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# **Integrated Electrical Services** (NYSE: IES)

# **Company & Investment Profile**

### **Key Investment Points**

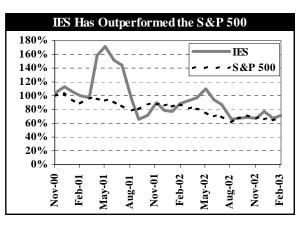
- IES is the largest provider of electrical contracting services in the U.S., with approximately 150 locations across the country. Its size, diverse customer base and breadth of services give the Company significant advantages in the marketplace and cushion it from swings in the economy.
- The Company's size also allows it to provide nationwide service to larger customers such as Wal-Mart, Marriott, Intel, 3M, and Pulte Homes.
- In 2004, sectors where IES has significant strength and tends to have higher profitability margins such as manufacturing facilities, hotels, office buildings and retail centers are expected to have significant construction growth.
- Management's *Back to Basics* and *One Company*. *One Plan*. initiatives have boosted backlog, lowered costs and increased cash flow.
- IES showed steady improvement throughout fiscal 2002, with the operating income margin improving from 2% in Q1 2002 to 6% in Q4 2002.
- IES generated record cash flow from operations of \$53.4 million in fiscal 2002. A portion of the cash is being used to pay down debt and execute a 2 million share common stock repurchase program.
- IES' executive incentive plan, while discretionary, is aligned with shareholder expectations and is structured such that executives may receive up to a target bonus compensation when IES achieves certain levels of profitability.

IES maintains strong corporate governance policies, including split CEO and Chairman positions and a seven-person board with four outside directors.

(Amounts in Millions, except per share data)

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Price (3/25/03)	\$4.08
52 Wk. High/Low	\$6.49 - \$3.10
Diluted Shares (as of 12/31/02)	39.5
Equity Market Cap.	\$161
Average Daily Volume	44,863
Cash (as of 12/31/02)	\$18
Total Debt ( <i>as of 12/31/02</i> )	\$249
Total Enterprise Value (TEV)*	\$392
Institutional Ownership (as of 12/31/02)	48%
Inside Ownership	26%
2003 EPS Guidance	\$0.53 - \$0.60
2003 P/E Multiple	7.7x - 6.8x
Price / Sales Multiple	0.1x
Price / Book Value Per Share	0.6x
Book Value Per Share	\$6.51

Total Enterprise Value = Equity Market Cap. + Debt - Cash



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## **INTEGRATED ELECTRICAL SERVICES, INC.** Summary Financial Data

SUMMARY	INCOME	STATEM	ENT		2001	2002	2003*
	FY	E - Septemb	er 30,	52 Wk High	\$10.00	\$6.50	\$4.50
_	2001	2002	<u>2003E**</u>	52 Wk Low	\$4.90	\$3.07	\$3.75
Revenue	\$1,693	\$1,475	\$1,475	TEV/Op. Income High	7.9x	7.0x	
Cost of Services	1,385	1,253		TEV/Op Income Low	3.3x	5.7x	
Gross Profit	308	222	-	P/E High	10.5x	13.0x	8.5x-7.5x
SG&A	214	174	-	P/E Low	5.2x	6.1x	7.1x-6.3x
Restruct. Charge	-	6	-	* Share prices in 2003 are YTD o		1 0	8
Goodwill Amort.	13	-		SUMMARY BALA	ANCE SHE	ET AND RA	ATIOS
Operating Income	81	42	-		_	FYE - Sept	ember 30,
Interest Expense	(26)	(27)	-	Assets		2001	<u>200</u> 2
Other, net		1		Current Assets		\$453	\$438
Pretax Income	55	16	-	Total Assets		\$1,034	\$722
Taxes	26	6	_	Liabilities and Equity			
Net Income*	\$ 29	\$ 10		- Current Liabilities		\$216	\$194
<b>Operating EPS*</b>	\$0.71	\$0.25	\$0.53 - \$0.60	<b>60</b> Total Debt		\$286	\$248
Diluted Shares	40.9	39.8	-	Stockholders' Equity		\$529	\$254
Before cumulative effect of c	hange in accou	nting princip	le, net of tax.	Working Capital % of Re	venue	5.5%	13.9%
** 2003 Company Guidance.				Capital Expenditures as	% Revenue	1.5%	0.8%
K	EY MARG	INS		BACK	LOG GRO	WTH*	
	FYE - Septe	mber 30,					
	FYE - Septe <u>2001</u>	mber 30, <u>2002</u>		\$900 -		\$789 \$8	01
-		<i>,</i>		\$900	\$726	\$789 \$8	01
- Gross Margin		<i>,</i>			\$726	\$789	01
8	<u>2001</u>	2002			\$726	\$789 \$8	01
SG&A as % Revenues	<b>2001</b> 18.2%	<u>2002</u> 15.0%			\$726	\$789 \$8	01
SG&A as % Revenues Operating Margin	<b>2001</b> 18.2% 12.6%	<u>2002</u> 15.0% 11.8%			\$726 	\$789 \$8	
G&A as % Revenues Operating Margin Pretax Margin	2001 18.2% 12.6% 4.8%	2002 15.0% 11.8% 2.8%		(suojijiji \$600	\$726 	\$789 \$8	01
Gross Margin SG&A as % Revenues Operating Margin Pretax Margin Net Margin Return on Equity	2001 18.2% 12.6% 4.8% 3.2%	2002 15.0% 11.8% 2.8% 1.1%				\$789 \$8	01

WACC (Weighted Average Cost of Capital) 10% - 12% but has not yet completed **IES 12 MONTH STOCK PERFORMANCE** 2002 Earnings Released \$7.00 1,000 900 \$6.00 Stock buyback 800 announced \$5.00 Volume in 000's 700 600 \$4.00 500 \$3.00 400 300 \$2.00 200 \$1.00 100 1.M 0 \$0.00 Apr 02 Nov 02 Aug 02 Jul 02 Oct 02 Jan 03 Feb 03Mar May Jun 02 Sep 02 Dec 02 Mar

\* Excludes divestitures and is work which the Company has signed contracts for,

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Maintaining or achieving growth from operations is dependent primarily on achieving anticipated level of earnings before depreciation, amortization, and other non-cash charges, controlling expenditures to budgeted levels, collecting accounts receivable, and maintaining costs at current or lower levels.

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Since the Company's inception in 1997, it has developed a national footprint of approximately 150 locations currently serving the continental 48 states with concentration in the Sunbelt. At the time of its IPO in January 1998, the Company had run-rate revenues of approximately \$313 million. Since that time, IES has grown rapidly through acquisitions and internal growth. From 1997 to 2002, revenues increased at a compounded annual growth rate of approximately 47%. Included in that growth was approximately 8% organic or "same store sales" growth compared to an industry growth rate of 5% according to F.W. Dodge during the same period.

Exhibit 1



*IES operates in 150 locations across the U.S.* 

IES' business includes providing system design, installation, maintenance and service to general contractors, developers and companies of all sizes. IES has two business segments, Commercial/Industrial and Residential. In 2002, 81% of revenues were from Commercial/Industrial and 19% of revenues were from Residential. IES' service and maintenance work is done within the Commercial/Industrial segment and accounted for 10% of IES' Commercial/Industrial revenues.

Shortly after being named CEO in October 2001, H. Roddy Allen led the implementation of a three-phase strategic plan to strengthen the Company during the recent reduction in construction spending, further integrate the Company and focus on future growth. The first phase of the strategy, *Back to Basics*, is largely in place and is an ongoing process. Phase II, *One Company. One Plan.* is underway, and focuses on the integration of the Company. Phase III, *Continued Growth*, will seek to grow the Company via internal and acquisition-driven growth.

As part of Phase III, IES indicated it would consider compelling acquisition opportunities. In February 2003 IES acquired substantially all the assets of Encompass Electrical Technologies – Rocky Mountains, Inc. (formerly known as Riviera Electric), a provider of electrical contracting services based in Denver, Colorado, with locations throughout the state of Colorado. The assets acquired by IES generated revenues of approximately \$83 million for the calendar year ended December 31, 2002. The purchase price was \$3.85 million and the assumption of certain liabilities.

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### **Three-Phase Strategic Plan**

The strategic plan is a multi-year three-phase plan with phase I actions to build backlog, control costs, and generate strong cash flow; phase II actions to integrate IES' subsidiaries; and finally phase III to focus on continued growth. The three phases of the plan are detailed in Exhibit 2, below:

# *Exhibit 2* A Well-Defined and Successful Strategy

Phase I	Phase II	Phase III				
Back to the Basics	One Company. One Plan.	Continued Growth				
<ul> <li>Build Backlog</li> <li>Control Costs</li> <li>Focus on Cash Flow</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Regional Structure</li> <li>Financial Reporting and Planning</li> <li>Employees</li> <li>Safety</li> <li>Procurement</li> <li>Customers</li> <li>Continue Back to Basics</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Organic Growth</li> <li>Greenfield Growth</li> <li>Strategic Acquisitions</li> <li>Continue Back to Basics</li> <li>Continue One Company. One Plan.</li> </ul>				
	Reengineer Balance Sheet					
Status: In Place and Ongoing	Status: 2/3 Complete	Status: Early Stages				

### PHASE I – BACK TO BASICS

Results to date of Phase I have been strong, as demonstrated by the Company's results in fiscal 2002, when cash flow from operations reached record levels and profitability improved consistently throughout the year, as shown in Exhibit 3 below.

