UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, D.C. 20549

FORM 10-Q

■ QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2018

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

For the transition period from

to

Commission File No. 0-18492

DLH HOLDINGS CORP.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New Jersey (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

22-1899798 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

3565 Piedmont Road, NE, Building 3, Suite 700 Atlanta, Georgia (Address of principal executive offices)

30305 (Zip Code)

(770) 554-1647

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Exchange Act

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant has submitted electronically and posted on its corporate Web site, if any, every Interactive Data File required to be submitted and posted pursuant to Rule 405 of Regulation S-T (§232.405 of this chapter) during the preceding 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to submit and post such files). Yes 🗵 No o

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

Large accelerated filer o Accelerated filer o

Non-accelerated filer o (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) $\,$

Smaller Reporting Company x Emerging Growth Company o

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. o

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes o No 🗵

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the issuer's classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date: 11,899,494 shares of Common Stock, par value \$.001 per share, were outstanding as of April 30, 2018.

DLH HOLDINGS CORP. FORM 10-Q For the Quarter Ended March 31, 2018

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DLH HOLDINGS CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(Amounts in thousands except per share amounts)

	(unaudited)					(unaudited)					
	Three Mo	nded	Six Months Ended								
	 Mar	ch 31,			March 31,						
	2018		2017		2018		2017				
Revenue	\$ 34,401	\$	29,905	\$	64,616	\$	56,016				
Direct expenses	26,953		23,504		50,636		43,804				
Gross margin	7,448		6,401		13,980		12,212				
General and administrative expenses	4,684		4,008		9,564		8,729				
Depreciation and amortization	 560		554		1,066		755				
Income from operations	 2,204		1,839	·	3,350		2,728				
Interest expense, net	261		255		539		619				
Income before income taxes	1,943		1,584		2,811		2,109				
Income tax expense, net	627		605		4,346		806				
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,316	\$	979	\$	(1,535)	\$	1,303				
Net income (loss) per share - basic	\$ 0.11	\$	0.09	\$	(0.13)		0.12				
Net income (loss) per share-diluted	\$ 0.10	\$	0.08	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.10				
Weighted average common shares outstanding											
Basic	11,889		11,249		11,863		11,225				
Diluted	12,886		12,745		11,863		12,713				

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

DLH HOLDINGS CORP. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS

(Amounts in thousands except par value of shares)

	N	March 31, 2018		otember 30, 2017
	(u	inaudited)		
ASSETS				
Current assets:				
Cash and cash equivalents	\$	3,586	\$	4,930
Accounts receivable		12,338		11,911
Other current assets		945		598
Total current assets		16,869		17,439
Equipment and improvements, net		1,795		1,391
Deferred taxes, net		5,473		9,639
Goodwill, net		25,989		25,989
Intangible assets, net		14,246		15,127
Other long-term assets		89		139
Total assets	\$	64,461	\$	69,724
LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY				
Current liabilities:				
Debt obligations - current	\$	3,622	\$	6,518
Derivative financial instruments, at fair value		_		306
Accrued payroll		4,645		3,723
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other current liabilities		9,936		10,895
Total current liabilities		18,203		21,442
Total long term liabilities		10,658		12,427
Total liabilities		28,861		33,869
Commitments and contingencies				
Shareholders' equity:				
Common stock, \$.001 par value; authorized 40,000 shares; issued and outstanding 11,899 at March 31, 2018 and 11,767 at September 30, 2017		12		12
Additional paid-in capital		83,838		82,687
Accumulated deficit		(48,250)		(46,844)
Total shareholders' equity		35,600		35,855
Total liabilities and shareholders' equity	\$	64,461	\$	69,724

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

DLH HOLDINGS CORP. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS

(Amounts in thousands)

(unaudited)
Six Months Ended

		Mar	ch 31,	
		2018		2017
Operating activities				
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,535)	\$	1,303
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash (used in) provided by operating activities:				
Depreciation and amortization expense		1,066		755
Amortization of debt financing costs as interest expense		132		127
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments		_		52
Stock based compensation expense		928		549
Deferred taxes, net		4,166		642
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
Accounts receivable		(427)		(2,234)
Other current assets		(347)		(215)
Accounts payable, accrued payroll, accrued expenses and other current liabilities		(31)		1,386
Other long term assets/liabilities		44		124
Net cash provided by operating activities		3,996		2,489
Investing activities				
Acquisition, net of cash acquired		_		(250)
Purchase of equipment and improvements		(588)		(674)
Net cash used in investing activities		(588)		(924)
Financing activities				
Repayments on senior debt		(4,793)		(1,875)
Repayments of capital lease obligations		(5)		(40)
Proceeds from issuance of stock upon exercise of options		46		14
Net cash used in financing activities		(4,752)		(1,901)
Net change in cash and cash equivalents		(1,344)		(336)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		4,930		3,427
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	3,586	\$	3,091
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Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information				
Cash paid during the period for interest	\$	427	\$	434
Cash paid during the period for income taxes	\$	578	\$	300
Derivative warrant liability reclassified as equity	\$	(306)	\$	_
Noncash issuance of stock upon exercise of options	\$	25	\$	_

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

DLH HOLDINGS CORP. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS March 31, 2018

1. Basis of Presentation

The accompanying consolidated financial statements include the accounts of DLH and its subsidiaries, all of which are wholly owned. All significant intercompany balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation. The accompanying financial statements have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and with the instructions to Form 10-Q and Article 10 of Regulation S-X. Accordingly, these statements do not include all of the information and footnotes required by U.S. generally accepted accounting principles ("GAAP") for complete financial statements. In the opinion of management, all adjustments (consisting of normal recurring accruals) considered necessary for a fair presentation have been included. Operating results for the period ended March 31, 2018 are not necessarily indicative of the results that may be expected for the year ending September 30, 2018. Amounts as of and for the periods ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017 are unaudited. For further information, refer to the consolidated financial statements and footnotes thereto included in the Company's Annual report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017 filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on December 9, 2017, as well as interim quarterly filing thereafter.

2. Business Overview

DLH is a full-service provider of technology-enabled health and readiness enhancement services to government agencies including the Department of Veteran Affairs ("VA"), Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), Department of Defense ("DoD"), and other government agencies. DLH Holdings Corp. (together with its subsidiaries, "DLH" or the "Company" and also referred to as "we," "us" and "our") manages its operations from its principal executive offices in Atlanta, Georgia. We have complimentary headquarters offices in Silver Spring, Maryland. We employ over 1,400 skilled employees working in more than 30 locations throughout the United States.

Presently, the Company derives 100% of its revenue from agencies of the federal government, primarily as a prime contractor but also as a subcontractor to other Federal prime contractors. A major customer is defined as a customer from whom the Company derives at least 10% of its revenues.

Our largest customer continues to be the VA, which comprised approximately 63% and 58% of revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Additionally, HHS, which comprised approximately 33% and 30% of revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, represents a major customer. In addition, substantially all accounts receivable, including unbilled accounts receivable, are from agencies of the U.S. Government as of March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017. We believe that the credit risk associated with our receivables is limited due to the creditworthiness of these customers. See Note 4, Supporting Financial Information-Accounts Receivable.

As of March 31, 2018, awards from VA and HHS have anticipated periods of performance ranging from approximately six months to up to two years. These agreements are subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulations. While there can be no assurance as to the actual amount of services that the Company will ultimately provide to VA and HHS under its current contracts, we believe that our strong working relationships and our effective service delivery support ongoing performance for the contract term. The Company's results of operations, cash flows and financial condition would be materially adversely affected in the event that we were unable to continue our relationship with VA or HHS.

3. New Accounting Pronouncements

Beginning in May 2014, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued guidance for revenue recognition. Subsequently, the FASB issued an amendment to defer for one year the effective date of the new guidance on revenue recognition, as well as issued additional clarifying amendments. The new guidance outlines a single comprehensive model for entities to use in accounting for revenue arising from contracts with customers. The core principle of the guidance is that an entity should recognize revenue to depict the transfer of promised goods or services to customers in an amount that reflects the consideration to which the entity expects to be entitled in exchange for those goods or services. Additionally, the guidance requires improved disclosure to help the users of the financial statements better understand the nature, amount, timing, and uncertainty of revenue that is recognized. The new guidance supersedes most current revenue recognition guidance, including industry-specific guidance, and is effective for annual periods (including interim periods therein) beginning after December 15, 2017. The guidance allows either a full retrospective or modified retrospective transition method. The Company is evaluating the effects of this guidance. The Company will adopt the new guidance beginning October 1, 2018.

