined the Board of Directors of Issuer Direct Corporation on September 28, 2017. Since April 2018, Mr. Frank has served as the Chief Executive Officer of Lightbox, LP which focuses broadly on building a platform related to real estate information and related matters. Since September 2012, Mr. Frank has served as the President of Internet Technology & Acceleration LLC as an executive advisor to private companies and private equity sponsors, specifically in the B2B information space. From September 2014 until March 2017, Mr. Frank served as Managing Director of DMGI/DMGT PLC, overseeing their portfolio of US CRE information companies. Mr. Frank was at Thomson Reuters, a leading news and information company, from 2006 through 2012, most recently as President, managing a \$2.3 billion investment advisory division that was a combination of the Thomson Financial and Reuters which he led and helped shape into four operating units, (Investment Management & Sell-Side Research, Investment Banking, Wealth Management, and Corporate Services). Mr. Frank began his career at Morgan Guaranty, helping create the award winning ADR.com portal, which was later sold to Thomson Financial. He also currently serves on the board of directors of Megalith Financial Acquisition Corp., which trades on the NYSE, as well as Social Market Analytics and RANE (Risk Assistance Network & Exchange), both of which are private companies. Mr. Frank earned a Bachelor of General Studies from the University of Michigan.





Michael  
Nowlan

Age 60  
Director  
Since 2017

Chairman  
of the Audit  
Committee

**Professional Background and Qualifications** Mr. Nowlan joined the Board of Directors of Issuer Direct Corporation on September 28, 2017. Mr. Nowlan currently provides executive consulting services to private companies. Mr. Nowlan was Chief Executive Officer of Primus Telecommunications Canada Inc. (and its related US operating companies Primus Telecommunications Inc. and Lingo Inc.) from late 2013 to 2016. Primus was a private company whose principal business was re-selling of residential and commercial telecommunications services within Canada and the United States Mr. Nowlan supervised the sale of the Primus assets after it filed for CCAA creditor protection in Canada and related recognition under Chapter 15 of the US Bankruptcy Code in January 2016 as a result of liquidity challenges due to competitive margin pressures and over-leverage. Mr. Nowlan led Marketwired, a leading newswire service, from 2001 to 2013 as President and Chief Executive Officer. Under his leadership, Marketwired executed several successful strategic acquisitions. He transitioned the business to a SaaS business model and set the strategy for the company to embrace the emerging technology trends in the communication industry. Prior to joining Marketwired in 1999 as its Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Nowlan had wide financial management experience including starting his career in 1982 at PricewaterhouseCoopers where he remained until 1988. Mr. Nowlan is a member of the Institute of Corporate Directors with the ICD.D Certification and a CPA-CA since 1984. Mr. Nowlan has a Bachelor of Commerce degree from Queen's University.



## BOARD AND COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

The table below provides committee membership of each Board member as of April 23, 2019.

Board Member	Audit Committee	Compensation Committee	Strategic Advisory Committee	Technology Oversight Committee
Independent Directors				
William H. Everett *	X		X	
J. Patrick Galleher *		C	C	
Eric Frank *		X		C
Michael Nowlan *	C			
Internal Director				
Brian R Balbirnie				

C= Committee Chairman X = Committee Member \* = Independent

## CONSIDERATION OF STOCKHOLDER NOMINEES FOR DIRECTOR

Pursuant to our bylaws, stockholders who wish to nominate persons for election to the Board of Directors at the 2020 Annual Meeting must be a stockholder of record, both when they give us notice and at the 2020 Annual Meeting, must be entitled to vote at the 2020 Annual Meeting, and must comply with the notice provisions in our bylaws. A stockholder's notice must be delivered to our Corporate Secretary not less than 75 nor more than 105 days before the anniversary date of the immediately preceding Annual Meeting. For our 2020 Annual Meeting, the notice must be delivered between February 29, 2020 and March 30, 2020. However, if our 2020 Annual Meeting is not within 30 days of June 13, 2020, the notice must be delivered no later than the close of business on the 10th day following the earlier of the day on which the first public announcement of the date of the 2020 Annual Meeting or 120 days prior to such meeting. The public announcement of an adjournment or postponement of the 2020 Annual Meeting will not trigger a new time period (or extend any time period) for the giving of a stockholder notice as described in this proxy statement. The stockholder's notice must be updated and supplemented as set forth in our bylaws.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the election of five (5) directors, until the next Annual Meeting or until their successors are duly elected and qualified.



## Corporate Governance

Our Directors will serve until our next Annual Meeting of stockholders or until their resignation or removal.

Our directors are elected at the Annual Meeting of stockholders, with vacancies filled by the Board of Directors, and serve until their successors are elected and qualified, or their earlier resignation or removal. Officers are appointed by the Board of Directors and serve at the discretion of the Board of Directors or until their earlier resignation or removal. Under the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, any action which is required to be taken or may be taken at any annual or special meeting of stockholders may also be taken without a meeting, without prior notice and without a vote, if consent in writing setting forth the action so taken, shall be signed by the holders of the outstanding stock having not less than the minimum number of votes that would be necessary to authorize or take such action at a meeting at which all shares entitled to vote thereon were present and voted and shall be delivered to the corporation by delivery to its registered office, its principle place of business, or an officer or agent of the corporation having custody of the book in which the proceedings of meetings are recorded.