# *Exhibit 3* Improved Performance

	(Dollars in Millions)	1Q02	2Q02	3Q02	4Q02	2002
<b>Operating Income Margin</b>	Revenues	\$375.2	\$356.5	\$374.8	\$368.9	\$1,475.4
<i>improved in each quarter throughout the year.</i>	Operating Income*	7.5	11.3	18.6	22.0	59.4
	Diluted EPS Prior to Charges*	\$0.02	\$0.08	\$0.19	\$0.22	\$0.50
	Restructuring Charges	(\$0.06)	(\$0.03)	-	-	(\$0.09)
	One-Time Charges				(0.16)	(0.16)
	Diluted EPS	(\$0.04)	\$0.05	\$0.19	\$0.06	\$0.25
	Gross Margin	15.3%	15.3%	15.6%	17.1%	15.8%
	<b>Operating Income Margin*</b>	2.0%	3.2%	5.0%	6.0%	4.0%
	Cash flow from Operations	(\$2.5)	\$12.3	\$37.5	\$6.1	\$53.4
	* Before one-time charges of \$15.2 mil	lion (\$9.9 mi	illion after t	ax) for reoi	ganizing th	ne

business and an increase in accruals for self insurance liabilities.

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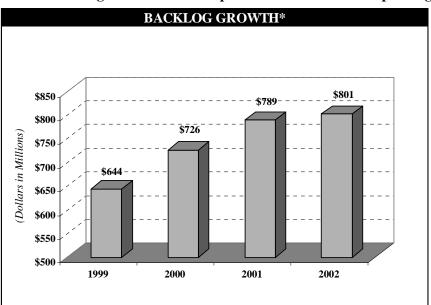
As the impact of the implementation of *Back to Basics* was realized throughout fiscal 2002, the Company showed steady and significant improvement in key profitability metrics on a quarterly basis, despite posting its strongest revenues in the first quarter. Operating income margins more than doubled over the four-quarter period while EPS prior to one-time charges increased from \$0.02 per share in the first quarter to \$0.22 in the fourth quarter.

IES has focused on doing business more efficiently in order to improve profitability in this tighter market. Examples include: the national procurement program which has strengthened IES' relationship with vendors and reduced its overall cost to procure goods; the focus on serving customers on a more national basis allowing for cost savings from repeat projects; and the initiative to reduce overhead costs.

#### **Build Backlog**

Backlog is a key indicator of the future revenues of the Company, and building that backlog was a primary element of *Back to Basics*. IES was able to increase its backlog in 2002 in a market where commercial and industrial construction spending was down 18%, according to statistics from F.W. Dodge. The primary components of backlog are commercial and industrial projects, since most service work (except for long-term service contracts) and most single-family residential projects are not included in backlog due to the short-term nature of the projects. IES' ability to gain market share and maintain its revenue base is a significant accomplishment. The Company's strong backlog performance serves to highlight the advantage of its size and diverse customer base, and helps it navigate through difficult economic periods.

The table below demonstrates how IES has increased its backlog over the last three years. The Company divested a few small, non-core businesses in 2002, and the backlog associated with these divestitures was removed in each year.



#### *Exhibit 4* Record Backlog in Fiscal 2002 Despite Weak Construction Spending

\* Prior years have been restated to exclude divestitures. Backlog includes project work which the Company has a signed contract for, but is not yet completed.

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In 2002 IES' Backlog increased by \$12 million, while the commercial and industrial construction market was down 18%.

#### **Control Costs**

Reigning in costs is a key element of the Back to Basics strategy. Throughout 2002, particular effort was focused on reducing selling, general and administrative ("SG&A") costs. By the fourth quarter, significant progress had been made; that quarter's SG&A was only \$41.1 million versus \$57.3 million a year earlier. This is a 28% reduction, as summarized in Exhibit 5.

Exhibit 5 Significantly Lower SG&A Costs

IES reduced SG&A	(Dollars in Millions)	4Q 2001	4Q 2002
expenses by 28% in fiscal 2002.	Corporate SG&A decreased 59%	\$11.0 46.3	\$4.5 36.6
	Field SG&A decreased 21%	40.5	36.6
	Overall SG&A decreased 28%	\$57.3	\$41.1

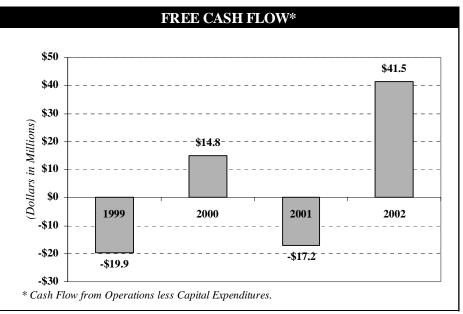
In conjunction with these cost-saving efforts, IES took a \$4.0 million restructuring charge against earnings in the first quarter of 2002 and a \$1.6 million charge in the second quarter, associated primarily with workforce reductions. These charges reduced earnings per share by about \$0.09 per share for fiscal 2002. With costs reduced and the Company streamlined, IES is now well positioned to take advantage of future economic growth.

#### **Focus on Cash Flow**

Management has been successful in improving free cash flow generation (cash flow from operations less capital expenditures). Cash flow from operations increased from \$8.6 million in 2001 to \$53.4 million in 2002. Meanwhile IES was able to reduce capital expenditures from \$25.8 million in 2001 to \$11.9 million in 2002. IES' 2002 free cash flow was an all-time high of \$41.5 million, a positive swing of \$58.7 million from fiscal 2001's cash flow use (\$17.2) million. Exhibit 6 illustrates the free cash flow generation over the past four years.

#### Exhibit 6

**Record Levels of Free Cash Flow in Fiscal 2002** 



IES had record free cash flow generation in 2002 despite a weak economy.

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In addition to the large reduction in SG&A expenses, better management of working capital helped increase cash generation. Days Sales Outstanding ("DSO") in accounts receivable, a measure of capital tied up in financing receivables was 81 days in the first quarter of 2001. Renewed focus on collecting receivables reduced this figure by 8 days to 73 days in the first quarter of 2002. DSO's fell a further 3 days to 70 by the third quarter, and closed out the year at 73 days at the end of the fourth quarter. The eight-day swing in DSOs represented about \$32 million in cash.

The table below illustrates how IES' move from a significant growth phase into an integrated company is positively impacting its capital structure:

	Cash Flow Henus mustrate	megration			
IFC immed in fact	(Dollars in Millions)	1999	2000	2001	2002
IES improved its free	Cash Flow from Operations	(\$6.3)	\$43.2	\$8.6	\$53.4
cash flow generation by	Capital Expenditures	(12.9)	(28.4)	(25.8)	(11.9)
\$58.7 million in fiscal 2002.	Free Cash Flow	(\$19.2)	\$14.8	(\$17.2)	\$41.5
	Acquisition Expenditures	(106.5)	(33.2)	(0.2)	-
	Divestiture Proceeds	-	-	-	7.5
	Cash Flow after Acq/Divest	(\$125.7)	(\$18.4)	(\$17.4)	\$49.0
	Decrease (Increase) in Debt	(\$137.5)	(\$16.0)	(\$44.0)	\$39.1

Exhibit 7 **Cash Flow Trends Illustrate Integration** 

As shown in the table, negative cash flow from operations and a high level of spending characterized 1999. IES was focused on acquisition growth and spent over \$100 million in cash to acquire some 40 electrical contractors with about \$415 million in annualized revenues. In 2000, IES slowed its aggressive acquisition growth goals and focused on integration. Acquisition spending fell to \$33 million in cash for 2000 and ceased in 2001. In 2002, with Back to Basics implemented, acquisition spending eliminated and capital expenditures reduced, free cash flow increased sharply. IES also streamlined its business by divesting non-core and/or under performing operations, raising another \$7.5 million in cash.

IES expects to generate between \$30 million and \$40 million of free cash flow in fiscal 2003.

IES will continue to work diligently to maximize cash flow generation. In addition to focusing on an efficient base business and controlling capital expenditures, IES is proactive in reviewing and implementing tax planning opportunities. As a result of effective tax planning, IES expects to reduce cash taxes paid in 2003 and 2004 and expects this to improve the Company's free cash flow. In 2003, IES expects to generate between \$30 million and \$40 million in free cash flow, which is an increase over the original guidance given in December of at least \$20 million to \$30 million in free cash flow.