In February 2016, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to leases. This update, effective for the Company beginning October 1, 2019, will replace existing guidance in GAAP and will require lessees to recognize lease assets and lease liabilities on the balance sheet for all leases and disclose key information about leasing arrangements. When implemented, lessees and lessors will be required to recognize and measure leases at the beginning of the earliest period presented using a modified retrospective approach. As shown in Note 9, the Company currently has approximately \$3.3 million of lease obligations as of March 31, 2018 that would be evaluated as the implementation of this guidance becomes effective.

In July 2017, the FASB issued new accounting guidance related to certain equity-linked financial instruments with down round features, such as warrants. The guidance provides for a scope exception from derivative accounting if the instruments qualify for equity classification. Should the instruments qualify for equity classification, they would no longer be considered liabilities subject to fair value measurement at each reporting period. This update is effective for the Company as of its fiscal year beginning October 1, 2019, with early adoption permitted. The Company has elected to adopt the provisions of this ASU as of December 31, 2017.

4. Supporting Financial Information

Accounts receivable

(in thousands) March 31, September 30, 2018 2017 Ref Billed receivables 11,989 11,862 Unbilled receivables Total accounts receivable 12,338 11,911 Less: Allowance for doubtful accounts (a) \$ 12,338 \$ 11,911 Accounts receivable, net

Ref (a): Accounts receivable are non-interest bearing, unsecured and carried at net realizable value. We evaluate our receivables on a quarterly basis and determine whether an allowance is appropriate based on specific collection issues. No allowance for doubtful accounts was deemed necessary at both March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017.

Other current assets

		(in thousands)				
		Ma	rch 31,	Sept	ember 30,	
	Ref	:	2018	2017		
Prepaid insurance and benefits		\$	605	\$	240	
Other receivables and prepaid expenses			340		358	
Other current assets		\$	945	\$	598	

(in thousands)

		M	arch 31,	Sep	tember 30,
	Ref		2018		2017
Furniture and equipment		\$	326	\$	331
Computer equipment			810		715
Computer software	(a)		1,607		1,108
Leasehold improvements			66		66
Total fixed assets			2,809		2,220
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization			(1,014)		(829)
Equipment and improvements, net	(b)	\$	1,795	\$	1,391

Ref (a): The Company implemented a new Enterprise Resource Planning system on January 1, 2018. Capitalized costs include \$1.2 million and \$0.7 million as of March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017, respectively, of software licenses and implementation labor related to application development. The asset was placed in service effective as of January 1, 2018 with an estimated useful life of 5 years.

Ref (b): Equipment and improvements are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful asset lives (3 to 7 years) and the shorter of the initial lease term or estimated useful life for leasehold improvements. Maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred. Depreciation of equipment was \$119 thousand and \$85 thousand for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively and \$185 thousand and \$170 thousand for the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 respectively.

Goodwill and Intangibles

(in thousands)

		as of March 31, 2018								
	Ref	Goodwill		Customer Relationships (a)		Non Compete Agreement (a)		de Name (a)		Total
Gross Balance at September 30, 2017		\$ 25,989	\$	16,626	\$	480	\$	517	\$	43,612
Accumulated amortization at September 30, 2017		_		(2,355)		(68)		(73)		(2,496)
Current period amortization		_		(831)		(24)		(26)		(881)
Total accumulated amortization		_		(3,186)		(92)		(99)		(3,377)
Net balance at March 31, 2018		\$ 25,989	\$	13,440	\$	388	\$	418	\$	40,235

Ref (a): Intangible assets subject to amortization. The intangibles are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of 10 years. Total amount of amortization expense was \$0.4 million and \$0.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively.

Estimated amortization expense for future years:		(in thousands)
	Year 1	\$ 1,762
	Year 2	1,762
	Year 3	1,762
	Year 4	1,762
	Year 5	1,762
	Thereafter	5,436
		\$ 14,246

Accounts payable, accrued expenses and other current liabilities

(in	thousands	,

		March 31,		September 30,		
	Ref	2018			2017	
Accounts payable		\$	4,914	\$	5,205	
Accrued benefits			1,857		1,831	
Accrued bonus and incentive compensation			1,029		1,544	
Accrued workers compensation insurance			1,626		1,598	
Other accrued expenses			510		717	
Accounts payable, accrued expenses, and other current liabilities		\$	9,936	\$	10,895	

Debt obligations

(in thousands)

		March 31,		Sep	tember 30,
	Ref		2018		2017
Bank term loan	(a)	\$	14,896	\$	19,688
Less unamortized debt issuance costs			(823)		(961)
Net bank debt obligation			14,073		18,727
Less current portion of bank debt obligations			(3,622)		(6,518)
Long term portion of bank debt obligation		\$	10,451	\$	12,209

Ref (a): Maturity of the bank debt obligation as follows, in thousands:

	_	
Total bank debt obligation	\$	14,896
Year 4		3,646
Year 3		3,750
Year 2		3,750
Year 1	\$	3,750

			(in tho	usano	ls)	(in thousands)			
		7	Three Mo	nths !	Six Months Ended				
			Marc	ch 31	,	 March 31,			
	Ref		2018		2018	2017			
Interest expense	(a)	\$	(208)	\$	(215)	\$ (427)	\$	(440)	
Amortization of debt financing costs as interest expense	(b)		(67)		(67)	(132)		(127)	
Change in fair value of derivative financial instruments			_		27	_		(52)	
Other income (expense), net			14			20		_	
Interest expense, net		\$	(261)		(255)	\$ (539)	\$	(619)	

Ref (a): Interest expense on borrowing

Ref (b): Amortizations of expenses related to securing financing

5. Credit Facilities

A summary of our loan facilities and subordinated debt financing as of March 31, 2018 is as follows:

(\$ in Millions)

		As of March 31, 2018									
Lender	Arrangement	_	Loan alance	Interest	Maturity Date						
Fifth Third Bank	Secured term loan \$25 million ceiling (a)	\$	14.9	LIBOR* + 3.0%	05/01/21						
Fifth Third Bank	Secured revolving line of credit \$10 million ceiling (b)	\$	_	LIBOR* + 3.0%	05/01/18**						

^{*}LIBOR rate as of March 31, 2018 was 1.66%

The Term Loan agreement requires compliance with a number of financial covenants and contains restrictions on our ability to engage in certain transactions. We are in compliance with all loan covenants and restrictions.

Among other matters, we must comply with limitations on: granting liens; incurring other indebtedness; maintenance of assets; investments in other entities and extensions of credit; mergers and consolidations; and changes in nature of business. The loan agreement also requires us to comply with certain quarterly financial covenants including:

- (i) a minimum fixed charge coverage ratio of at least 1.35 to 1.0 commencing with the quarter ending June 30, 2016, and for all subsequent periods, and
- (ii) a Funded Indebtedness to Adjusted EBITDA ratio not exceeding the ratio of 2.99 to 1.0 at closing and thereafter a ratio ranging from 3.0 to 1.0 for the period through March 31, 2018 to 2.5 to 1.0 for the period ending September 30, 2018 through maturity. Adjusted EBITDA ratio is calculated by dividing the Company's total interest-bearing debt by net income adjusted to exclude (i) interest and other expenses, including acquisition expenses, net, (ii) provision for or benefit from income taxes, if any, (iii) depreciation and amortization, and (iv) G&A expenses equity grants.

^{**}Extension of credit line obtained May 10, 2018 (see note 12)

⁽a) Represents the principal amounts payable on our Term Loan with Fifth Third Bank. The \$25.0 million term loan from Fifth Third Bank was funded at closing and is secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of the Company. The principal of the Term Loan is payable in fifty-nine consecutive monthly installments of \$312,500 with the remaining balance due on May 1, 2021.