## INDEMNIFICATION OF DIRECTORS AND OFFICERS

Section 145 of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware provides, in general, that a corporation incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware, as we are, may indemnify any person who was or is a party or is threatened to be made a party to any threatened, pending or completed action, suit or proceeding (other than a derivative action by or in the right of the corporation) by reason of the fact that such person is or was a director, officer, employee or agent of the corporation, or is or was serving at the request of the corporation as a director, officer, employee or agent of another enterprise, against expenses (including attorneys' fees), judgments, fines and amounts paid in settlement actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with such action, suit or proceeding if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation and, with respect to any criminal action or proceeding, had no reasonable cause to believe such person's conduct was unlawful. In the case of a derivative action, a Delaware corporation may indemnify any such person against expenses (including attorneys' fees) actually and reasonably incurred by such person in connection with the defense or settlement of such action or suit if such person acted in good faith and in a manner such person reasonably believed to be in or not opposed to the best interests of the corporation, except that no indemnification will be made in respect of any claim, issue or matter as to which such person will have been adjudged to be liable to the corporation unless and only to the extent that the Court of Chancery of the State of Delaware or any other court in which such action was brought determines such person is fairly and reasonably entitled to indemnity for such expenses.

Our certificate of incorporation and bylaws provide that we will indemnify our directors, officers, employees and agents to the extent and in the manner permitted by the provisions of the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware, as amended from time to time, subject to any permissible expansion or limitation of such indemnification, as may be set forth in any stockholders' or directors' resolution or by contract. Any repeal or modification of these provisions approved by our stockholders will be prospective only and will not adversely affect any limitation on the liability of any of our directors or officers existing as of the time of such repeal or modification.

We are also permitted to apply for insurance on behalf of any director, officer, employee or other agent for liability arising out of his actions, whether or not the General Corporation Law of the State of Delaware would permit indemnification.



#### DIRECTORS' AND OFFICERS' LIABILITY INSURANCE

We have directors' and officers' liability insurance insuring our directors and officers against liability for acts or omissions in their capacities as directors or officers.

#### CODE OF ETHICS

We have adopted a code of ethics that applies to our officers, directors and employees, including our principal executive officer and principal accounting officer, which is posted on our website at [www.issuerdirect.com](http://www.issuerdirect.com).

#### DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

The Board has determined that Messrs. Everett, Frank, Galleher and Nowlan satisfy the requirement for independence set out in Section 303A.02 of the NYSE American rules and Section 10A(m) of the Exchange Act (collectively, the "Independence Rules"), and that each of these directors has no material relationship with us (other than being a director and/or a stockholder). In making its independence determinations, the Board of Directors sought to identify and analyze all of the facts and circumstances relating to any relationship between a director, his immediate family or affiliates and our company and our affiliates and did not rely on categorical standards other than those contained in the NYSE American rule referenced above.

#### BOARD COMMITTEES

Our Board of Directors has established an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee, a Strategic Advisory Committee and a Technology Oversight Committee, each of which has the composition and responsibilities described below.





Audit  
Committee

Our Audit Committee was implemented on October 23, 2013 and is currently comprised of Messrs. Everett and Nowlan, each of whom our Board has determined to be financially literate and qualify as an independent director under the Independence Rules.

Members: On March 2, 2018, Mr. Nowlan replaced Mr. Everett as the chairman of our Audit Committee. Mr. Everett remained as a member of the Audit Committee. Both Messrs. Nowlan and Everett qualify as a financial expert, as defined in Item 407(d)(5)(ii) of Regulation S-K.

Michael  
Nowlan

(Chairman)

William H.  
Everett

Responsibilities

Meetings in  
2018: 6

The Audit Committee's duties are to recommend to our Board of Directors the engagement of independent auditors to audit our financial statements and to review our accounting and auditing principles. The Audit Committee will review the scope, timing and fees for the annual audit and the results of audit examinations performed by the independent public accountants, including their recommendations to improve the system of accounting and internal controls. During the year ended December 31, 2018, our Audit Committee met six times.



Compensation  
Committee

Our Compensation Committee was implemented on October 23, 2013 and is currently comprised of Messrs. Frank and Galleher, each of whom our Board has determined to qualify as an independent director under the Independence Rules. Mr. Galleher is the chairman of our Compensation Committee.

Members:

J. Patrick  
Galleher  
(Chairman)

Responsibilities

Eric Frank

The Compensation Committee reviews and approves our salary and benefits policies, including compensation of executive officers and directors. The Compensation Committee also administers our stock compensation plans and recommends and approves grants of stock compensation under such plans. During the year ended December 31, 2018, our Compensation Committee held three meetings.

Meetings in 2018:  
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Strategic  
Advisory  
Committee

Members:

Our Strategic Advisory Committee was implemented on January 25, 2016 and is currently comprised of Messrs. Everett and Galleher. Mr. Galleher is the chairman of our Strategic Advisory Committee.

J. Patrick  
Galleher  
(Chairman)

Responsibilities

William H.  
Everett

The Strategic Advisory Committee assists our Board of Directors and management in evaluating areas such as joint ventures, partnerships, strategic acquisitions and mergers and acquisitions.

Meetings in 2018: During the year ended December 31, 2018, our Strategic Advisory Committee held four meetings.  
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Technology  
Oversight  
Committee

Our Technology Oversight Committee was implemented on August 11, 2017 and is currently comprised of Mr. Frank, as its Chairman.

Responsibilities

Member: The Technology Oversight Committee's main objectives are (i) to ensure that our R&D function is building secure, quality and scalable application software within the time frame, specifications and budget contained in our plan of record and (ii) to ensure we are taking the necessary and prudent steps to safeguard our customers' private and confidential information, including financial data, from cybersecurity attacks.

Eric Frank  
(Chairman)

During 2018, Mr. Frank was integrally involved in engaging a national security consulting firm to identify, address and create policies and plans which enable us to mitigate our cybersecurity and information vulnerabilities on both a short-term and long-term basis.

MEETINGS AND ATTENDANCE

During the year ended December 31, 2018, the Board of Directors held eleven meetings and the respective committees held thirteen total meetings, and each director attended all of (i) Board meetings held during the period for which he was a director and (ii) committee meetings held during the period for which he was a committee member. We do not have a policy requiring director attendance at stockholder meetings, but members of our Board of Directors are encouraged to attend.