#### FINANCIAL REENGINEERING

Across all three phases of IES' strategic plan, IES is reengineering the Company's capital structure. IES is utilizing its free cash flow to set a solid foundation for the future. The Company reduced debt by \$39.1 million in fiscal 2002, and in August of 2002, it began a two million share common stock repurchase program. To date IES has repurchased about 800,000 shares under the program, further confirmation of management's belief that IES is on the right track and positioned to generate significant free cash flow. The Company plans to continue to retire debt over the next two to three years as long as the price of IES' debt remains attractive, and plans to reduce total debt levels to under \$200 million, from its \$249 million level today. IES has a \$150 million credit facility led by JP Morgan that it is

not currently drawing on. This facility expires in May of 2004. IES plans to extend that facility for an additional two years through May 2006.

Theoretically, financial reengineering could increase the IES stock price by 37% if overall enterprise value remains unchanged and decrease the risk profile of the Company. Additionally, IES plans to reduce common shares outstanding. Assuming IES' Total Enterprise Value remained unchanged at \$392 million and IES reduced debt to \$200 million and reduced diluted shares outstanding by 2 million shares to 37.5 million, IES' stock price could increase 37% to \$5.60 from its current level of \$4.08 as of March 25, 2003. It should be noted that this is a theoretical, mathematical calculation only and does not take into account the potential impact of the risk factors described on pages 3 and 4, as well as other external factors.

Exhibit 8
Potential Impact of Reengineering the Balance Sheet

(Amounts in Millions)	Current Capital Structure March 25, 2003	Pro Forma for Debt Reduction & Share Repurchase
Enterprise Value	\$392	\$392
less Debt	249	200
plus Cash	<u>18</u>	<u>18</u>
Market Capitalization	\$161	\$210
Shares Outstanding	39.5	37.5
Implied Stock Price	\$4.08	\$5.60

### PHASE II – ONE COMPANY. ONE PLAN.

With *Back to Basics* in place and its benefits ongoing, management moved to Phase II of its strategic plan, *One Company. One Plan.* The primary goal of *One Company. One Plan.* is to achieve a higher level of integration among the operating units. Even with the divestiture of under-performing subsidiaries and the combination of some subsidiaries, IES can further streamline the organization and recognize significant value from increased integration. The focus of Phase II is instituting a regional structure, implementing a unified financial planning and reporting system, unifying employee programs and incentives, further improving the Company's safety record, generating savings through a centralized procurement program and servicing customers on a more national basis. Early results indicate that the program is on track to be as successful as *Back to Basics*.

#### **Regional Structure**

IES has implemented a regional structure with six Regional Operating Officers reporting directly to the Chief Operating Officer, Rick China and the Chief Executive Officer, H. Roddy Allen. For 2003, corporate planning was done on a regional basis and incentive plan goals are based on regional targets. This has already created a stronger team environment within each region; the various subsidiaries are more frequently sharing customers and jointly executing projects.

#### **Financial Reporting and Planning System**

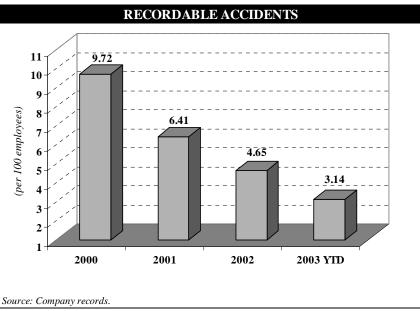
The financial planning and reporting system, Forefront, has been implemented at 70% of the Company's subsidiaries. This system allows IES direct access to detailed subsidiary financials at any time and gives each subsidiary enhanced project management tools. The system has already helped IES to shorten the monthly financial closing process by two to three days.

#### Employees

IES has established a common healthcare plan throughout the Company. In addition, IES has put in place a common field incentive and bonus plan focused on overall corporate performance, as well as regional performance. IES' executive incentive plan, while discretionary, is structured so that executives and subsidiary leaders may receive up to a target bonus compensation when IES achieves certain levels of profitability.

### Safety

IES' focus on safety is generating continuously improving performance. Recordable accidents, a key safety measure, have dropped from 9.72 per 100 employees in fiscal 2000 to 3.14 per 100 employees in the first fiscal quarter of 2003, as shown in Exhibit 9 below. The industry average is approximately eight recordable accidents per 100 employees according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, so IES has improved to less than half the industry average. In addition to protecting its workers, this should lead to lower insurance costs.





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### Procurement

The national procurement initiative is generating positive results. At the end of fiscal 2001, IES began forging relationships and alliances with manufacturers, service providers and distributors. The relationships have created more consolidated purchasing on the part of IES and the benefits include improved pricing, volume-based rebates, increased service commitments, funding of IES company-wide in-house procurement tools and partial sponsorship of Company events. As part of this initiative, IES implemented a system that allows the Company to track the majority of the goods and services purchased. In 2001, IES could only track 30% of its procurement spending. Today that percentage is over 70% and IES' goal is to reach over 90% by the end of 2003. In 2002, IES earned \$2.1 million in volume based incentives and, as a result of this initiative, has reduced the direct cost of goods and services purchased. IES expects increased benefits from the program during this fiscal year.

#### Customers

IES is committed to managing relationships with nation-wide customers and providing services to larger customers across the country. IES maintains a customer database so projects across all subsidiaries are tracked and the data is available in one centralized location. This database is particularly important due to IES' unique triangular relationship with its customers. IES typically works for a general contractor; however, the ultimate customer is the end user, such as Walgreen's or 3M. It is key for IES to maintain and foster relationships with both of these groups and it has become a particular focus of the Company.

### PHASE III - CONTINUED GROWTH

Phase III will be implemented as market conditions begin to improve. However, IES will consider compelling growth opportunities now as they present themselves, as was the case with Riviera Electric in Colorado. With the implementation of Phases I and II, the foundation for effective growth is substantially in place. The Company is more streamlined and efficient and is functioning more as a unified organization than a federation of different entities.

The Company's acquisition and expansion plans will be strategically focused and will occur at a manageable pace, with strategic fit and acquisition quality being the drivers of the process.

In the case of Riviera, the state of Colorado is projected to have 7% compound annual growth in construction spending over the next three years, which is over three times the U.S. construction growth level. Previously, IES did not have a strong presence in Colorado. Backlog for work to be completed in the state of Colorado was \$7.7 million as of December 31, 2002. Riviera had backlog of \$23 million in December of 2002 and at the beginning of calendar 2002, (prior to the bankruptcy filing of the previous owner, Encompass Services), Riviera had backlog of approximately \$48 million. IES believes over time it will be able to build that backlog back up since Riviera has not added significant projects since July 2002 as a result of Encompass' financial difficulties.

#### Exhibit 10

#### Growth in Construction Spending in Colorado

	Year Ended September 30,				'02-'05
(Dollars in Billions)	2002	2003E	2004E	2005E	CAGR
Construction in Colorado	\$11.0	\$11.1	\$12.1	\$13.5	
Growth Rate	-5.5%	0.6%	9.4%	11.5%	7.0%

Source: F.W. Dodge December 2002.

CAGR = Compound Annual Growth Rate.

Riviera has locations in Denver, Colorado Springs, Loveland, Boulder, Silverthorne, Eagle, and Aspen, Colorado and provides electrical contracting services to the commercial, industrial, service and retrofit markets.

In calendar 2001 and 2002, Riviera had strong financial performance, with revenues of \$85 million and \$83 million, respectively. The company has historically generated gross margins between 19.5% and 21.5% and has been able to keep SG&A as a percentage of revenues between 10.5% and 11.0% for an operating income margin of 8.5% to 10.5%. Given the current condition of the company and the depressed backlog levels as a result of

Colorado is expected to grow three times as fast as the overall U.S. construction market. the stress Encompass' financial difficulties created, it is unlikely that Riviera will be able to generate comparable returns in 2003. However, IES expects at this time that the transaction will be accretive to earnings in fiscal 2003 and the acquisition will return to its prior performance over time.

#### **Recent Financial Results and Guidance**

IES reported earnings of \$0.10 per share, at the top of the guidance range for the first quarter of 2003.

The Company posted earnings for the fiscal first quarter ended December 31, 2002 of \$0.10 per share versus \$0.02 per share a year ago. The \$0.02 a year ago is prior to a charge for adoption of SFAS 142 and a restructuring charge. Results for the quarter were at the top of the previously issued guidance of \$0.06-\$0.10 per share. Revenues came in at \$348.6 million versus \$375.2 million a year ago. This was a 7% decline reflecting divestitures of non-core assets in the fourth quarter of 2002, a significant slow down in telecommunications work versus a year ago and continued weakness in the commercial and industrial construction market. See Exhibit 11 below for a detailed breakdown of the decrease in revenues versus the first quarter of 2001. IES continued to have record performance from its residential division, as the residential construction market remains quite robust. IES' residential revenues were \$76.9 million for the first quarter of 2003 versus \$67.1 million for the period one year ago which is a 14.6% increase.