In addition to monthly payments of the outstanding indebtedness, the loan agreement also requires annual payments of a percentage of excess cash flow, as defined in the loan agreement. The loan agreement states that an excess cash flow recapture payment must be made equal to (a) 75% of the excess cash flow for each year in which the Funded Indebtedness to Adjusted EBITDA ratio is greater than or equal to 2.50:1.0, or (b) 50% of the Excess Cash Flow for each fiscal year in which the funded indebtedness to Adjusted EBITDA Ratio is less than 2.50:1.0 but greater than or equal to 2.0:1.0. DLH made an excess cash flow payment of \$2.9 million on January 16, 2018. DLH does not expect to make any future excess cash flow payments.

(b) The secured revolving line of credit from Fifth Third Bank has a ceiling of up to \$10.0 million. Borrowing on the line of credit is secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of the Company.

The Company's total borrowing availability, based on eligible accounts receivables at March 31, 2018, was \$10.0 million. This capacity was comprised of \$0.6 million in a stand-by letter of credit and unused borrowing capacity of \$9.4 million.

The revolving line of credit is subject to loan covenants as described above in the Term Loan, and DLH is fully compliant with those covenants.

6. Significant Accounting Policies

Use of Estimates

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States 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. Significant estimates include valuation of goodwill and intangible assets, valuation allowances established against accounts receivable and deferred tax assets, excess cash flow payments on our term debt, and measurement of loss development on workers' compensation claims. We evaluate these estimates and judgments on an ongoing basis and base our estimates on historical experience, current and expected future outcomes, third-party evaluations and various other assumptions that we believe are reasonable under the circumstances. The results of these estimates form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities as well as identifying and assessing the accounting treatment with respect to commitments and contingencies. We revise material accounting estimates if changes occur, such as more experience is acquired, additional information is obtained, or there is new information on which an estimate was or can be based. Actual results could differ from those estimates. In particular, a material reduction in the fair value of goodwill could have a material adverse effect on the Company's financial position and results of operations. We account for the effect of a change in accounting estimate during the period in which the change occurs.

Revenue Recognition

DLH's revenue is derived from professional and other specialized service offerings to US Government agencies through a variety of contracts, some of which are fixed-price in nature and/or sourced through Federal Supply Schedules administered by the General Services Administration ("GSA") at fixed unit rates or hourly arrangements. Revenue on time and materials contracts is recognized based on hours performed times the applicable hourly rate, plus materials and other direct costs incurred on the contract. Revenue on fixed fee for service contracts is recognized over the period of performance of the contract. Revenue on cost reimbursable contracts is recognized equal to allowable costs incurred, plus a ratable portion of the applicable fee.

We generally operate as a prime contractor, but have also entered into contracts as a subcontractor. The Company's current business base is 95% prime contracts and 5% subcontracts. DLH recognizes and records revenue on government contracts when: (a) persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists; (b) the services have been delivered to the customer; (c) the sales price is fixed or determinable and free of contingencies or significant uncertainties; and (d) collectibility is reasonably assured.

Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The carrying amounts of the Company's cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, unbilled receivables, accrued expenses, accrued earn outs payable, and accounts payable approximate fair value due to the short-term nature of these instruments. The fair values of the Company's debt instruments approximate fair value because the underlying interest rates approximate market rates that the Company could obtain for similar instruments at the balance sheet dates.

Goodwill and other intangible assets

DLH continues to review its goodwill and other intangible assets for possible impairment or loss of value at least annually or more frequently upon the occurrence of an event or when circumstances indicate that a reporting unit's carrying amount is greater than its fair value.

At September 30, 2017, we performed a goodwill impairment evaluation on the year-end carrying value of approximately \$26 million. We performed both a qualitative and quantitative assessment of factors to determine whether it was necessary to perform the goodwill impairment test. Based on the results of the work performed, the Company has concluded that no impairment loss was warranted at September 30, 2017. For the six months ended March 31, 2018, the Company determined that no change in business conditions occurred which would have a material adverse effect on the valuation of goodwill. Notwithstanding this evaluation, factors including non-renewal of a major contract or other substantial changes in business conditions could have a material adverse effect on the valuation of goodwill in future periods and the resulting charge could be material to future periods' results of operations.

Long Lived Assets

Equipment and improvements are stated at cost. Depreciation and amortization are provided using the straight-line method over the estimated useful asset lives (3 to 7 years) and the shorter of the initial lease term or estimated useful life for leasehold improvements. Maintenance and repair costs are expensed as incurred.

Income Taxes

DLH accounts for income taxes in accordance with the liability method, whereby deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities, using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are reflected on the consolidated balance sheet when it is determined that it is more likely than not that the asset will be realized. This guidance also requires that

deferred tax assets be reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. We account for uncertain tax positions by recognizing the financial statement effects of a tax position only when, based upon the technical merits, it is "more-likely-than-not" that the position will be sustained upon examination. We had no uncertain tax positions at either March 31, 2018 or September 30, 2017. We report interest and penalties as a component of income tax expense. In the three and six months ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017, we recognized no interest and no penalties related to income taxes.

Stock-based Equity Compensation

The Company uses the fair value-based method for stock-based equity compensation. Options issued are designated as either an incentive stock or a non-statutory stock option. No option may be granted with a term of more than 10 years from the date of grant. Option awards may depend on achievement of certain performance measures determined by the Compensation Committee of our Board. Shares issued upon option exercise are newly issued common shares. All awards to employees and non-employees are recorded at fair value on the date of the grant and expensed over the period of vesting. The Company uses a Monte Carlo simulation option pricing model to estimate the fair value of each stock option at the date of grant. Any consideration paid by the option holders to purchase shares is credited to capital stock.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

We consider all highly liquid investments with an original maturity of three months or less when purchased to be cash equivalents. We maintain cash balances at financial institutions that are insured by the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation ("FDIC") up to \$250,000. Deposits held with financial institutions may exceed the \$250,000 limit.

Earnings (Loss) per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing income (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common stock outstanding and restricted stock grants that vested or are likely to vest during the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing income (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of basic common shares outstanding, adjusted to reflect potentially dilutive securities. Diluted earnings per share is calculated using the treasury stock method.

7. Stock-based Compensation, Equity Grants, and Warrants

Stock-based compensation expense

Options issued under equity incentive plans were designated as either an incentive stock or a non-statutory stock option. No option was granted with a term of more than 10 years from the date of grant. Exercisability of option awards may depend on achievement of certain performance measures determined by the Compensation Committee of our Board. Shares issued upon option exercise are newly issued shares. As of March 31, 2018, there were 1.7 million shares available for grant.

Stock-based compensation expense, shown in the table below, is recorded in general and administrative expenses included in our statement of operations:

		(in thousands)					(in thousands)			
		Three Months Ended					Six Months Ended			
	Ref	March 31,					March 31,			
			2018		2017		2018		2017	
DLH employees		\$	67	\$	56	\$	131	\$	63	
Non-employee directors	(a)		104		8		797		486	
Total stock option expense		\$	171	\$	64	\$	928	\$	549	

Ref (a): Equity grants of restricted stock, in accordance with DLH compensation policy for non-employee directors.

Unrecognized stock-based compensation expense

		(in tho		•	
		March 31,			
	Ref	 2018		2017	
Unrecognized expense for DLH employees	(a)	\$ 1,011	\$	404	
Unrecognized expense for non-employee directors	(b)	\$ 	\$	8	
Total unrecognized expense		\$ 1,011	\$	412	

Ref (a): Compensation expense for the portion of equity awards for which the requisite service has not been rendered is recognized as the requisite service is rendered. The compensation expense for that portion of awards has been based on the grant-date fair value of those awards as calculated for recognition purposes under applicable guidance. For options that vest based on the Company's common stock achieving and maintaining defined market prices, the Company values the awards with a binomial model that utilizes various probability factors and other criterion in establishing fair value of the grant. The related compensation expense is recognized over the derived service period determined in the valuation. The remaining term for the weighted average expense of these shares will be 56 months.

Ref (b): Unrecognized stock expense related to prior year's equity grants of restricted stock to non-employee directors, based on performance criteria, in accordance with DLH compensation policy for non-employee directors.