COMMUNICATIONS WITH THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

A stockholder who wishes to communicate with our Board of Directors, any committee of our Board of Directors, the non-management directors or any particular director, may do so by writing to such director or directors in care of the Secretary, c/o Issuer Direct Corporation, 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560. Our secretary will forward such communication to the full Board of Directors, to the appropriate committee or to any individual director or directors to whom the communication is addressed, unless the communication is unrelated to the duties and responsibilities of our Board of Directors (such as spam, junk mail and mass mailings, ordinary course disputes over fees or services, personal employee complaints, business inquiries, new product or service suggestions, resumes and other forms of job inquiries, surveys, business solicitations or advertisements) or is unduly hostile, threatening, illegal, or harassing, in which case our secretary has the authority to discard the communication or take appropriate legal action regarding the communication.



## NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION ARRANGEMENT

Effective as of February 28, 2019, our Board, upon the recommendation of our Compensation Committee, determined to compensate our non-employee directors as set forth below.

**Initial Equity Grant.** Each non-employee director appointed to our Board and not by a vote of the stockholders at an annual meeting is automatically granted an initial grant of 6,000 restricted stock units (the “RSUs”) on the date of his or her appointment to our Board (with such amount pro-rated based on the number of days between the date of such director’s appointment and the date of our first annual meeting of stockholders following the date of grant (or to the extent that we have not determined the date of the next annual meeting of stockholders on or before the date of grant, June 15 following the date of grant)). The RSU’s will fully vest on the date of our first annual meeting of stockholders following the date of grant or immediately prior to the consummation of a change of control event. If an individual is appointed as a non-employee director at an annual meeting of stockholders, he or she will be granted an annual equity grant, as described below, in lieu of the initial equity grant. None of the nominees for the Board contained in this Proxy Statement would be entitled to this initial equity grant.

**Annual Equity Grant.** On the date of each annual meeting of stockholders, each non-employee director who is serving on our Board on the date of such annual meeting or who is elected by the stockholders at such annual meeting will be automatically granted 6,000 restricted stock units (the “RSUs”). The RSUs will fully vest on the earlier of (i) the date of the following year’s annual meeting of stockholders (but only for a non-employee director who ceases to be a member of our Board at such annual meeting as a result of not standing for re-election or not being re-elected), (ii) the date that is one year following the date of grant, or (iii) immediately prior to the consummation of a change of control event. Each of the nominees for the Board contained in this Proxy Statement would be entitled to this equity grant if elected by the stockholders.

**Monthly Cash Payment.** During 2019, each non-employee director will receive a monthly cash retainer of \$3,000 for service on our Board and our Chairman of our Board will receive an additional monthly cash retainer of \$1,500.

## 2018 NON-EMPLOYEE DIRECTOR COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows amounts earned by each non-employee director in fiscal 2018:

Director	Fees Earned or Stock Paid in Cash	Stock Awards	Warrant Awards	Non-Equity Incentive Plan Compensation	Change in Pension Value and Non-qualified Deferred Compensation Earnings	All Other Compensation	Total
William H. Everett	\$54,000(1)	\$95,440(2)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$149,440
Eric Frank	\$36,000	\$95,440(2)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$131,440
J. Patrick Galleher	\$36,000	\$95,440(2)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$131,440
Michael Nowlan	\$36,000	\$95,440(2)	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$-	\$131,440



(1)

In addition to the \$3,000 per month paid to all members of the Board, this amount includes an additional \$1,500 per month for Mr. Everett's service as the Chairman of our Board.

(2)

The amounts shown in this column represent the grant date fair value of the awards determined in accordance with ASC 718. Option awards are valued using a Black-Scholes valuation model. On June 1, 2018, each non-employee director was granted an option to purchase 8,000 shares of our common stock with an exercise price of \$17.40 and a vesting date of June 1, 2019. RSUs are valued based on the closing price of Issuer Direct's ordinary shares on the date of grant, which was \$17.40. On June 1, 2018, each non-employee director was granted 2,000 restricted stock units with a vesting date of June 1, 2019.

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## Security Ownership of Beneficial Owners and Management

The following table sets forth certain information as of April 23, 2019, regarding the beneficial ownership of our common stock by (i) each person or entity who, to our knowledge, beneficially owns more than 5% of our common stock; (ii) each executive officer and named officer; (iii) each director; and (iv) all of our officers and directors as a group. Unless otherwise indicated in the footnotes to the following table, each of the stockholders named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares of our common stock beneficially owned. Except as otherwise indicated, the address of each of the stockholders listed below is: c/o Issuer Direct Corporation, 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, North Carolina 27560.

Name of Beneficial Owner	Number of Shares Owned(1)	Percentage Owned(1)
Brian R. Balbirnie(2)(3)	624,663(5)	16.20%
Steven Knerr(2)	43,750(6)	1.13%
William H. Everett(3)	51,728(7)	1.34%
J. Patrick Galleher(3)	46,000(7)	1.19%
Eric Frank(3)	20,000(7)	0.52%
Michael Nowlan(3)	20,000(7)	0.52%
James Michael(4)	228,300	5.92%
All officers, directors, and management as a group (6 persons)	1,034,441	26.12%
Other beneficial holders:		
Polar Asset Management Partners	326,456	8.47%
Yorkmont Capital Partners, LP	284,765(8)	7.39%

(1) Applicable percentage of ownership is based on a total of 3,960,818 shares of common stock, which consist of 3,854,568 shares of common stock outstanding on April 23, 2019, plus shares that are beneficially owned as of that date. Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with rules of the Securities and Exchange Commission and means voting or investment power with respect to securities. Shares of our common stock issuable upon restricted stock units and the exercise of stock options exercisable currently or within 60 days of April 20, 2019 are deemed outstanding and to be beneficially owned by the person holding such option for purposes of computing such person's percentage ownership, but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person.