Exhibit 11 Q1 2001 versus Q1 2002 Changes in Revenues

(Dollars in Millions)	Change in Revenues
Divestitures	(\$14)
Telecommunications	(\$10)
Commercial/Industrial	(\$12)
Residential/Other	\$8

#### Highlights of the quarter included:

- SG&A as a percentage of revenue fell over 200 basis points to 11.1% of revenues from 13.3% one year ago.
- \$155 million of new larger project work was added to backlog.
- Operating margin increased 170 basis points to 3.7%.
- Free cash flow was positive at \$0.7 million in a quarter that normally uses cash. Free cash flow is free cash flow from operations less capital expenditures and is a good measure to track a company's ability to generate cash.

(Dollars in Millions) Q1 2002 Q1 2003						
Revenue	\$375.2	\$348.6				
Gross Profit	\$57.2	\$51.4				
Gross Margin	15.3%	14.7%				
SG&A	\$49.8	\$38.6				
SG&A as % Revenue	13.3%	11.1%				
Restructuring Charge	\$4.0					
<b>Operating Income</b> <sup>(1)</sup>	\$7.5	\$12.7				
Operating Margin	2.0%	3.7%				
Net Income <sup>(2)</sup>	\$0.6	\$3.8				
Net Margin	0.2%	1.1%				
Diluted Earnings per Share	\$0.02	\$0.10				
Free Cash Flow <sup>(3)</sup>	(\$8.2)	\$0.7				

### Exhibit 12

(1) Before restructuring charge in 2002 of \$4 million.

(2) Before restructuring charges and cumulative effect in change in

accounting principle in 2002.

(3) Cash flow from operations less capital expenditures.

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Backlog for the quarter was down to \$776 million versus a record \$801 million in the fourth fiscal quarter of 2002. This is a typical seasonal decline. The decline in SG&A expense and the generation of free cash flow continues to demonstrate the success of the Company's *Back to Basics* program. SG&A expense for the quarter was \$38.6 million versus \$49.8 million a year ago, a decrease of 22.5%.

#### **Review of New Projects:**

\$155 million of new larger	The br	The breakdown of the \$155 million of new project work is as follows:						
project work was added to		\$33 million of high-rise hotel, condominium and mid-rise apartment projects						
backlog in Q1 2003.	•	\$24 million of new healthcare projects						
bucking in Q1 2003.	•	\$20 million of wastewater and water treatment facility work						
	•	\$19 million of work at retail centers						

- \$17 million of work at school and community centers
- \$11 million of manufacturing and heavy industrial projects
- \$7 million of work at office buildings

The \$20 million increase in wastewater and water treatment facilities is significant and increased that type of work from 2.1% of backlog to 4.3% of backlog.

#### Fiscal Q2 2003 and Full-Year 2003 Financial Guidance

For the second fiscal quarter, management expects to earn between \$0.08-\$0.12 per share. Guidance for the full year fiscal 2003 is unchanged at \$0.53-\$0.60 per share with free cash flow (cash flow from operations less capital expenditures) of \$30 to \$40 million.

#### Exhibit 13

#### **Quarterly EPS Trends Year-to-Date**

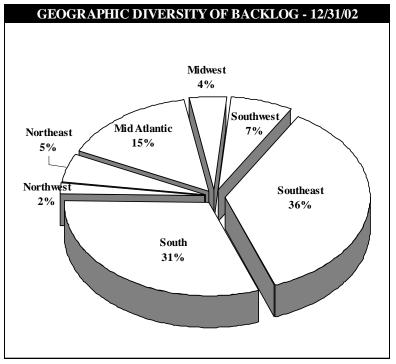
	2001	2002*	2003
Q1 - Dec	\$0.17	\$0.02	\$0.10 A
Q2 - Mar	\$0.20	\$0.08	\$0.08 - \$0.12 E
Q3 - Jun	\$0.26	\$0.19	
Q4 - Sep	\$0.08	\$0.22	
Full Year	\$0.70	\$0.50	<b>\$0.53 - \$0.60</b> E

\* Excludes all one-time charges and charges related to a cumulative effect of change in accounting principle.

#### **Company Overview**

Founded in 1997 to consolidate the electrical contracting business, IES quickly grew to become the largest provider of electrical services in the industry with revenues of approximately \$1.5 billion. IES provides a broad range of electrical services including designing, building and maintaining both low and high voltage electrical systems for commercial, industrial, municipal, utility, and residential customers.

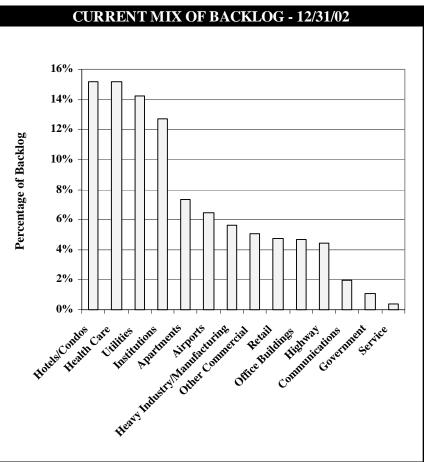
### *Exhibit 14* IES' Geographic Diversity



IES' national presence mitigates the region specific economic slowdowns. IES' presence in the southwest and in Florida has been particularly beneficial through this most recent construction decline because these areas were less impacted than some of the other regions of the U.S. Since 1997, much of the Company's revenues have been derived from the fast growing Sunbelt states. These states stand to benefit from expected favorable population movement over the next decade.

A diverse revenue mix- The Company services a wide variety of customers which also cushions it from sector declines. The impact of a slowdown in a particular industry tends to be muted when compared to its smaller, more geographically concentrated competitors. In addition, IES' expertise in a variety of industries allows it to be flexible and to share its expertise across regions. For instance, with the recent increase in healthcare construction spending, the Company's Tennessee subsidiary, whose specialty is healthcare facilities construction, trained and aided other IES subsidiaries, so the Company is able to perform complex healthcare projects across the U.S.

*Exhibit 15* IES' Diversity of Clients Has Served it Well in a Tough Economic Environment



**Nationwide presence-** The Company's nationwide presence helps it to compete for larger, national contracts with customers that operate throughout the U.S. This represents a growing market and IES has made significant progress in pursuing these sizable accounts. A few of IES' current national customers include Wal-Mart, Marriott, Nordstroms, Intel, Starbucks, Ryland Homes and Pulte Homes. Given its size, IES still maintains customer diversity because no single customer accounts for more than 10% of total revenues.

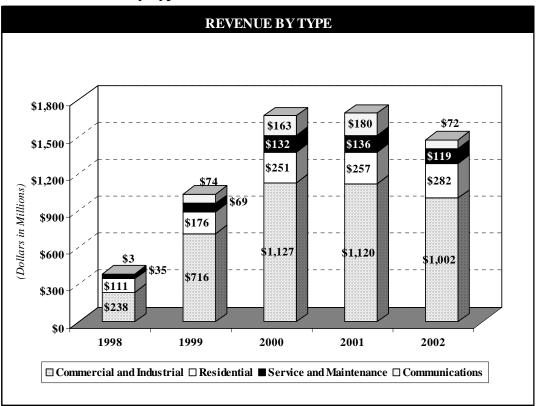
Additionally, as the largest provider of electrical contracting services in the country, IES is able to take on very large, and complex projects often with a national scope that would strain the capabilities and resources of most of its competitors. Its size and 100% open shop strategy also has allowed IES to invest in and utilize prefabrication facilities to pre-assemble electrical components that can later be installed on site, which is safer, more cost effective and more efficient for IES and the customer.

**Strong growth opportunities-** The Sunbelt focus, as well as market share gains, and customer satisfaction have helped IES grow organically about 3% faster than the construction industry as a whole over the last several years. Over 50% of business is from repeat customers. Currently, over 70% of the Company's revenues come from sunbelt states. According to F.W. Dodge, in 2003 sunbelt states are projected to have slightly positive growth versus a 2% decline across the entire U.S. In 2004, Sunbelt states are projected to have a 6% growth rate versus 5% for the entire U.S.

### **Operations Overview**

IES has two principal operating segments (1) Commercial/Industrial and (2) Residential. For the year ended September 30, 2002, the Commercial/Industrial segment accounted for approximately 81% of revenues and Residential made up the remainder. Exhibit 16 below illustrates IES' revenue by type of work over the past 5 years and shows the increase in communications work in 2000 and 2001 and then the fall-off as the communications infrastructure was overbuilt. Note that the Commercial/Industrial segment data for segment reporting purposes contains the communications and the service and maintenance business segments, which had previously been reported separately. Residential revenues increased 11% as that market continues to grow, while Commercial/Industrial revenues declined in 2002 as a result of the 18% decrease in commercial and industrial construction spending in 2002.

*Exhibit 16* Historical Revenues by Type



Segment data for the last three fiscal years is detailed on the following page in Exhibit 17.