Stock option activity for the six months ended March 31, 2018

The aggregate intrinsic value in the table below represents the total pretax intrinsic value (i.e., the difference between the Company's closing stock price on the last trading day of the period and the exercise price, times the number of shares) that would have been received by the option holders had all option holders exercised their in the money options on those dates. This amount will change based on the fair market value of the Company's stock.

			(in years)	
			Weighted	
		Weighted	Average	(in thousands)
	(in thousands)	Average	Remaining	Aggregate
	Number of	Exercise	Contractual	Intrinsic
Ref	Shares	Price	Term	Value
Options outstanding September 30, 2017	1,994	\$ 3.83	6.4	\$ 8,489
Granted	217	\$ 6.33		
Exercised	(42)	\$ 1.69		
Options outstanding, March 31, 2018	2,169	\$ 4.38	6.1	\$ 7,093

Indication of Value Summary

Utilizing a volatility range of 50% along with assumptions of a 10 year term and the aforementioned 10-day stock price threshold results in an indicated range of value of the Options as follows using the Monte Carlo Method.

						Volatility
					- -	50%
			Vesting		Expected	
	Strike	Stock	Threshold	Risk-Free	Term	Calculated
Grant Date	Price	Price	Price	Rate	(Years)	Fair Value
11/29/2017 \$	6.46 \$	6.46 \$	12.00	2.4%	10	\$ 3.98
12/01/2017 \$	6.28 \$	6.28 \$	8.00	2.4%	10	\$ 3.87
12/01/2017 \$	6.28 \$	6.28 \$	10.00	2.4%	10	\$ 3.82

Notes:

Results based on 100,000 simulations

Stock options shares outstanding, vested and unvested for the period ended

(in thousands)

Number of Shares

		March 31,	September 30,
	Ref	2018	2017
Vested and exercisable	(a)	1,335	1,327
Unvested		834	667
Options outstanding		2,169	1,994

Ref (a): Certain awards vest upon satisfaction of certain performance criteria.

8. Earnings (Loss) Per Share

Basic earnings per share is calculated by dividing income (loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding and restricted stock grants that vested or are likely to vest during the period. Diluted earnings per share is calculated by dividing income(loss) available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of basic common shares outstanding, adjusted to reflect potentially dilutive securities. Diluted earnings (loss) per share is calculated using the treasury stock method.

	Three Mo	nths	Ended	Six Months Ended					
	 Mar	ch 31	l ,	 March 31,					
	2018		2017	2018		2017			
Numerator:									
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,316	\$	979	\$ (1,535)	\$	1,303			
Denominator:									
Denominator for basic net income per share - weighted-average outstanding shares	11,889		11,249	11,863		11,225			
Effect of dilutive securities:									
Stock options and restricted stock	997		1,496	_		1,488			
Denominator for diluted net income per share - weighted-average outstanding shares	12,886		12,745	11,863		12,713			
Net income (loss) per share - basic	\$ 0.11	\$	0.09	\$ (0.13)	\$	0.12			
Net income (loss) per share-diluted	\$ 0.10	\$	0.08	\$ (0.13)	\$	0.10			

9. Commitments and Contingencies

Contractual Obligations as of March 31, 2018

			Payments Due By Period											
Contractual Obligations				Next 12	xt 12 2-3		4-5		More than 5					
(Amounts in thousands)	Ref	Total		Months		Years		Years		Years				
Debt Obligations	\$	14,896	\$	3,750	\$	7,500	\$	3,646		_				
Facility leases		3,227		912		1,280		660		375				
Equipment operating leases		58		26		32		_		_				
Total Obligations	\$	18,181	\$	4,688	\$	8,812	\$	4,306	\$	375				

Worker's Compensation

We accrue worker's compensation expense based on claims submitted, applying actuarial loss development factors to estimate the costs incurred but not yet recorded. Our accrued liability for claims development as of March 31, 2018 and September 30, 2017 was \$1.63 million and \$1.60 million, respectively.

Legal Proceedings

As a commercial enterprise and employer, the Company is subject to various claims and legal actions in the ordinary course of business. These matters can include professional liability, employment-relations issues, workers' compensation, tax, payroll and employee-related matters, other commercial disputes arising in the course of its business, and inquiries and investigations by governmental agencies regarding our employment practices or other matters. The Company is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation that it believes is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

10. Related Party Transactions.

The Company has determined that for the three and six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017 there were no significant related party transactions that have occurred which require disclosure through the date that these financial statements were issued.

11. Income Taxes

DLH accounts for income taxes in accordance with the liability method. Under this method, deferred tax assets and liabilities are determined based on the difference between the financial statement and tax bases of assets and liabilities, using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the differences are expected to reverse. Deferred tax assets are reflected on the balance

sheet when it is determined that it is more likely than not that the asset will be realized. This guidance also requires that deferred tax assets be reduced by a valuation allowance if it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax asset will not be realized.

On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "2017 Tax Act") was enacted. The 2017 Tax Act significantly reduces U.S. federal tax rates, modifies rules regarding deductibility of executive compensation, limits deductions of interest expense, and revises rules regarding usability of net operating losses.

Net loss for the six months ended March 31, 2018 includes an aggregate net discrete tax provision of \$3.4 million as a result of the 2017 Tax Act, principally associated with revaluing the benefits of our net operating loss carryforwards from the previously recognized 34% federal rate to the 21% rate enacted. As of March 31, 2018, the Company is reporting a \$5.5 million deferred tax asset, which is presented on the balance sheet as tax long-term in the long-term assets section.

12. Subsequent Events.

On May 10, 2018, the Company, together with its wholly-owned subsidiaries, DLH Solutions, Inc. and Danya International LLC (collectively, the "Borrowers") and Fifth Third Bank (the "Lender") entered into an amendment to that certain Loan Agreement dated as of May 2, 2016 (the "Loan Agreement") among the Borrowers and the Lender. The amendment to the Loan Agreement provides for a three-year extension of the maturity date of the \$10.0 million revolving credit facility to May 1, 2021, so that it is coterminous with the existing secured term loan established under the Loan Agreement. In addition, the amendment provides for an increase of the aggregate face value of letters of credit which may be drawn under the revolving credit facility from \$1.0 million to \$2.0 million and for certain other technical modifications. The credit available to the Borrowers under the revolving credit facility is subject to certain limitations, including a borrowing base, and may be used for general working capital purposes.

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

Forward Looking and Cautionary Statements

You should read the following discussion in conjunction with the Consolidated Financial Statements and the notes to those statements included elsewhere in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q, as well as our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017, and in other reports we have subsequently filed with the SEC. This Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q contains certain statements that are forward-looking within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995. Certain statements contained in this Management's Discussion and Analysis are forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Any statements that refer to expectations, projections or other characterizations of future events or circumstances are considered forward-looking statements. The forward-looking statements are not historical facts, but rather are based on current expectations, estimates, assumptions and projections about our industry and business. Actual results could differ materially from the results contemplated or implied by these forward-looking statements due to a number of factors.

Business Overview:

DLH is a provider of technology-enabled business process outsourcing and program management solutions, primarily to improve and better deploy large-scale federal health and human service initiatives. DLH derives 100% of its revenue from agencies of the Federal government, providing services to several agencies including the Department of Veteran Affairs ("VA"), Department of Health and Human Services ("HHS"), and the Department of Defense ("DoD").

Our business offerings are now focused on three primary sources of revenue within the Federal health services market space, as follows:

- Department of Defense and veteran health solutions, comprising approximately 63% of our current business base;
- Human services and solutions, approximately 33% of our current business base; and
- Public health and life sciences, approximately 4% of our current business base.

Our largest customers continue to be the VA and HHS. As of March 31, 2018, awards from VA and HHS have anticipated periods of performance ranging from approximately six months to up to two years. These agreements are subject to the Federal Acquisition Regulations. While there can be no assurance as to the actual amount of services that we will ultimately provide to VA and HHS under our current contracts, we believe that our strong working relationships and our effective service delivery support ongoing performance for the contract term. Our results of operations, cash flows and financial condition would be materially adversely affected if we were unable to continue our relationship with either of these customers.