(2) Officer.

(3) Director.

(4) Management.

(5) Includes options issued to spouse to purchase 500 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of April 23, 2019.

(6) Includes 5,000 restricted stock units which vest on February 28, 2020 and options to purchase 28,750 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of April 23, 2019.

(7) Includes 2,000 restricted stock units which vest on June 1, 2019 and options to purchase 16,000 shares of common stock that are currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days of April 23, 2019.

Includes 50,000 shares of common stock held by Graeme P. Rein. According to Amendment No. 5 to the Schedule (8) 13G filed by Yorkmont Capital Partners, LP on January 11, 2019, Mr. Rein has sole voting and disposition power with respect to all of the shares of common stock held by Yorkmont Capital Partners, LP.

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## Executive Compensation

## COMPENSATION DISCUSSION AND ANALYSIS

We formed a Compensation Committee on October 23, 2013. Prior to that date, all compensation decisions for our named executive officers were made by our Board of Directors.

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors will review at least annually and determine (or recommend to the Board of Directors as the case may be) the executive compensation for Mr. Balbirnie and any other named executive officers, including approving any grants of stock options or other equity incentive awards in accordance with the philosophy and components described in this Proxy Statement. To date, neither the Board of Directors nor the Compensation Committee has retained the services of a compensation consultant. The Compensation Committee does not intend to retain such services for 2019 but may decide to do so in the future.

## SUMMARY COMPENSATION TABLE

The following table shows amounts earned by each officer in the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017:

Name and Principal Position	Year	Salary	Deferred Compensation	Bonus	Stock Awards	Option/Warrant Awards	All Other Compensation	Total
Brian R. Balbirnie	2018	\$200,000	\$ -	\$18,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$218,000
President and Chief Executive Officer	2017	\$195,000	\$ -	\$32,000	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$227,000
Steven Knerr	2018	\$165,000	\$ -	\$11,550	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$176,550
Chief Financial Officer	2017	\$160,333	\$ -	\$19,800	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$180,133

We currently have employment agreements with Brian Balbirnie and Steven Knerr. The terms are summarized below:

## BRIAN R. BALBIRNIE EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

On April 30, 2014, Issuer Direct Corporation (the “Company”) entered into an Executive Employment Agreement (the “Balbirnie Agreement”) with Brian R. Balbirnie to serve as the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer. Mr. Balbirnie had served as the Company’s most senior executive officer since 2006 without a formal employment agreement. The Balbirnie Agreement will continue until terminated pursuant to its terms as described below.

On May 1, 2017, the Company and Mr. Balbirnie agreed to amend the Balbirnie Agreement as follows: (i) to increase Mr. Balbirnie’s annual base salary from \$185,000 to \$200,000 and (ii) to decrease Mr. Balbirnie’s eligibility to receive an annual cash bonus from 45% to 40% of his annual base salary upon the achievement of reasonable target objectives and performance goals. However, for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, our Board has decided to increase Mr. Balbirnie’s bonus potential to the previous 45% level. The revised base salary will be reviewed annually by the Company’s Board of Directors for increase as part of its annual compensation review. The cash bonus goals will continue to be determined by the Board in consultation with Mr. Balbirnie on or before the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year to which the bonus relates. In addition, Mr. Balbirnie is eligible to receive such additional bonus or incentive compensation as the Board may establish from time to time in its sole discretion.



Pursuant to the Balbirnie Agreement, if Mr. Balbirnie's employment is terminated upon his disability, by Mr. Balbirnie for good reason (as such term is defined in Balbirnie Agreement), or by us without cause (as such term is defined in Balbirnie Agreement), Mr. Balbirnie will be entitled to receive, in addition to other unpaid amounts owed to him (e.g., for base salary, accrued personal time and business expenses): (i) to the then base salary for a period of twelve months (in accordance with the Company's general payroll policy) commencing on the first payroll period following the fifteenth day after termination of employment and (ii) substantially similar coverage under the Company's then-current medical, health and vision insurance coverage for a period of twelve months. Additionally, if Mr. Balbirnie's employment is terminated for disability, the vesting of any option grants will continue to vest pursuant to the schedule and terms previously established during the twelve-month severance period. Subsequent to the twelve-month severance period the vesting of any option grants will immediately cease. If Mr. Balbirnie's employment is terminated without cause, vesting of any option grants will immediately cease upon termination except as described below relating to a Corporate Transaction.

If the Company terminates Mr. Balbirnie's employment for cause or employment terminates as a result of Mr. Balbirnie's resignation or death, Mr. Balbirnie will only be entitled to unpaid amounts owed to him and the vesting of any option grants will immediately cease.

Mr. Balbirnie has no specific right to terminate the employment agreement or right to any severance payments or other benefits solely as a result of a Corporate Transaction (as defined in the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan). However, if within twelve months following a corporate transaction, Mr. Balbirnie terminates his employment for good reason or the Company terminates his employment without cause, the severance period discussed above will be increased from twelve to eighteen months and any then unvested options held by Mr. Balbirnie will immediately vest and become exercisable for a period equal to the earlier of (i) six months from termination or (ii) the expiration of such option grant pursuant to its original terms.

The Balbirnie Agreement also contains certain non-competition, no solicitation, confidentiality, and assignment of inventions requirements for Mr. Balbirnie.

#### STEVEN KNERR EMPLOYMENT AGREEMENT

On November 19, 2015, the Company entered into an Executive Employment Agreement (the "Knerr Agreement") with Steven Knerr to serve as the Company's Chief Financial Officer. Mr. Knerr had served as the Company's Controller since August 22, 2013 and as its interim Chief Financial Officer and interim Principal Financial Officer since May 8, 2015. The Knerr Agreement will continue until terminated pursuant to its terms as described below.