# *Exhibit 17* Operating Segment Data

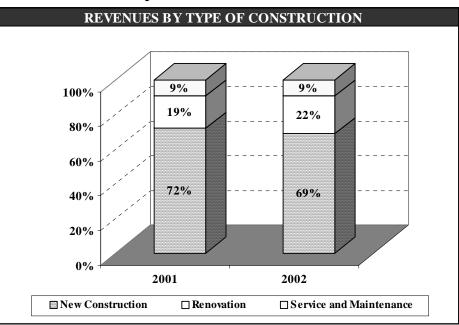
(Dollars in Millions)			% Chg.		% Chg.
	2000	2001	2001/2000	2002	2002/2001
Revenues					
Commercial and Industrial	\$1,421.4	\$1,435.8	1.0%	\$1,193.4	-16.9%
Residential	250.9	257.4	2.6%	282.0	9.6%
Gross Profit					
Commercial and Industrial	\$244.8	\$249.1	1.8%	\$159.9	-35.8%
Residential	55.0	58.5	6.4%	61.7	5.5%
Operating Income					
Commercial and Industrial	\$89.8	\$99.9	11.2%	\$36.5	-63.5%
Residential	29.9	26.1	-12.7%	34.6	32.6%
Gross Profit Margin					
Commercial and Industrial	17.2%	17.3%	0.7%	13.4%	-22.8%
Residential	21.9%	22.7%	3.7%	21.9%	-3.7%
Operating Income					
Commercial and Industrial	6.3%	7.0%	10.1%	3.1%	-56.0%
Residential	11.9%	10.1%	-14.9%	12.3%	21.0%

The Commercial/Industrial margins over the 2001-2002 period experienced substantial decline as a result of the slowing in the economy and construction spending. Over that time period, higher margin projects in backlog were replaced with lower margin jobs as the bidding environment became more competitive and the number of new projects declined.

While over 70% of IES' work is from new construction, when there is a decrease in construction spending, renovation and service work increases because businesses and individuals modify or renovate the old in favor of building new facilitates. That trend is demonstrated in the increase in IES' revenues from renovation work from 19% in 2001 to 22% in 2002.

*Exhibit 18* Shift in Revenue Make-Up

Renovation work increased in 2002 as a result of a reduction in new construction.



### **Commercial/Industrial**

IES' Commercial/Industrial business provides design and installation of electrical systems (both low and high voltage) as well as providing ongoing service and maintenance. Commercial projects include: high-rise structures such as hotels, apartment buildings, condominiums and office building; retail stores and centers; hospitals and healthcare facilities; schools and community centers including stadiums and arenas; and projects specifically related to low voltage installations including communications. Industrial projects include: manufacturing and heavy industrial facilities; distribution centers; utility and power generation, including substations and power line installation; high-technology centers; water and wastewater treatment facilities; government and military installations; airports; and highway projects. Below is a list of IES's top general contractor customers in the Commercial/Industrial market and the top end customers sorted alphabetically. IES typically works for a general contractor although in some cases the Company does work directly for the end user. IES is awarded work as a result of both of these relationships and the Company is focused on fostering relationships and maintaining customer satisfaction with the end customer as well as the general contractor.

Top Commercial/moustrial	Customers
End Customers	General Contractors
3M	Austin Company
Four Season's Hotels	Batson-Cook
Gaylord Entertainment	Beers Construction
HealthSouth	Boran Craig Barber
Hilton Hotel Corporation	Bovis Construction
Home Depot	Bradbury & Stamm Construction
Honda	Brasfield & Gorrie
Hyatt Corporation	Centex Construction
Intel	English Construction
Kohl's	HC Beck
Marriott International	Hensel Phelps Construction
Midlothian Energy	Hubbard Construction Group
Nissan	Kraft Construction
Omni Hotel	Lemoine Company
Publix	Manhattan Construction
Ritz Carlton Hotel Company	MB Kahn Construction
Six Continents	Metric Construction
Target	R.J. Griffin & Company
Walgreen's	Robbins & Morton
Wal-Mart	Whiting Turner Construction

# *Exhibit 19* Top Commercial/Industrial Customers

After IES completes the work on these projects the Company is in the best position to provide ongoing service and maintenance. It is common for IES to take on long-term service contracts with end customers.

### Residential

IES is the largest residential electrical contractor in the country. IES' residential segment is composed of three different types of projects: single family homes, often tract homes with entire subdivisions built at one time; high-end single family custom homes, which are often quite large and typically include the latest trends in security and technology; and multifamily low rise apartments, condominiums and town homes. IES works for some of the largest single family and multifamily developers in the country. See Exhibit 20 for IES' top customers by residential project type sorted alphabetically.

## *Exhibit 20* Top Residential Customers

Single Family	Multifamily
Ashton Woods Homes	Apartment Builders LTD
Beazer Homes	Bovis Construction
First Texas (Broyd, Inc.)	Camden Development
Gateway Homes (Champion Enterprises)	Donohoe Construction
Gehan Homes	Dwayne Henson and Associates
Grand Homes	Fairfield Development
Kaufman & Broad	Gibralter Construction Company
Kimball Hill Homes	Global Construction Company
Lennar Homes	Greystar Development
Mansions Custom Homes	JPI Construction
Newmark Homes	Lowder Construction Company
Perry Homes	Morgan Group
Plantation Homes (McGuyer Home Builders)	The Norsourth Corp.
Pulte Homes	Peachtree Residential
Royce Homes	Picerne
Ryland Homes	Postwood Builders (Long Lake)
Texas Colonial Homes	Pride Builders
Torrey Homes (D. R. Horton)	Spanos Construction
Trendmaker Homes (Weyerhaeuser)	TCR Bissonnet Construction
Weekley Homes	Whitco Construction Company

Residential construction in 2002 and early 2003 has been particularly robust. Record low interest rates are driving demand for new homes, creating record levels of residential construction spending.

### The IES Management Team

IES is fortunate to have a wealth of talent as a result of acquiring over 80 companies, many of them leading operators in their regions. Currently, 8 of the 13 officers including, 8 in the Houston corporate office and 6 regional operating officers, have previously served as presidents of acquired subsidiaries.

**H. "Roddy" Allen, P.E.**- became Chief Executive Officer and President of IES in October 2001. Mr. Allen originally was President of H.R. Allen, which was acquired by IES in 1998. Since joining IES, Mr. Allen has held the following positions:

- 2001 to present: Chief Executive Officer and President
  - 2001-2001: Chief Operating Officer
- 2000-2001: Senior Vice President of Eastern Operations
- 1998-2000: Regional Operating Officer, President of H.R. Allen

**Richard L. China-** became Chief Operating Officer in October 2001. Prior to serving in the COO capacity, Mr. China was President of IES Communications and also served as a Regional Operating Officer. Mr. China joined IES in 1999 through the acquisition of Primo Electric Company, where he served as President.

**William W. Reynolds-** has been the Chief Financial Officer and Executive Vice President since June 2000. Mr. Reynolds joined IES after serving as Vice President and Treasurer of Peoples Energy Corporation from 1998 to 2000. From 1997 to 1998, Mr. Reynolds was Vice President and Project Finance Corporate Officer for MCN Energy Group, Inc. Prior to that, he spent seventeen years with BP Amoco in a variety of positions both internationally and domestically.

**Britton Rice-** has served as the Chief Technology and Procurement Officer and Senior Vice President of IES since 2000. Mr. Rice also serves as the President of Britt Rice Electric, L.P., an IES subsidiary. Mr. Rice joined IES in 1999 through the acquisition of Britt Rice Electric, where he was the founder and President.

**Margery M. Harris**- serves as Senior Vice President of Human Resources. She joined the company in 2000 from Santa Fe Snyder Corporation, where she served as Vice President of Human Resources. Prior to that, Ms. Harris was a lead consultant with Hewitt Associates, a total compensation consulting firm.

**Robert Stalvey-** serves as Senior Vice President of Operations and acting Regional Operating Officer of Region 6. He previously served as Vice President of Special Projects. In 1976, he became co-owner of Ace Electric, one of the original 16 IES subsidiaries.

**Curt L. Warnock-** has served as Vice President, Law of IES since October 2002 and prior to that as Assistant General Counsel to the Company. Previously, Mr. Warnock spent sixteen years with Burlington Resources in various positions.

**David A. Miller-** has been Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer of IES since October 2002. Between January 1998 and October 2002 he served as Financial Reporting Manager, Assistant Controller, Controller and Chief Accounting Officer of IES. Before joining IES, Mr. Miller held various positions in public accounting and private industry. Mr. Miller is a Certified Public Accountant.

**Daniel Petro**- has been the Senior Regional Operating Officer of Region 1 since 2002. Prior to that Mr. Petro was the President of the Eastern Region. Mr. Petro was the President and founder of Amber Electric from 1979 to 1998, when Amber Electric was acquired by IES. Prior to this he was an Electrical Instructor for Orange County Schools.