<u>Defense and veterans' health solutions:</u> DLH provides a wide range of healthcare services and delivery solutions to the Department of Veteran Affairs, US Army Medical Materiel Command and its subordinate US Army Medical Research Acquisition Activity, Navy Bureau of Medicine and Surgery, Defense Health Agency and Army Medical Command. We believe that our DLH-developed tools and processes, including SPOT-m® and e-PRAT®, along with our cloud-based case management system have been major contributors in differentiating the company within this Federal market.

Our services include advancing the technology readiness level of new development items, which is a critical priority of our federal agency customers. Our project managers and biomedical engineers perform state-of-the-art research and development, testing and evaluation, and development of new medical systems and devices intended to enhance the medical readiness of troops in combat theaters across the globe. Our medical logistics support assists the uniformed services plan for fielding these new systems and devices. Further, we deliver clinical drug and alcohol counseling services to Navy installations worldwide as part of the clinical preceptorship program, thereby improving sailor health and readiness. DLH provides a range of case management, physical and behavioral health examinations and associated medical administration services to enhance the assessment and transition process for military personnel readiness commands and individual service members. DLH is also engaged in efforts to alleviate homelessness among Veterans. We provide a range of professional case management services to support Veterans' transition back into the community. These services include mental health evaluations, behavioral readiness, skills assessment, career counseling, and job preparation services.

DLH works to ensure that veterans receive their out-patient prescriptions on time, each day, through the VA CMOP pharmacy program which has been recognized for service excellence, citing the JD Powers evaluation of mail order pharmacy for each of the past eight years. We believe that our operational efficiency and expertise is well-aligned with the VA strategic goals to manage and improve operations and to deliver seamless and integrated support. Our unique capabilities and solutions help the VA optimize efficiency and help ensure program accountability as well as better service.

Human services and solutions: DLH provides a wide range of human services and solutions to the Department of Health and Human Services' Office of Head Start and the Department of Homeland Security. DLH provides a systems-based approach toward assuring that underserved children and youth throughout the country are getting proper educational and environmental support, including health, nutritional, parental, and behavioral services. Performance verification of grantees delivering such services nationwide is conducted using an evolving system of monitoring, evaluation, tracking and reporting tools against selected key performance indicators relative to school readiness. Large scale federally-funded, regionally managed, and locally delivered services demand innovative monitoring and protocol systems integration to ensure productive and cost-effective results. DLH provides the enterprise-level IT system architecture design, migration plan, and ongoing maintenance (including call center) to manage the implementation using experienced subject matter experts and project management resources.

Public health and life sciences: DLH provides a wide range of services to Department of Health and Human Services' Center for Disease Control and Prevention, the Department of the Interior, and the Department of Agriculture. DLH services include advancing disease prevention methods and health promotion to underserved at-risk communities through development of strategic communication campaigns, research on emerging trends, health informatics analyses, and application of best practices including mobile, social, and interactive media. The company leverages evidence-based methods and web technology to drive health equity to our most vulnerable populations through public engagement. For at-risk wildlife, DLH conducts biological research and surveys covering waterways in key parts of the country to protect and conserve aquatic populations as well as manage wetlands and habitats through environmental assessments. Projects often involve highly specialized expertise and research methodologies. This work is often very seasonal with regard to resources and funding.

Forward Looking Business Trends:

DLH's mission is to expand our position as a trusted provider of technology-enabled healthcare and public health services, medical logistics, and readiness enhancement services to active duty personnel, veterans, and civilian populations and communities. Our primary focus within the defense agency markets include military service members and veterans' requirements for telehealth services, behavioral healthcare, medication therapy management, health IT commodities, process

management, clinical systems support, and healthcare delivery. Our primary focus within the civilian agency markets include healthcare and social programs delivery and readiness. These include compliance monitoring on large scale programs, technology-enabled program management, consulting, and digital communications solutions ensuring that education, health, and social standards are being achieved within underserved and at risk populations. We believe these business development priorities will position DLH to expand within top national priority programs and funded areas.

Federal budget outlook for 2018:

The President of the United States' broad agenda calls for increased military and, in certain cases, domestic spending, with reduced spending on foreign programs. Most relevant to DLH's targeted markets, the President advocates the lifting of sequestration caps in the defense sector; increasing infrastructure spending in the United States; and tightening controls on immigration.

A final FY2018 budget was not passed into law prior to October 1, 2017. Consequently, a series of continuing resolutions(CRs) were passed into law including the most recent CR on March 23, 2018 which funded the government through September 30, 2018. The Bipartisan Budget Act of 2018 also extends the debt ceiling for one year. Spending priorities under the new budget act, in addition to defense spending, including additional funds for a number of federal health programs including allocations to address the opioid crisis, extending the Children's Health Insurance Program and investments in community health centers.

The Bipartisan Budget Act provides a measure of stability and a significant increase in federal funding for non-defense programs. The Company continues to believe that its key programs benefit from bipartisan support and that federal budgetary uncertainty will not have a material impact on our current business base for fiscal year 2018.

Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) health spending trends:

DLH continues to see critical need for expanded health care solutions within our sector of the Federal health market, largely focused on the needs of veterans and their families. Serving nearly nine million veterans each year, the VA operates the nation's largest integrated health care system, with more than 1,700 hospitals, clinics, community living centers, readjustment counseling centers, and other facilities. The Trump administration has expressed strong support for veterans and members of the armed forces and we believe there is a reasonable expectation that adequate funding will continue to be provided in support of VA programs.

Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) spending trends:

HHS is the principal federal department charged with protecting the health of all Americans and providing essential human services. DLH has existing contracts with multiple agencies under HHS, and we are actively pursuing growth opportunities within this vital agency.

HHS spending priorities are being evaluated by the Trump administration with particular focus on the Affordable Care Act programs which are outside of our market space. While the new Administration's budget priorities for HHS are evolving, Head Start has historically received strong bipartisan support.

Large defense companies divesting from Federal services market:

Large government contractors have been divesting from the Federal services market to increase their focus on advanced military products, which typically generate higher margins than services. This trend may open up increased opportunities for smaller Federal service providers such as DLH.

<u>Industry consolidation among federal government contractors:</u>

There has been active consolidation and a strong increase in merger and acquisition activity among federal government contractors over the past few years that we expect to continue into fiscal year 2018 and beyond, fueled by public companies leveraging strong balance sheets. Companies often look to acquisitions that augment core capabilities, contracts, customers, market differentiators, stability, cost synergies, and higher margin and revenue streams. We plan continued focus on our core capabilities, as we look at potential future strategic acquisitions to supplement our organic growth and enhance shareholder value.

Potential small business team opportunities:

The Federal government has an overall goal of 23% of prime contracts flowing to small business contractors, primarily through the use of set-asides in Federal agency RFPs (requests for proposal). As previously reported, various agencies within the federal government have policies that support small business goals, including the adoption of the "Rule of Two" by the VA, which provides that the agency shall award contracts by restricting competition for the contract to service-disabled or other veteran owned small businesses. To restrict competition pursuant to this rule, the contracting officer must reasonably expect that at least two of these businesses, which are capable of delivering the services, will submit offers and that the award can be made at a fair and reasonable price that offers best value to the United States. Accordingly, the VA is authorized to award contracts following a full and open bid process when two qualifying small businesses cannot be identified. The effect of these set-aside provisions may limit our ability to compete for prime contractor positions on programs that we recompete or that we have targeted for growth. DLH may elect to team in support of such small businesses for specific pursuits that align with our corporate growth strategy.

Results of Operations for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017

The following table summarizes, for the periods indicated, consolidated statements of income data expressed in dollars in thousands except for per share amounts, and as a percentage of revenue:

	March 31,	2018	March 31, 20	C	hange	
Revenue	\$ 34,401	100.0%	\$ 29,905	100.0%	\$	4,496
Direct expenses	26,953	78.3%	23,504	78.6%		3,449
Gross margin	7,448	21.7%	 6,401	21.4%	1	1,047
General and administrative expenses	4,684	13.6%	4,008	13.4%		676
Depreciation and amortization	560	1.6%	554	1.9%		6
Income from operations	2,204	6.4%	1,839	6.1%		365
Interest expense, net	261	0.8%	 255	0.9%	1	6
Income before income taxes	1,943	5.6%	1,584	5.3%		359
Income tax expense, net	627	1.8%	605	2.0%		22
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,316	3.8%	\$ 979	3.3%		337
Net income (loss) per share - basic	\$ 0.11		\$ 0.09		\$	0.02
Net income (loss) per share-diluted	\$ 0.10		\$ 0.08		\$	0.02

Revenue

Revenue for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was \$34.4 million, an increase of \$4.5 million or 15.0% over prior year period. The increase in revenue is due primarily to expansion of workload volumes on existing contracts.