On May 1, 2017, the Company and Mr. Knerr agreed to amend the Knerr Agreement as follows: (i) to increase Mr. Knerr's annual base salary from \$151,000 to \$165,000 and (ii) to decrease Mr. Knerr's eligibility to receive an annual cash bonus from 35% to 30% of his annual base salary upon the achievement of reasonable target objectives and performance goals. However, for fiscal years 2018 and 2019, our Board has decided to increase Mr. Knerr's bonus potential to the previous 35% level. The revised base salary will be reviewed annually by the Company's Board of Directors for increase as part of its annual compensation review. The cash bonus goals will continue to be determined by the Board in consultation with Mr. Knerr on or before the end of the first quarter of the fiscal year to which the bonus relates. In addition, Mr. Knerr is eligible to receive such additional bonus or incentive compensation as the Board may establish from time to time in its sole discretion.





Also as part of the Knerr Agreement, Mr. Knerr was granted an incentive stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$6.80 (the "Stock Option"). The Stock Option shall vest over a four-year period, at a rate of 25% of the total Stock Option on the first anniversary of November 19, 2015 and the remaining 75% vesting ratably at the end of each calendar quarter for the subsequent three years after the first anniversary of November 19, 2015, provided Mr. Knerr is employed on all such dates by the Company or one of its affiliates. In the event of a Corporate Transaction (as defined in the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan), any unvested portion of the Stock Option shall be immediately vested.

Pursuant to the Knerr Agreement, if Mr. Knerr's employment is terminated upon his disability, by Mr. Knerr for good reason (as such term is defined in Knerr Agreement), or by us without cause (as such term is defined in Knerr Agreement), Mr. Knerr will be entitled to receive, in addition to other unpaid amounts owed to him (e.g., for base salary, accrued personal time and business expenses): (i) to the then base salary for a period of six months (in accordance with the Company's general payroll policy) commencing on the first payroll period following the fifteenth day after termination of employment and (ii) substantially similar coverage under the Company's then-current medical, health and vision insurance coverage for a period of six months. Additionally, if Mr. Knerr's employment is terminated for disability, the vesting of any option grants will continue to vest pursuant to the schedule and terms previously established during the six-month severance period. Subsequent to the six-month severance period the vesting of any option grants will immediately cease. If Mr. Knerr's employment is terminated without cause, vesting of any option grants will immediately cease upon termination except as described below relating to a Corporate Transaction.

If the Company terminates Mr. Knerr's employment for cause or employment terminates as a result of Mr. Knerr's resignation or death, Mr. Knerr will only be entitled to unpaid amounts owed to him and the vesting of any option grants will immediately cease.

Mr. Knerr has no specific right to terminate the employment agreement or right to any severance payments or other benefits solely as a result of a Corporate Transaction (as defined in the Company's 2014 Equity Incentive Plan).

The Knerr Agreement also contains certain non-competition, no solicitation, confidentiality, and assignment of inventions requirements for Mr. Knerr.

#### PHILOSOPHY OF COMPENSATION

The goals of our compensation policy are to ensure that executive compensation rewards management for helping us achieve our financial goals (increased sales, profitability, etc.), meet our product development milestone and align management's overall goals and objectives with those of our stockholders. To achieve these goals, our Compensation Committee and Board of Directors aim to achieve the following:

provide competitive compensation packages that enable us to attract and retain superior management personnel;

relate compensation to the Company's overall performance, the individual officer's performance and our assessment of the officer's future potential;

reward our officers fairly for their role in our achievements; and

align executive's objectives with the objectives of stockholders, including through the grant of equity awards.

We have determined that in order to best meet these objectives, our executive compensation program should balance fixed and bonus compensation, as well as cash and equity compensation, as discussed below. Historically, there has been no pre-established policy or target for the allocation between either cash and non-cash or short-term and long-term incentive compensation for our executive officers.

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## COMPONENTS OF COMPENSATION

The four principal components of our compensation program for our named executive officers are base salary, personal benefits (such as health and dental insurance), cash bonuses and or equity based grants. As noted below, cash bonuses and equity grants are not necessarily earned or granted every year.

**Base Salary.** The primary component of compensation for our named executive officers is base salary. Base salary levels for our named executive officers have historically been determined based upon an evaluation of a number of factors, including the individual officer's level of responsibility and our overall performance. The Compensation Committee intends to review each named executive officer's base salary on an annual basis and adjust such salaries as deemed appropriate.

**Cash Bonus.** Prior to 2016, we paid nominal cash bonuses to named executive officers. For the year ended December 31, 2018, Mr. Balbirnie and Mr. Knerr earned bonuses of \$18,000 and \$11,550, respectively, for achieving target objectives and performance goals determined by the Board. These bonuses were paid during 2019.

We intend to consider the amount of cash bonus that each of our named executive officers should be entitled to receive in connection with our annual compensation review, taking into account each executive's total compensation package, and any more formal data we obtain regarding the compensation levels of similarly situated executives. We will also consider in connection with such review whether to designate certain financial or operational metrics or other objective or subjective criteria in determining the final amounts of such awards.

**Equity Based Grants.** An additional principal component of our compensation policy for named executive officers consists of grants of stock options and other equity awards. Prior to 2015, all equity incentive awards were made either (i) in accordance with negotiated terms at levels deemed necessary to attract or retain the executive at the time of such negotiations and determined taking into account the recipient's overall compensation package and the goal of aligning such executive's interest with that of our stockholders, or (ii) at the discretion of the Board of Directors without reference to any formal targets or objectives, when deemed appropriate in connection with extraordinary efforts or results or necessary in order to retain the executive in light of the executive's overall compensation package.