**Thomas Stalvey-** became Regional Operating Officer of Region 2 in 2000. In 1975, Mr. Stalvey founded and served as President of Ace Electric. In 1998, Ace Electric was acquired by IES. Mr. Stalvey taught Electric Technology for Valdosta Technical College and from 1970 to 1972 and was Residential Construction Manager for Wilkes Construction Company from 1971 to 1975.

**Richard Humphrey-** has been Regional Operating Officer of Region 3 since 2001. He was the President of Arc Electric from 1972 to 2000. Arc Electric was acquired by IES in 1998.

**Ernest P Breaux, Jr.-** is the Regional Operating Officer of Region 4. He was a project engineer /estimator for Ernest P. Breaux Electrical from 1968 to 1974, Vice President from 1974 to 1983 and President & CEO from 1983 to 2001. Ernest P. Breaux Electrical was purchased by IES in 2001.

**Miles Dickinson-** became the Regional Operating Officer of Region 5 in 2002. Mr. Dickinson was President of Delco Electric from 1979 to 2001. Delco Electric was acquired by IES in 1999. Mr. Dickinson was an estimator and project manager for McGuire Electric from 1974 to 1977 and served as Vice President of McGuire Electric from 1978.

#### **Corporate Governance**

Since IES' initial public offering in 1998, the Company has divided the duties of Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer between two individuals. As a governance policy, this prevents a concentration of control with one person. Since the IPO, Byron Snyder has served as Chairman; and since late 2001, H. Roddy Allen has served as Chief Executive Officer.

The IES board has significant representation of independent directors. The Board of Directors consists of 7 directors of which four are independent directors. The inside board members include H. Roddy Allen, the President and Chief Executive Officer, Rick China, the Chief Operating Officer and Byron Snyder, the Chairman of the Board and founder of IES. This stands in contrast to the original board in 1998, consisting of 11 members, many of whom were among the sixteen owners of the founding companies.

The Board has four committees: Audit, Compensation, Nominating/Governance and Executive. The Audit, Compensation, and Nominating/Governance committees are entirely composed of independent directors.

During fiscal 2002, IES implemented an evaluation process in which those reporting directly to the CEO and the Board of Directors review the CEO anonymously and rate him on key business and management strengths. These ratings are reviewed by the board and serve as an early warning system for any potential problems that might arise.

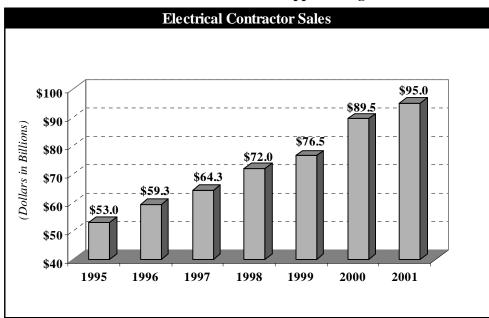
IES also maintains a growing internal audit function, an important consideration for a Company that has grown through acquisition and has numerous subsidiaries across the country. Currently every subsidiary (about 60 given that some of the acquisitions have been merged with other subsidiaries) undergoes an internal audit at least once every three years with approximately 20 internal audits performed each year.

# **Industry Overview**

The electrical and low voltage contracting industry is highly fragmented, with over 70,000 electrical contractors operating across the United States in 2001. Most are small, private "mom and pop" operations. Three quarters of these companies have less than 10 employees, according to the U.S. Department of Commerce. Only a little over 1% have more than 100 employees and just a handful, like IES, have thousands of workers and the advantages of significant scale.

#### Exhibit 21

Annual Electrical Contractor Revenues Are Approaching \$100 Billion



Source: Electrical Contractor Magazine

Virtually all construction and renovation work in the U.S. requires electrical contracting services and electrical and low voltage work usually runs between 8%-12% of the cost of a commercial or industrial project and 5%-10% of the cost of a residential project. This percentage is substantially higher in high-end residential home building. Growth in the electrical contracting market has accelerated in recent years due to:

- Complexity as a result of the increase in computer, security and communications systems in the workplace. Computers, printers and on-line access are a part of virtually every workstation, increasing the electrical and low voltage demands placed on a given system. New telecommunications systems have also increased the burden, as well as networking of local and wide area computer systems.
- The pace of electrical renovation of existing structures has increased, primarily as a result of more advanced computer and communications systems.
- There has been an increased focus on cost savings through energy management systems.
- New electrical codes for power efficiency and safety.
- National energy standards have been revised stressing energy-efficient lighting fixtures and other equipment.

- As the workplace has become more complex and more dependent on technology, there has been an increased demand for backup power systems.
- Increased security requirements have also increased demand and sophistication of security systems.
- Increased demand for preventive maintenance to minimize disruption of power.

The electrical contracting industry had a difficult year in 2002 due to the reduction in commercial and industrial construction spending. Commercial and industrial construction, which accounts for about 80% of revenues for IES, was down 18% according to figures from F.W. Dodge. The strong demand in the late 1990's and early 2000 increased the supply of providers, which made the decreases in 2002 and 2003 particularly difficult due to the excess supply of electrical service providers. However, the growth drivers for the industry detailed above are long-term in nature and will continue to generate demand for electrical contracting services throughout the next several decades.

Residential construction, driven by record low mortgage rates, drove spending on single family housing construction up an estimated 12% in 2002. The low rates are so appealing, that many younger Americans, who would typically be apartment dwellers are becoming first-time homeowners instead. This is causing the single family home and condominium market to remain quite strong in 2003.

#### **Specialty Contractors**

IES is currently the only "pure play" publicly traded electrical contractor in operation. Specialty contractor competitors provide other services besides electrical contracting such as mechanical contracting and building maintenance as well as other services. Below is an overview of some of the publicly traded specialty contractors.

**EMCOR-** operates internationally with locations in the United States, Canada, Europe, the Middle East and Far East and South Africa. Through over 75 operating companies, EMCOR employs 28,000 workers and generated almost \$4 billion in revenues in 2002. The company divides its business into three segments; (1) mechanical construction (2) electrical construction and (3) facilities management. Facilities services make up about 17% of revenues and the rest are approximately equally divided between electrical and mechanical work.

In late 2002 EMCOR acquired Consolidated Engineering Services, a \$400 million revenue facilities services company, for about \$178 million or just under 6x EBITDA. This acquisition further diversifies EMCOR away from contracting. Facilities services are not project driven and generate a more recurring revenue stream.

**Quanta Services-** is a leading provider of specialized contracting services, with a focus on the electric power, telecommunications, broadband cable and gas pipeline industries. The company provides a comprehensive range of services, including the design, installation, maintenance and repair of network infrastructure. Quanta has offices in 40 states, and operations in all 50 states, as well as Canada. Revenues in 2002 were \$1.75 billion. Revenue by customer in 2001 was about 40% electric and gas utility, 28% telecom, 16% cable television and 16% other.

Comfort Systems- focuses almost exclusively on the heating, ventilation and air conditioning market (known as HVAC) and is a leading provider of these services, with revenues of just under \$1 billion. In 2002, the company sold off 19 union workforce subsidiaries representing about \$650 million in revenues to EMCOR.

**Dycom-** is headquartered in Palm Beach Gardens, Florida and is one of the larger telecommunications services companies. The company was founded in 1969 and has 28 operating subsidiaries. Dycom currently serves over 100 different customers in 48 states, with approximately 5,700 employees, based out of more than 200 locations throughout the United States. Revenues in fiscal year 2002 exceeded \$600 million.

Below is a chart that illustrates how IES differs from some of its closer publicly traded peers. Notice that IES' is the only pure play electrical contractor in the group. In addition, IES is the only completely open shop contractor, giving it significantly more flexibility on utilizing prefabrication and pre-assembly on projects which saves money and time.

#### *Exhibit 22* IES versus its Closest Peers

	<b>Revenues</b> <sup>(1)</sup>				MRR <sup>(2)</sup> as	Unionized	
	EC	MC	FS	Other	% of Revenue	Workforce	
IES	100%	-	-	-	31%	-	
Comfort Systems	-	100%	-	-	45%	-	
EMCOR <sup>(3)</sup>	29%	44%	17%	10%	40%	75%	
Quanta Services	51%	-	-	49%	40%	33%	

Source: IES and peer company SEC filings

(1) EC= Electrical Contracting, MC= Mechanical Contracting, FS= Facilities Services

(2) MRR = Maintenance, Repair and Renovation

(3) Not pro forma for the recent acquisition of a facilities services business.

### **Outlook and Valuation**

After years of economic expansion, the economy has stumbled in 2002 and the beginning of 2003. The events of September 11 have demonstrated that unpredictable events can have a significant impact on the economy and equity valuations. Below is an analysis of F.W. Dodge's outlook for construction spending by sector in 2003 through 2005. Although 2003 is expected to remain soft, 2004 and 2005 are projected to be much stronger in commercial and industrial spending according to F. W. Dodge with particular strength in markets where IES has expertise and a history of earning higher profits, which include office buildings, retail centers, hotels and manufacturing facilities. Residential construction spending is expected to remain quite strong with only a 1% decrease in 2003 and the multi-family construction outlook for 2004 is quite strong with 14% expected growth.