Direct Expenses

Direct expenses generally comprise of direct labor (including benefits), taxes and insurance, workers compensation expense, subcontract cost, and other direct costs. Direct expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 were \$27.0 million, an increase of \$3.4 million, or 14.7% over prior year due principally to increased professional service costs attributed to increased revenue. As a percentage of revenue, direct expenses were 78.3%, compared with 78.6% the prior year period.

Gross Margin

Gross margin for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$7.4 million, an increase of \$1.0 million, or 16.4%, over prior year period. Our gross margin rate of 21.7% was within the expected 20-22% range for gross margins, based upon the current business.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative ("G&A") expenses primarily relate to functions such as operations overhead, corporate management, legal, finance, accounting, contracts administration, human resources, management information systems, and business development. G&A expenses for the three months ended March 31, 2018 were approximately \$4.7 million, an increase of \$0.7 million or 16.9% over the prior year period due principally to the timing of incentive compensation accruals.

Depreciation and Amortization

This category comprises depreciation on fixed assets and the amortization of definite-lived intangible assets. As a professional services organization, DLH does not require significant expenditures on capital equipment and other fixed assets. For the three months ended March 31, 2018 and March 31, 2017, depreciation and amortization were approximately \$0.6 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Income from Operations

Income from operations for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$2.2 million, an increase of approximately \$0.4 million over the prior year period.

Interest Expense, net

Interest expense, net, includes interest expense on the Company's term loan and amortization of deferred financing costs on debt obligations, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, interest expense, net was approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Income before Income Taxes

For the three months ended March 31, 2018, income before taxes was approximately \$1.9 million, an increase of approximately \$0.4 million over the prior year period, due principally to increased gross margin derived from higher revenue offset in part by increased G&A expenses.

Income Tax Expense

For both the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, DLH recorded a \$0.6 million provision for tax expense. The effective tax rates were 31.6% and 38.2% for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, due to the prorated impact of the tax rate reduction from the 2017 Tax Act enacted in December 2017.

Net Income

Net income for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$1.3 million, or \$0.11 per basic and diluted share, a increase of approximately \$0.3 million primarily due to increased gross margin derived from higher revenue offset in part by increased G&A expenses.

Results of Operations for the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017

The following table summarizes, for the periods indicated, consolidated statements of income data expressed in dollars in thousands except for per share amounts, and as a percentage of revenue:

		Six Months Ended										
Consolidated Statement of Income:		March	31, 2018		March	31, 2017		\$				
Revenue	\$	64,616	100.0 %	\$	56,016	100.0%	\$	8,600				
Direct expenses		50,636	78.4 %		43,804	78.2%		6,832				
Gross margin		13,980	21.6 %		12,212	21.8%		1,768				
General and administrative expenses		9,564	14.8 %		8,729	15.6%		835				
Depreciation and amortization		1,066	1.6 %		755	1.3%		311				
Income from operations		3,350	5.2 %		2,728	4.9%		622				
Interest		539	0.8 %		619	1.1%		80				
Income before income taxes		2,811	4.4 %		2,109	3.8%		702				
Income tax expense, net		4,346	6.7 %		806	1.4%		3,540				
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,535)	(2.4)%	\$	1,303	2.3%		(2,838)				
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Net income (loss) per share - basic	\$	(0.13)		\$	0.12		\$	(0.25)				
Net income (loss) per share-diluted	\$	(0.13)		\$	0.10		\$	(0.23)				

Revenue

Revenue for the six months ended March 31, 2018 was \$64.6 million, an increase of \$8.6 million or 15.4% over prior year period. The increase in revenue is due primarily to expansion of the workload volumes on existing contracts.

Direct Expenses

Direct expenses generally comprise direct labor direct labor (including benefits), taxes and insurance, workers compensation expense, subcontract cost, and other direct costs. Direct expenses for the six months ended March 31, 2018 were \$50.6 million, an increase of \$6.8 million, or 15.6% over prior year due principally to increased professional service costs attributed to increased revenue. As a percentage of revenue, direct expenses were 78.4%, a favorable reduction of 0.2%.

Gross Margin

Gross margin for the six months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$14.0 million, an increase of \$1.8 million, or 14.5%, over prior year period. As a percentage of revenue, our gross margin rate of 21.6% was in line with the prior year period and within the expected 20-22% range for gross margins, based upon the current business.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative ("G&A") expenses primarily relate to functions such as operations overhead, corporate management, legal, finance, accounting, contracts administration, human resources, management information systems, and business development. G&A expenses for the six months ended March 31, 2018 were approximately \$9.6 million, an increase of \$0.8 million or 9.6% over the prior year period. As a percent of revenue, G&A expenses were 14.8%, a decrease of 0.8% over prior year period as the company achieves greater leverage from its indirect resources.

Depreciation and Amortization

This category comprises non-cash expenditures related to depreciation on fixed assets and the amortization of acquired definite-lived intangible assets. As a professional services organization, DLH has not required significant expenditures on capital equipment and other fixed assets. For the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, depreciation and amortization were approximately \$1.1 million and \$0.8 million, respectively, due principally to the amortization of acquired definite-lived intangible assets.

Income from Operations

Income from operations for the six months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$3.4 million, an increase of approximately \$0.6 million over the prior year period. The improvement is due principally to increased gross margin offset in part by additional G&A expenses.

Interest Expense, net

Interest expense, net, includes interest expense on the Company's term loan and amortization of deferred financing costs on debt obligations, for the three months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, interest expense, net was approximately \$0.5 million and \$0.6 million, respectively.

Income before Income Taxes

For the six months ended March 31, 2018, income before taxes were approximately \$2.8 million, an improvement of approximately \$0.7 million over the prior year period due principally to increased gross margin derived from higher revenue offset in part by increased G&A expenses.

Income Tax Expense

For the six months ended March 31, 2018, DLH recorded a \$4.3 million provision for tax expense, an increase of approximately \$3.5 million, primarily driven by the \$3.4 million write-down of deferred tax assets from revaluation of our net operating loss carryforwards from the previously recognized federal rate of 34% to the 21% rate in the 2017 Tax Act enacted in December 2017. Net of this write-down, tax expense was \$1.0 million and \$0.8 million for the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively. Net of the write-down, the effective tax rates were 31.6% and 38.2% for the six months ended March 31, 2018 and 2017, respectively, due to the prorated impact of the tax rate reduction from the 2017 Tax Act enacted in December 2017.

Net Income (loss)

Net loss for the six months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$1.5 million, or \$0.13 and \$0.13 per basic and diluted share, respectively, a decrease of approximately \$2.8 million or \$0.25 and \$0.23 per basic and diluted share over the prior year period. The decrease was primarily due to the write-down of deferred tax assets described above which offset the increase in revenues and related gross margins.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures

On a non-GAAP basis, Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") for the three months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$2.8 million, an increase of approximately \$0.4 million, or 15.5% over the prior year three months ended. The increase is attributable principally to increased gross margin from higher revenue.

On a non-GAAP basis, Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") for the six months ended March 31, 2018 was approximately \$4.4 million, an increase of approximately 1 million, or 26.8% over the prior year six months ended. The increase is attributable principally to increased gross margin from higher revenue.

The Company uses Earnings Before Interest Tax Depreciation and Amortization ("EBITDA") as a supplemental non-GAAP measure of our performance. DLH defines EBITDA as net income excluding (i) interest expense, (ii) provision for or benefit from income taxes, if any, and (iii) depreciation and amortization.

Beginning with the first quarter of fiscal year 2018, we have commenced reporting EBITDA rather than adjusted EBITDA, as a key non-GAAP financial measure of our business. We believe that due to the growth and maturation of our business, this change will improve the transparency of our business performance and increase the comparability of our results with peers. Non-GAAP measures for prior periods have been recast to conform to this change in our reporting. It is important to note that our GAAP results and presentation of GAAP metrics do not change and this change has no effect on our business, nor how we manage our business.