On April 1, 2015, the Compensation Committee granted Mr. Knerr 10,000 restricted stock units, half of which vested on April 1, 2016 and the other half on April 1, 2017. Additionally, the Compensation Committee granted Mr. Knerr an incentive stock option to purchase 10,000 shares of our common stock, as further described above under the heading "Steven Knerr Employment Agreement." On February 28, 2019, Mr. Knerr was also granted 5,000 restricted stock units which will vest on February 28, 2020.

Other than the grants to Mr. Knerr, the Compensation Committee has not made any equity awards to the named executive officers since its inception in October 2013 but may do so in 2019. Our Compensation Committee and our Board of Directors intends to consider during our annual compensation review whether to grant equity incentive awards to our named executive officers, and the terms of any such awards, including whether to set any performance targets or other objective or subjective criteria related to the final grant or vesting of such awards. The Compensation Committee will also retain the flexibility to make additional grants throughout the year if deemed necessary or appropriate in order to retain our named executive officers or reward extraordinary efforts or achievements.

Neither the Compensation Committee nor the Board of Directors has approved any additional equity based grants for our named executive officer during the fiscal year 2019, other than the grant noted above to Mr. Knerr.



## COMPENSATION OF NAMED EXECUTIVE OFFICERS

Compensation of Chief Executive Officer. During the twelve months ended December 31, 2018, Mr. Balbirnie's total compensation was \$218,000. Mr. Balbirnie's total compensation was comprised of salary payments from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 of \$200,000 and earned bonus of \$18,000, which was paid on March 15, 2019.

2018 Bonus Plan. On April 19, 2018, the Compensation Committee of the Board implemented a 2018 cash bonus plan for Mr. Balbirnie based on the following criteria:

Cash bonus target was 45% of annualized base salary of \$200,000.

Cash bonus plan was based (i) 80% upon the achievement of target financial numbers during the fiscal year 2018 and (ii) 20% based upon the achievement of certain management objectives determined by the Board.

Bonus targets for solely the target financial numbers were scaled as follows: (i) below 90% of target results in no bonus paid; (ii) 90% of target results in 50% of bonuses paid; (iii) 100% of target results in 100% of bonuses paid; (iv) 120% and greater of target results in 120% of bonuses paid. The payout is a maximum of 120% of target bonus.

Based on these criteria and as noted above, Mr. Balbirnie received a cash bonus of \$18,000 for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was paid on March 15, 2019.

2019 Bonus Plan. On February 28, 2019, our Board, based on recommendations from our Compensation Committee, implemented a 2019 cash bonus plan for Mr. Balbirnie based on the following criteria:

Cash bonus target was 45% of annualized base salary of \$200,000.

Cash bonus plan will be based (i) 80% upon the achievement of target financial numbers during the fiscal year 2019 and (ii) 20% based upon the achievement of certain management objectives during the fiscal year 2019 as determined by the Board.

Bonus targets for solely the target financial numbers will be scaled as follows: (i) below 90% of target results in no bonus paid; (ii) 90% of target results in 50% of bonuses paid; (iii) 100% of target results in 100% of bonuses paid; (iv) 120% and greater of target results in 120% of bonuses paid. The payout is a maximum of 120% of target bonus.

Compensation of Chief Financial Officer. For the twelve months ended December 31, 2018, Mr. Knerr's total compensation was \$176,550. Mr. Knerr's total compensation was comprised of salary payments from January 1, 2018 through December 31, 2018 totaling \$165,000 and earned bonus of \$11,550, which was paid on March 15, 2019.

2018 Bonus Plan. On April 19, 2018, the Compensation Committee of the Board implemented a 2018 cash bonus plan for Mr. Knerr based on the following criteria:

Cash bonus target was 35% of annualized base salary of \$165,000.

Cash bonus plan was based (i) 80% upon the achievement of target financial numbers during the fiscal year 2018 and (ii) 20% based upon the achievement of certain management objectives determined by the Board.

Bonus targets for solely the target financial numbers were scaled as follows: (i) below 90% of target results in no bonus paid; (ii) 90% of target results in 50% of bonuses paid; (iii) 100% of target results in 100% of bonuses paid; (iv) 120% and greater of target results in 120% of bonuses paid. The payout is a maximum of 120% of target bonus.

Based on these criteria and as noted above, Mr. Knerr received a cash bonus of \$11,550 for the year ended December 31, 2018, which was paid on March 15, 2019.

2019 Bonus Plan. On February 28, 2019, our Board, based on recommendations from our Compensation Committee, implemented a 2019 cash bonus plan for Mr. Knerr based on the following criteria:

Cash bonus target was 35% of annualized base salary of \$165,000.

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Cash bonus plan will be based (i) 80% upon the achievement of target financial numbers during the fiscal year 2019 and (ii) 20% based upon the achievement of certain management objectives during the fiscal year 2019 as determined by the Board.

Bonus targets for solely the target financial numbers will be scaled as follows: (i) below 90% of target results in no bonus paid; (ii) 90% of target results in 50% of bonuses paid; (iii) 100% of target results in 100% of bonuses paid; (iv) 120% and greater of target results in 120% of bonuses paid. The payout is a maximum of 120% of target bonus.

#### IMPACT OF TAX LAWS

Deductibility of Executive Compensation. Generally, under U.S. law, a company may not deduct compensation of more than \$1,000,000 that is paid to an individual employed by the company who, on the last day of the taxable year, either is the company's principal executive officer or an individual who is among the three highest compensated officers for the taxable year (other than the principal executive officer or the principal financial officer). The \$1,000,000 limitation on deductions does not apply to certain types of compensation, including qualified performance-based compensation, and only applies to compensation paid by a publicly-traded corporation (and not compensation paid by non-corporate entities). Because the compensation deducted in the U.S. for each individual to whom this rule applies has historically been less than \$1,000,000 per year, we do not believe that the \$1,000,000 limitation will affect us in the near future. If the deductibility of executive compensation becomes a significant issue, our compensation plans and policies may be modified to maximize deductibility if our Compensation Committee and we determine that such action is in our best interests.