### **Market Outlook**

Below is an analysis of F.W. Dodge's expectations for 2003 through 2005, as well as some analysis on profitability trends through cycles in the construction industry. This analysis should help investors to develop projections for IES' performance over the next few years.

F.W. Dodge anticipates that construction spending will slide very slightly, about 2%, in fiscal 2003, as single-family housing construction takes a well-deserved rest after a record few years with a 1% decrease. Total non-building construction is projected to decline 6% in fiscal 2003 and overall non-residential building construction is projected to be flat. There are several factors impacting construction this year. With declining incomes and tax dollars, states and the federal government have seen projected budget surpluses quickly turn to deficits and public works and institutional building projects are expected to slow this year. Additionally, while interest rates are now low, F.W. Dodge believes some upward movement is possible in 2003 that will cause single-family housing starts to flatten out. As for commercial and industrial, a weak employment market may dampen demand for new projects.

Both 2004 and 2005 are projected to be strong years for construction spending with an overall growth rate of 5% in 2004 and 4% in 2005. Double-digit growth is expected in the commercial and industrial construction markets where the majority or IES' revenue is generated.

These forecasts do take into account the war in Iraq, however, it is unclear what the final results of that or another terrorist attack on Western soil could do to construction spending and the economy overall.

	Ma	rket Growth	
	2003	2004	2005
Non-Residential Building Construction	0%	7%	12%
Residential Building Construction	-1%	5%	-1%
Non-Building Construction	-6%	0%	3%

#### *Exhibit 23* U.S. Construction Market Outlook

Source: F.W. Dodge December 2002 Construction Marketing Forecasting.

### Exhibit 24 Construction Growth by Market Ranked by IES' Q1 2003 Gross Margin

		Company Da	F. W. Dodge Data			
		2003 Q1		Proj. Const. Sp	ending by N	/larket <sup>(1)</sup>
Almost all of IES' most		Gross Margin Rank within Segments	% of Revenue	2002	2003	2004
profitable markets are	Commercial					
projected to have	Office Buildings	1	5.7%	-26%	-3%	20%
significant growth in	Other Commercial	2	4.7%	-5%	0%	9%
2004.	Retail	3	6.1%	-7%	-1%	6%
	Hotels and Condos	4	4.5%	-23%	-1%	16%
	Health Care	5	7.7%	13%	3%	0%
	Institutions	6	9.9%	1%	0%	3%
	Communications	7 8.1%		Data Not Available		
	Industrial					
	Highway	1	1.9%	1%	-5%	3%
	Manufacturing	2	6.5%	-30%	4%	24%
	Airport	3	1.8%	0%	3%	8%
	Distribution	4	1.8%	-19%	-3%	6%
	Power and Utility <sup>(2)</sup>	5	9.6%	-42%	-21%	-18%
	Water	6	1.6%	16%	-1%	3%
	Residential					
	Multifamily	1	15.5%	3%	4%	14%
	Single family	2	6.6%	14%	-1%	3%
			Shading = Signifi		xets in '04	

(1) Source is December 2002 F.W. Dodge report and IES company data. Based on December 31, year end. (2) Market data includes electrical services provided for communications infrastructure which is why this market is in such a state of decline.

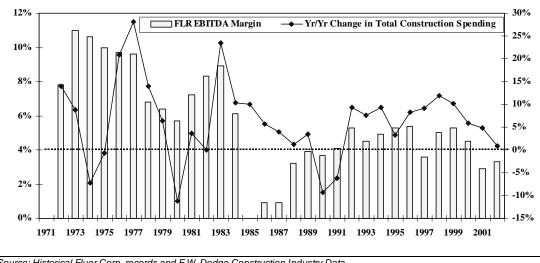
# **Comparison of Historical Profitability Performance versus Construction Spending**

The industry is highly cyclical and driven to a large extent by construction expenditures. Growth in construction expenditures can vary widely from year to year and this will have flow through impact on profitability of electrical, mechanical and other contractors. Below is an analysis of 30 years of construction expenditures compared to the EBITDA margins of Fluor Corp. (Fluor has a long history of data and serves as a good proxy for the industry). IES believes the analysis demonstrates that in periods of growth overall profitability, as well as profit margins, expand and when construction spending, contracts profit margins contract as well. Construction spending, the primary business driver for IES and its competitors, is highly variable and can significantly impact profitability.

Exhibit 25 **Comparison of Historical Company Performance and Construction Spending** 

CONSTRUCTION SPENDING VS. FLUOR'S EBITDA MARGIN FROM 1971 - 2002

Profit margins for construction firms expand and contract as construction spending increases and decreases.



Source: Historical Fluor Corp. records and F.W. Dodge Construction Industry Data.

Exhibit 26 below illustrates IES and its peers' gross profit margin and operating income margin over the past four years. With the exception of EMCOR, which generates over 20% of its revenues from facilities maintenance, which is not tied to construction, the profit margins have contracted as commercial and industrial construction spending has declined.

#### Exhibit 26

Profit Margins have declined as Commercial and Industrial Construction Spending **Has Declined** 

	Gross Profit Margin				Operating Income Margin			
	1999	2000	2001	2002	1999	2000	2001	2002
IES	21.2%	17.9%	18.2%	15.0%	9.3%	3.9%	4.8%	2.8%
EMCOR	10.2%	10.3%	11.5%	12.2%	2.0%	2.3%	2.6%	2.9%
Com. Syst.	21.4%	17.9%	17.9%	17.7%	6.8%	1.3%	3.3%	2.0%
Dycom	27.1%	25.5%	25.6%	23.3%	13.0%	13.5%	11.8%	-4.9%
Quanta	23.2%	23.1%	20.5%	13.5%	13.3%	12.6%	12.4%	-8.9%

Based on historical analysis and assuming F.W. Dodge forecasts are correct, it is possible that IES could see a 150 to 300 basis point improvement in operating income margin over the course of 2004 and 2005.

#### IES' Weighted Average Cost of Capital ("WACC")

IES believes its cost of capital based on a WACC analysis is between 10% and 12%. WACC is the combination of IES' cost of debt, which is approximately 6% after tax, and its cost of equity, which is between 15% and 16%. The calculation is based on using the average beta for the specialty contracting industry adjusted for the appropriate capital structure, a risk free rate of 4%, which is the recent 10-year government bond rate, and a target debt to capital ratio for IES of between 40% and 50%. The WACC analysis also includes a 3.1% size premium for cost of equity given that IES is a small cap stock.

#### **IES relative to its Peers**

IES is the largest electrical contractor, however there are a number of companies in similar market segments that are good proxies for valuation. IES' publicly traded peers include EMCOR, Comfort Systems, Quanta Services and Dycom. An analysis of select engineering and construction firms including Fluor, Shaw Group and Jacobs Engineering has also been included because although these firms have a slightly different business model, they operate in the same markets as IES and face a similar market environment.

### *Exhibit 27* IES Peer Analysis

		Recent	EPS		<b>Price/Earnings</b>	
Company	Symbol	Price	2002A	2003E	2002	2003E
Specialty Contractors						
EMCOR	EME	\$48.60	\$4.07	\$4.47	11.9x	10.9x
Comfort Sys.	FIX	2.63	2.13	2.23	1.2x	1.2x
Dycom	DY	10.62	0.53	0.40	20.0x	26.6x
Quanta	PWR	3.25	0.33	0.36	9.8x	9.0x
Median					10.9x	10.0x
Mean					10.8x	11.9x
Engineering/Construction						
Shaw Group (2)	SGR	\$10.00	\$2.26	\$1.93	4.4x	5.2x
Fluor	FLR	33.95	2.13	2.23	15.9x	15.2x
Jacobs	JEC	40.95	1.98	2.30	20.7x	17.8x
Median					15.9x	15.2x
Mean					13.7x	12.7x
IES <sup>(1)</sup>	IES	\$4.08	\$0.50	\$0.53-\$0.60	7.9x	7.7x-6.8x

Source: First Call, and various equity analyst reports. Note: All companies are December 31 year end except IES which is September 30.

(1) 2002 financial data for IES is before one-time charges of \$15.2 million (\$9.9 million after tax) and excludes the impact of SFAS 142.

(2) Shaw Group was not a member of the peer group included in IES' proxy statement.

### *Exhibit 28* IES Peer Analysis

		Op. Income	EBITDA	TEV/Op. Inc. 7	TEV/EBITDA	Consensus
Company	Symbol	2003E	2003E	2003E	2003E	Growth Rate
Specialty Contra	ctors					
EMCOR	EME	\$128	\$152	5.3x	4.5x	15%
Comfort Sys.	FIX	NA	NA	NA	NA	12%
Dycom	DY	22	64	17.1x	5.9x	13%
Quanta	PWR	90	154	8.4x	4.9x	14%
Median				8.4x	4.9x	14%
Mean				10.3x	5.1x	14%
Engineering/Con	struction					
Shaw Group	SGR	\$155	\$185	4.6x	3.8x	13%
Fluor	FLR	247	332	7.7x	5.7x	12%
Jacobs	JEC	198	238	11.6x	9.7x	15%
Median				7.7x	5.7x	13%
Mean				8.0x	6.4x	13%
IES <sup>(1)</sup>	IES					13%

Source: First Call, Value Line, various equity analyst reports. Consensus growth rates are from First Call. Note: All companies are December 31 year end except IES which is September 30.