In addition, for the six months period, we are also reporting our net income excluding the impact of the Tax Cut and Jobs Act of 2017 on the valuation of our deferred tax assets. On December 22, 2017, the Tax Cut and Jobs Act was enacted, which, among other things, reduced corporate tax rates and revised rules regarding the usability of net operating losses. These changes have resulted in a discrete charge to the first quarter tax provision of \$3.4 million associated with revaluing the benefit of our net operating losses. We are reporting this non-GAAP metric to demonstrate the impact of the tax law change.

These non-GAAP measures of our performance are used by management to conduct and evaluate its business during its regular review of operating results for the periods presented. Management and the Company's Board utilize these non-GAAP measures to make decisions about the use of the Company's resources, analyze performance between periods, develop internal projections and measure managements performance. DLH believes that these non-GAAP measures are useful to investors in evaluating the Company's ongoing operating and financial results and understanding how such results compare with the Company's historical performance. By providing this non-GAAP measure as a supplement to GAAP information, DLH believes this enhances investors understanding of its business and results of operations.

Reconciliation of GAAP net income to EBITDA, a non-GAAP measure:

	Th	ree l	Months En	ded		Six Months Ended						
		M	Iarch 31,					N	March 31,			
	2018		2017	C	hange		2018 2017				Change	
Net income (loss)	\$ 1,316	\$	979	\$	337	\$	(1,535)	\$	1,303	\$	(2,838)	
(i) Interest expense	261		255		6		539		619		(80)	
(ii) Provision for taxes	627		605		22		4,346		806		3,540	
(iii) Depreciation, amortization	560		554		6		1,066		755		311	
EBITDA	\$ 2,764	\$	2,393	\$	371	\$	4,416	\$	3,483	\$	933	

Reconciliation of GAAP net income to net income excluding the effect of write-down, a non-GAAP measure:

	Six Months Ended							
		2018		2017	Change			
Net income (loss)	\$	(1,535)	\$	1,303	\$	(2,838)		
Write-down of deferred tax assets		3,365		_		3,365		
Net income, excluding effect of write-down of deferred tax assets	\$ 1,830			1,303	\$	527		
Net income (loss) per fully-diluted share	\$	(0.13)	\$	0.10	\$	(0.03)		
Write-down of deferred tax assets	\$	0.27		_	\$	0.23		
Net income (loss) per fully-diluted share, excluding effect of write-down of			_		_			
deferred tax assets	\$	0.14	\$	0.10	\$	0.04		

Sources of cash and cash equivalents

As of March 31, 2018, the Company's immediate sources of liquidity include cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable, and access to its secured revolving line of credit facility with Fifth Third Bank. This credit facility provides us with access of up to \$10.0 million, subject to certain conditions including eligible accounts receivable. The Company's present operating liabilities are largely predictable and consist of vendor and payroll related obligations. Our current investment and financing obligations are adequately covered by cash generated from profitable operations and planned operating cash flow should be sufficient to support the Company's operations for twelve months from issuance of these financial statements.

Loan Facility

A summary of our loan facilities and subordinated debt financing for the period ended March 31, 2018 is as follows:

(\$ in Millions)

<u>Lender</u>	<u>Arrangement</u>	<u>Loan Balance</u>		<u>Interest*</u>	<u>Maturity Date</u>
Fifth Third Bank	Secured term loan \$25 million ceiling (a)	\$	14.9	LIBOR + 3.0%	05/01/21
Fifth Third Bank	Secured revolving line of credit \$10 million ceiling (b)	\$	_	LIBOR + 3.0%	5/1/2018**

^{*}LIBOR Interest rate as of March 31, 2018 was 1.66%.

- (a) a secured term loan with an original aggregate principal amount of \$25.0 million (the "Term Loan").
- (b) a secured revolving credit facility in an aggregate principal amount of up to \$10.0 million (the "Revolving Credit Facility") and

The Term Loan matures on May 1, 2021 and after giving effect to the extension to the loan agreement described in Note 12 to the financial statements, the Revolving Credit Facility matures on May 1, 2021.

The Term Loan and Revolving Credit Facility bear interest at the rate of LIBOR plus a margin of 3.0% and the loans are secured by liens on substantially all of the assets of the Company. The provisions of the Term Loan and Revolving Credit Facility are fully described in Note 5 of the consolidated financial statements.

Contractual Obligations as of March 31, 2018

				Payments Due by Period								
Contractual obligations	al obligations				Next 12 2-3				4-5	More than 5		
(Amounts in thousands)	Ref		Total		Months	Years		Years		Years		
Debt Obligations		\$	14,896	\$	3,750	\$	7,500	\$	3,646		_	
Facility Leases			3,227		912		1,280		660		375	
Equipment operating leases			58		26		32		_		_	
Total Obligations		\$	18,181	\$	4,688	\$	8,812	\$	4,306	\$	375	

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

The Company did not have any off-balance sheet arrangements subsequent to, or upon the filing of our consolidated financial statements in our Annual Report as defined under SEC rules.

Effects of Inflation

Inflation and changing prices have not had a material effect on DLH's net revenues and results of operations, as DLH expects to be able to modify its prices and cost structure to respond to inflation and changing prices.

Significant Accounting Policies and Use of Estimates

Our consolidated financial statements and accompanying notes are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America. Preparation of our financial statements requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets, liabilities, revenues, expenses, and the related disclosure of contingent

^{**}Maturity Date extended on May 10, 2018 to May 1, 2021

liabilities. These assumptions, estimates and judgments are based on historical experience and assumptions that are believed to be reasonable at the time. Actual results could differ from such estimates. Critical policies and practices are important to the portrayal of a company's financial condition and results of operations, and may require management's subjective judgments about the effects of matters that are uncertain. See the information under Note 6 "Significant Accounting Policies" to the consolidated financial statements in DLH's Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017, as well as the discussion under the caption "Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates" beginning on page 25 therein for a discussion of our critical accounting policies and estimates. DLH senior management has reviewed these critical accounting policies and related disclosures and determined that there were no significant changes in our critical accounting policies, or the estimates associated with those policies in the three months ended March 31, 2018, with the exception of the change in deferred tax assets based upon the change in projected enacted tax rates disclosed in Note 11, Income Taxes.

New Accounting Pronouncements

A discussion of recently issued accounting pronouncements is described in Note 3 in the Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements elsewhere in this Quarterly Report, and we incorporate such discussion by reference.

ITEM 3: QUANTITATIVE AND QUALITATIVE DISCLOSURES ABOUT MARKET RISK

DLH does not undertake trading practices in securities or other financial instruments and therefore does not have any material exposure to interest rate risk, foreign currency exchange rate risk, commodity price risk or other similar risks, which might otherwise result from such practices. DLH is not materially subject to fluctuations in foreign exchange rates, commodity prices or other market rates or prices from market sensitive instruments. DLH believes it does not have a material interest rate risk with respect to our prior workers' compensation programs, for which funds were deposited into trust for possible future payments of claims. DLH does not believe the level of exposure to interest rate fluctuations on its debt instruments is material given that the amount of our debt is subject to LIBOR plus 3.0% applied by the Lender. As of March 31, 2018 the Lender's interest rate was 4.66%.

ITEM 4: CONTROLS AND PROCEDURES

Evaluation of Disclosure Controls and Procedures

Our CEO and President and Chief Financial Officer, after evaluating the effectiveness of our disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Rule 13a-15(e) or 15d-15(e) under the Exchange Act) as of the end of the period covered by this report, has concluded that, based on the evaluation of these controls and procedures, our disclosure controls and procedures were effective at the reasonable assurance level to ensure that information required to be disclosed by us in the reports that we file or submit under the Exchange Act is recorded, processed, summarized and reported, within the time periods specified in the SEC's rules and forms and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our CEO and President and Chief Financial Officer, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure.