#### RISK CONSIDERATIONS IN OUR COMPENSATION PROGRAMS

Our Compensation Committee believes that risks arising from our policies and practices for compensating employees are not reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us and do not encourage risk taking that is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on us. Our Compensation Committee believes that the structure of our executive compensation program mitigates risks by avoiding any named executive officer placing undue emphasis on any particular performance metric at the expense of other aspects of our business.



## COMPENSATION COMMITTEE REPORT

The Compensation Committee has reviewed and discussed the Compensation Discussion and Analysis with the members of management of the Company and, based on such review and discussions, the Compensation Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Compensation Discussion and Analysis be included in this Proxy Statement.

The Compensation Committee

J. Patrick Galleher (Chairman)

Eric Frank



## Proposal 2–Ratification of Auditors

## RATIFICATION OF THE SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has appointed the firm of Cherry Bekaert LLP, independent registered public accounting firm, to audit and report on our financial statements for the year ending December 31, 2019. We have engaged Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm since June 2010. We expect that a representative of Cherry Bekaert LLP will be present at the Annual Meeting of Stockholders to answer questions of stockholders and will have the opportunity, if desired, to make a statement.

For the years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, Cherry Bekaert LLP billed us the fees set forth below, including expenses, in connection with services rendered by that firm to us.

	Year Ended December 31,	
	2018	2017
Audit fees	\$121,475	\$112,000
Audit related fees	35,300	23,000
Tax fees	---	---
All other fees	---	---
Total fees	\$156,775	\$135,000

**Audit Fees.** Audit fees include fees billed for the annual audit of the Company’s financial statements and quarterly reviews for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, and for services normally provided by Cherry Bekaert LLP in connection with routine statutory and regulatory filings or engagements.

**Audit-Related Fees.** Audit-related fees include fees billed for assurance and related services that are reasonably related to the performance of the annual audit or reviews of the Company’s financial statements and are not reported under “Audit Fees.” During our fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, Cherry Bekaert LLP billed the Company \$21,000 for services related to a consent for the use of its audit opinion in the Company’s filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 that incorporated by reference the Company’s audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2017 and 2016 and also billed the Company \$14,300 for other audit-related services related to a business acquired by us during 2018. During our fiscal year ended December 31, 2017, Cherry Bekaert LLP billed the Company \$3,000 for services related to a consent for the use of its audit opinion in the Company’s filing of a Registration Statement on Form S-3 that incorporated by reference the Company’s audited financial statements for the fiscal years ended December 31, 2016 and 2015 and also billed the Company \$20,000 for other audit-related services related to a business acquired by us during 2017.

**Tax Fees.** Tax fees include fees for professional services for tax compliance, tax advice and tax planning for the tax years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017. During our fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, no such fees were billed by Cherry Bekaert LLP.

**All Other Fees.** All other fees include fees for products and services other than those described above. During our fiscal years ended December 31, 2018 and 2017, no such fees were billed by Cherry Bekaert LLP.

The Audit Committee of the Board of Directors has considered whether the provision of services described above under "Audit-related fees" and "Other fees" is compatible with maintaining the independence of Cherry Bekaert LLP and has concluded that it is compatible.

#### RATIFICATION OF SELECTION OF INDEPENDENT AUDITORS

The Audit Committee is directly responsible for the appointment, compensation, retention and oversight of the independent registered accounting firm retained to audit our financial statements. The Audit Committee has appointed Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent external auditor for the year ending December 31, 2019. Cherry Bekaert LLP has served as our independent registered accounting firm continuously since June 2010. The Audit Committee is responsible for the audit fee negotiations associated with the retention of Cherry Bekaert LLP. In order to assure continuing auditor independence, the Audit Committee periodically considers whether there should be a regular rotation of the independent registered accounting firm. Further, in conjunction with the rotation of the auditing firm's lead engagement partner, the Audit Committee and its chairperson has and will continue to be directly involved in the selection of Cherry Bekaert LLP 's new lead engagement partner. The members of the Audit Committee and the Board believe that the continued retention of Cherry Bekaert LLP to serve as our independent external auditor is in the best interests of the Company and its stockholders.





Stockholder ratification of the selection of Cherry Bekaert LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm is not required but is being presented as a matter of good corporate practice. Notwithstanding stockholder ratification of the appointment of the independent registered public accounting firm, the Audit Committee, in its discretion, may direct the appointment of a new independent registered public accounting firm if the Audit Committee believes that such a change would be in our best interests and the best interests of our stockholders. The Audit Committee has not determined what action it would take if the stockholders do not ratify the appointment, but may reconsider the appointment.

#### AUDIT COMMITTEE PRE-APPROVAL POLICY

The Audit Committee's policy is that all audit and non-audit services provided by its independent registered public accounting firm shall either be approved before the independent registered public accounting firm is engaged for the particular services or shall be rendered pursuant to pre-approval procedures established by the Audit Committee. These services may include audit services and permissible audit-related services, tax services and other services. Pre-approval spending limits for audit services are established on an annual basis, detailed as to the particular service or category of services to be performed and implemented by our financial officers. Pre-approval spending limits for permissible non-audit services are established on an annual basis, detailed as to the particular service or category of services to be performed and implemented by our financial officers. Any audit or non-audit service fees that may be incurred by us during a quarter that fall outside the limits pre-approved by the Audit Committee for a particular service or category of services must be reviewed and approved by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee prior to the performance of services. On an annual basis, the Audit Committee reviews and itemizes all fees paid to its independent registered public accounting firm in the prior quarter (including fees approved by the Chairperson of the Audit Committee between regularly scheduled meetings and fees approved by our financial officers pursuant to the pre-approval policies described above) and further reviews and itemizes all fees expected to be paid in the upcoming quarter. The Audit Committee may revise its pre-approval spending limits and policies at any time. None of the fees paid to the independent registered public accounting firm were approved by the Audit Committee after the services were rendered pursuant to the "de minimis" exception established by the SEC for the provision of non-audit services.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote "FOR" the ratification of the appointment of Cherry Bekaert LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm.



## REPORT OF THE AUDIT COMMITTEE

On October 23, 2013, the Company established an Audit Committee of the Board of Directors. The Audit Committee consists of two members, Messrs. Everett and Nowlan. All the members are independent directors under the NYSE and SEC Audit Committee structure and membership requirements. The Audit Committee has certain duties and powers as described in its written charter, a copy of which can be found on the company's website at [http://cdn.irdirect.net/IR/432/1220/Audit-Committee-Charter-Final-Exhibit-A%20\(1\).pdf](http://cdn.irdirect.net/IR/432/1220/Audit-Committee-Charter-Final-Exhibit-A%20(1).pdf).

The Audit Committee has reviewed and discussed the Company's audited financial statements and related footnotes for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018, and the independent auditor's report on those financial statements, with management and with our independent auditor, Cherry Bekaert LLP ("Cherry Bekaert"). The Audit Committee has also discussed with Cherry Bekaert the matters required to be discussed by the statement on Auditing Standard No. 16, "Communications with Audit Committees" issued by the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board. The Audit Committee has also received the written disclosures and the letter from Cherry Bekaert required by applicable requirements of the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board regarding Cherry Bekaert's communications with the Audit Committee concerning independence, and has discussed with Cherry Bekaert that firm's independence.

Based on the review and the discussions referred to in the preceding paragraph, the Audit Committee recommended to the Board of Directors that the Company's audited financial statements be included in the Company's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2018 that were filed with the SEC.

The Audit Committee

Michael Nowlan (Chairman)  
William H. Everett



Certain Relationships and Related Party Transactions and Director Independence

RELATED PARTY TRANSACTIONS

None.

DIRECTOR INDEPENDENCE

As of April 23, 2019, we had four independent directors on our Board, William H. Everett, Eric Frank, J. Patrick Galleher and Michael Nowlan. We evaluate independence by the standards for director independence established by applicable laws, rules, and listing standards including, without limitation, the standards for independent directors established by NYSE American and the SEC.

Subject to some exceptions, these standards generally provide that a director will not be independent if (a) the director is, or in the past three years has been, an employee of ours; (b) a member of the director's immediate family is, or in the past three years has been, an executive officer of ours; (c) the director or a member of the director's immediate family has received more than \$120,000 per year in direct compensation from us other than for service as a director (or for a family member, as a non-executive employee); (d) the director or a member of the director's immediate family is, or in the past three years has been, employed in a professional capacity by our independent public accountants, or has worked for such firm in any capacity on our audit; (e) the director or a member of the director's immediate family is, or in the past three years has been, employed as an executive officer of a company where one of our executive officers serves on the Compensation Committee; or (f) the director or a member of the director's immediate family is an executive officer of a company that makes payments to, or receives payments from, us in an amount which, in any twelve-month period during the past three years, exceeds the greater of \$1,000,000 or two percent of that other company's consolidated gross revenues.



#### Other Matters

We know of no other matters to be submitted at the meeting. If any other matters properly come before the meeting, it is the intention of the persons named in the enclosed proxy card to vote the shares they represent as the Board of Directors may recommend.

#### Additional Information

A copy of our 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K is available to each stockholder in connection with this Proxy Statement. The 2018 Annual Report on Form 10-K is not a part of the proxy solicitation materials.

We file reports and other information with the SEC. Copies of these documents may be obtained at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 100 F Street, N.E., Washington, D.C. 20549. The public may also obtain information on the operation of the Public Reference Room by calling the SEC at (800) SEC-0330. Our SEC filings are also available on the SEC's website at <http://www.sec.gov>.





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ISSUER DIRECT CORPORATION  
THIS PROXY IS SOLICITED ON BEHALF OF THE  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS  
ANNUAL MEETING OF STOCKHOLDERS – JUNE  
13, 2019 AT 9:00 AM EDT  
CONTROL ID:  
REQUEST ID:

The undersigned, a stockholder of Issuer Direct Corporation (the “Company”), hereby revoking any proxy heretofore given, does hereby appoint Jeffrey Quick proxy, with power of substitution, for and in the name of the undersigned to attend the 2019 annual meeting of stockholders of the Company to be held at 500 Perimeter Park Drive, Suite D, Morrisville, NC 27560, on Thursday, June 13, 2019 beginning at 9:00 AM, local time, or at any adjournment or postponement thereof, and there to vote, as designated below.

(CONTINUED AND TO BE SIGNED ON REVERSE SIDE.)

#### VOTING INSTRUCTIONS

If you vote by phone, fax or internet, please DO NOT mail your proxy card.

MAIL:	Please mark, sign, date, and return this Proxy Card promptly using the enclosed envelope.
FAX:	Complete the reverse portion of this Proxy Card and Fax to 202-521-3464.
INTERNET:	<a href="https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR">https://www.iproxydirect.com/ISDR</a>
PHONE:	1-866-752-VOTE(8683)



each holder should sign. When signing as executor, administrator, attorney, trustee or guardian, please give full title as such. If the signer is a corporation, please sign full corporate name by duly authorized officer, giving full title as such. If signer is a partnership, please sign in partnership name by authorized person.

Dated: \_\_\_\_\_,  
2019

(Print Name of Stockholder and/or  
Joint Tenant)

(Signature of Stockholder)

(Second Signature if held jointly)