Our management, including our CEO and President and Chief Financial Officer, does not expect that our disclosure controls and procedures or our internal controls will prevent all errors and all fraud. A control system, no matter how well conceived and operated, can provide only reasonable, not absolute, assurance that the objectives of the control system are met. Further, the design of a control system must reflect the fact that there are resource constraints, and the benefits of controls must be considered relative to their costs. Because of the inherent limitations in all control systems, no evaluation of controls can provide absolute assurance that all control issues and instances of fraud, if any, within our company have been detected. Our management, however, believes our disclosure controls and procedures are in fact effective to provide reasonable assurance that the objectives of the control system are met.

Changes in Internal Controls

We completed the implementation of our new Enterprise Resource Planning ("ERP") system during our fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018. The implementation of that ERP system is expected to, among other things, improve user access security and automate a number of accounting, back office and reporting processes and activities, thereby decreasing the amount of manual processes previously required. Except for the implementation of the new ERP system, there were no changes in our internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f) under the Exchange Act) identified in connection with the evaluation of our internal control that occurred during the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018, that materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal control over financial reporting.

Part II — OTHER INFORMATION

ITEM 1: LEGAL PROCEEDINGS

As a commercial enterprise and employer, the Company is subject to various claims and legal actions in the ordinary course of business. These matters can include professional liability, employment-relations issues, workers' compensation, tax, payroll and employee-related matters, other commercial disputes arising in the course of its business, and inquiries and investigations by governmental agencies regarding our employment practices or other matters. The Company is not aware of any pending or threatened litigation that it believes is reasonably likely to have a material adverse effect on its results of operations, financial position or cash flows.

ITEM 1A: RISK FACTORS

Our operating results and financial condition have varied in the past and may in the future vary significantly depending on a number of factors. In addition to the other information set forth in this report, you should carefully consider the factors discussed in the "Risk Factors" section in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended September 30, 2017 and in our other reports filed with the SEC for a discussion of the risks associated with our business, financial condition and results of operations. These factors, among others, could have a material adverse effect upon our business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity and cause our actual results to differ materially from those contained in statements made in this report and presented elsewhere by management from time to time. The risks identified by DLH in its reports are not the only risks facing us. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently believe are immaterial also may materially adversely affect our business, results of operations, financial condition or liquidity. We believe there have been no material changes in our risk factors from those disclosed in our Annual Report on Form 10-K for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2017.

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

During the period covered by this report, the Company did not issue any securities that were not registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as has been reported in previous filings with the SEC or as set forth elsewhere herein.

Registrant Repurchases of Securities

On September 18, 2013, the Company announced that our Board of Directors authorized a stock repurchase program (the Program) under which we could repurchase up to \$350 thousand of shares of our common stock through open market transactions in compliance with Securities and Exchange Commission Rule 10b-18, privately negotiated transactions, or other means. This repurchase program does not have an expiration date.

The following table provides certain information with respect to the status of our publicly announced stock repurchase program during second quarter ended March 31, 2018:

						(\$ in thousands)
Period	Total Number of Shares Purchased	Average Price Paid Per Share		Total Number of Shares Purchased As Part of Publicly Announced Programs	May Y	ar Value of Shares that Yet Be Purchased Under ne Plan or Program
January 2018	_	\$ 5	_	_	\$	77
February 2018	_		_	_		77
March 2018	_		_	_		77
Second Quarter Total	_	\$ 5		_	\$	77

ITEM 3: DEFAULTS UPON SENIOR SECURITIES

None.

ITEM 4: MINE SAFETY DISCLOSURES

Not applicable.

ITEM 5: OTHER INFORMATION

None.

ITEM 6: EXHIBITS

Exhibits to this report which have previously been filed with the Commission are incorporated by reference to the document referenced in the following table.

Exhibit		In	Filed		
Number	Exhibit Description	Form	Dated	Exhibit	Herewith
10.1 31.1	First Amendment to Loan Agreement with Fifth Third Bank, dated May 10, 2018. Certification of Chief Executive Officer pursuant to Section 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(a)	8-K	05/14/18	10.1	X
31.2	Certification of Chief Financial Officer pursuant to Section 17 CFR 240.13a-14(a) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(a)				X
<u>32</u>	Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer pursuant to 17 CFR 240.13a-14(b) or 17 CFR 240.15d-14(b) and Section 1350 of Chapter 63 of Title 18 of the United States Code				X
101	The following financial information from the DLH Holdings Corp. Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q for the fiscal quarter ended March 31, 2018, formatted in XBRL (eXtensible Business Reporting Language) and filed electronically herewith: (i) the Consolidated Balance Sheets; (ii) the Consolidated Statements of Operations; (iii) the Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows; and, (iv) the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements.				X

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.

DLH HOLDINGS CORP.

By: <u>/s/ Zachary C. Parker</u>

Zachary C. Parker Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

By: /s/ Kathryn M. JohnBull

Kathryn M. JohnBull Chief Financial Officer

(Principal Accounting Officer)

Date: May 15, 2018

Certification

- I, Zachary C. Parker, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10-Q of DLH Holdings Corp.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles;
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 15, 2018

/s/ Zachary C. Parker Zachary C. Parker Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer)

Certification

- I, Kathryn M. JohnBull, certify that:
- 1. I have reviewed this quarterly report on Form 10Q of DLH Holdings Corp.;
- 2. Based on my knowledge, this report does not contain any untrue statement of a material fact or omit to state a material fact necessary to make the statements made, in light of the circumstances under which such statements were made, not misleading with respect to the period covered by this report;
- 3. Based on my knowledge, the financial statements, and other financial information included in this report, fairly present in all material respects the financial condition, results of operations and cash flows of the registrant as of, and for, the periods presented in this report;
- 4. The registrant's other certifying officers and I are responsible for establishing and maintaining disclosure controls and procedures (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(e) and 15d-15(e)) and internal control over financial reporting (as defined in Exchange Act Rules 13a-15(f) and 15d-15(f)) for the registrant and have:
 - a) designed such disclosure controls and procedures, or caused such disclosure controls and procedures to be designed under our supervision, to ensure that material information relating to the registrant, including its consolidated subsidiaries, is made known to us by others within those entities, particularly during the period in which this report is being prepared;
 - b) designed such internal control over financial reporting, or caused such internal control over financial reporting to be designed under our supervision, to provide reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles
 - c) evaluated the effectiveness of the registrant's disclosure controls and procedures and presented in this report our conclusions about the effectiveness of the disclosure controls and procedures, as of the end of the period covered by this report based on such evaluation; and
 - d) disclosed in this report any change in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting that occurred during the registrant's most recent fiscal quarter (the registrant's fourth fiscal quarter in the case of an annual report) that has materially affected, or is reasonably likely to materially affect, the registrant's internal control over financial reporting; and
- 5. The registrant's other certifying officer(s) and I have disclosed, based on our most recent evaluation of internal control over financial reporting, to the registrant's auditors and the audit committee of the registrant's board of directors (or persons performing the equivalent functions):
 - a) all significant deficiencies and material weaknesses in the design or operation of internal control over financial reporting which are reasonably likely to adversely affect the registrant's ability to record, process, summarize and report financial information; and
 - b) any fraud, whether or not material, that involves management or other employees who have a significant role in the registrant's internal control over financial reporting.

Date: May 15, 2018

/s/ Kathryn M. JohnBull Kathryn M. JohnBull Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

Certification of Chief Executive Officer and Chief Financial Officer Pursuant to 18 U.S.C Section 1350, As Adopted Pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002

In connection with the Quarterly Report of DLH Holdings Corp. (the "Company") on Form 10-Q for the period ended March 31, 2018 as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on the date hereof (the "Report"), the undersigned, being, Zachary C. Parker, Chief Executive Officer, and Kathryn M. JohnBull, Chief Financial Officer and Principal Accounting Officer, certify, pursuant to 18 U.S.C. ss.1350, as adopted pursuant to Section 906 of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002, that:

- (1) The Report fully complies with the requirements of Section 13(a) or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934; and
- (2) The information contained in the Report fairly presents, in all material respects, the financial condition and result of operations of the Company.

Dated: May 15, 2018

/s/ ZACHARY C. PARKER Zachary C. Parker

Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) /s/ KATHRYN M. JOHNBULL

Kathryn M. JohnBull Chief Financial Officer (Principal Accounting Officer)

A signed original of this written statement required by Section 906 has been provided to the Company and will be retained by the Company and furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission or its staff upon request.