(1) 2002 financial data for IES is before one-time charges of \$15.2 million (\$9.9 million after tax) and excludes the impact of adpting SFAS 142.

## **Income Statement**

(Dollars in Thousands)	FYE - Sept	ember 30,					FYE - Sep.	
	2000	2001	12/01A	3/02A	6/02A	9/02A	2002	12/02A
Revenues	\$1,672,288	\$1,693,213	\$375,179	\$356,481	\$374,819	\$368,951	\$1,475,430	\$348,577
Cost of services (including depreciation)	1,372,537	1,385,589	317,950	301,780	316,328	317,786	1,253,844	297,221
Gross profit	299,751	307,624	57,229	54,701	58,491	51,165	221,586	51,356
Selling, general and administrative expenses	221,519	214,073	49,773	43,392	39,918	41,101	174,184	38,619
Restructuring charges*	-	-	4,000	1,556	-	-	5,556	
Goodwill amortization	13,211	12,983	-	-	-	-	-	-
Income from operations	65,021	80,568	3,456	9,753	18,573	10,064	41,846	12,737
Other income (expense):								
Interest expense	(23,230)	(26,053)	(6,785)	(6,644)	(6,337)	(6,936)	(26,702)	(6,456)
Other, net	1,008	(134)	(107)	(237)	(23)	1,331	964	(90)
Interest and other, net	(22,222)	(26,187)	(6,892)	(6,881)	(6,360)	(5,605)	(25,738)	(6,546)
Income (loss) before income taxes and								
cumulative effect of change in								
accounting principle	42,799	54,381	(3,436)	2,872	12,213	4,459	16,108	6,191
Provision (benefit) for income taxes	21,643	25,671	(1,623)	806	4,736	2,256	6,175	2,384
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Net income (loss) before cumulative effect of								
change in accounting principle	21,156	28,710	(1,813)	2,066	7,477	2,203	9,933	3,807
Cumulative effect of change in								
accounting principle	-	-	283,284	-	-	-	283,284	-
Net income (loss)	\$21,156	\$28,710	(\$285,097)	\$2,066	\$7,477	\$2,203	(\$273,351)	\$3,807
Diluted earnings (loss) per share before cumulative								
effect of change in accounting principle	\$0.52	\$0.70	(\$0.04)	\$0.05	\$0.19	\$0.06	\$0.25	\$0.10
Cumulative effect of change in								
accounting principle	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7.13)	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0.00	(\$7.11)	\$0.00
Diluted earnings (loss) per share	\$0.52	\$0.70	(\$7.17)	\$0.05	\$0.19	\$0.06	(\$6.86)	\$0.10
Diluted shares used in the computation								
of earnings (loss) per share	40,410	40,900	39,759	40,002	40,073	39,908	39,848	39,472
Key Margins								
Gross Margin	17.9%	18.2%	15.3%	15.3%	15.6%	13.9%	15.0%	14.7%
SG&A Margin	13.2%	12.6%	13.3%	12.2%	10.6%	11.1%	11.8%	11.1%
Operating Margin	3.9%	4.8%	0.9%	2.7%	5.0%	2.7%	2.8%	3.7%
Interest Expense	1.4%	1.5%	1.8%	1.9%	1.7%	1.9%	1.8%	1.9%
Pretax Margin	2.6%	3.2%	-0.9%	0.8%	3.3%	1.2%	1.1%	1.8%
Tax Rate	50.6%	47.2%	47.2%	28.1%	38.8%	50.6%	38.3%	38.5%
Net Income Margin	1.3%	1.7%	-0.5%	0.6%	2.0%	0.6%	0.7%	1.1%

Source: Integrated Electrical Services SEC documents.

\* Restructuring charges are associated with reorganizing the business and are primarily costs associated with reductions in staff.

# **Balance Sheet**

(Dollars in Thousands)	September 30,		December 31,	
	2001	2002	<u>2002</u>	
Assets				
Current Assets:				
	¢2 175	\$22,770	¢10.063	
Cash and cash equivalents Accounts Receivable:	\$3,475	\$32,779	\$19,062	
	275 022	227 210	220 210	
Trade, net of allowance	275,922	237,310	228,310	
Retainage	64,933	62,482	61,844	
Related party	222	153	144	
Cost and estimated earnings in excess of billings on	<b>(2.2.4</b> )		4.4.00	
uncompleted contracts	62,249	46,314	46,007	
Inventories	21,855	23,651	22,677	
Prepaid expenses and other current assets	23,858	35,041	35,066	
Total current assets	452,514	437,730	413,110	
Property and equipment, net	70,343	61,577	58,899	
Goodwill, net	482,654	198,220	198,005	
Other noncurrent assets, net	27,992	24,112	23,683	
Total assets	\$1,033,503	\$721,639	\$693,697	
Liabilities and Stockholder's Equity				
Current Liabilities				
Short-term debt and current maturities of long-term debt	\$679	\$570	\$467	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	164,272	141,398	115,505	
Income taxes payable	700		167	
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on	100		10	
uncompleted projects	50,234	51,548	45,383	
Total current liabilities	215,885	193,516	161,522	
Long-term bank debt	12,000	_		
Other long-term debt	872	504	381	
Senior subordinated notes, net	273,210	247,935	247,932	
Other noncurrent liabilities	2,892	25,252	26,651	
Total liabilities	504,859	467,207	436,486	
Stockholders' Equity:				
Preferred stock, \$0.1 par value	_	_		
Common stock, \$0.01 par value	383	385	385	
Restricted voting common Stock, \$0,01 par value	26	26	26	
Additional paid in capital	428,697	428,427	428,420	
Treasury stock, at cost	(9,181)	(9,774)	(10,795	
Retained earnings (deficit)	108,719	(164,632)	(160,825	
Total shareholders' equity Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	528,644 \$1,033,503	254,432	257,211	
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Source: Integrated Electrical Service SEC documents.

# **Statement of Cash Flows**

(Dollars in Thousands)	Year F	Year Ended September 30,		Quarter Ended December 31	
	2000	2001	2002	2001	200
Cash Flows from Operating Activities					
Net income (loss)	\$21,156	\$28,710	(\$273,351)	(\$285,097)	\$3,807
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash	<i>Q</i> 21,100	¢20,710	(\$270,001)	(\$200,0077)	\$2,00
provided by operating activities:					
Cummulative effect of change in accounting principle	_	-	283,284	283,284	
Allowance for doubtful accounts	1,768	912	4,324	705	379
Deferred income taxes	(177)	(4,938)	6,175	105	57,
Depreciation and amortization	32,656	30,345	18,633	4,227	3,650
(Gain) loss on sale of property and equipment	(145)	(287)	1,547	(71)	5,05
Non-cash compensation charge	5,378	568	1,422	1,422	5,
Gain on divestitures	-	-	(2,145)	-	(2)
Changes in operating assets and liabilities			(2,1.0)		(2)
Increase (decrease) in:					
Accounts receivable, net	(82,917)	26,163	30,943	6,637	8,401
Inventories	(2,900)	(4,979)	(2,770)	(5,622)	873
Costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on	(2,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	(1,277)	(2,770)	(0,022)	07.
uncompleted contracts	(11,489)	(10,785)	14,524	11,745	10
Prepaid expenses an other current assets	(1,096)	(15,640)	(9,824)	3,541	(2)
Other noncurrent assets	(4,329)	2,840	3,199	(1,144)	429
Increase (decrease) in:	(.,	_,	-,	(-, )	
Accounts payable and accrued expenses	72,763	(37,831)	(37,739)	(31,537)	(10,07
Billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on	,	(0,000)	(21,127)	(00,000)	(,
uncompleted contracts	15,131	(6,414)	3,709	6,904	(6,101
Other current liabilities	(2,880)	(250)	172	(452)	16
Other noncurrent liabilities	295	220	11,264	1,219	1,612
Net cash provided by (used in) operating activities	\$43,214	\$8,634	\$53,367	(\$4,239)	\$3,253
r					,
Cash Flows From Investing Activities					
Proceeds from sale of property and equipment	2,742	1,467	895	170	1,056
Additions of property and equipment	(28,381)	(25,801)	(11,895)	(3,942)	(2,529
Purchase of businesses, net of cash acquired	(33,225)	(233)	-	-	
Sale of businesses	-	-	7,549	-	1,084
Investments in securities	(1,670)	(5,599)	(300)	-	
Additions to note receivable from affiliate	-	(1,250)	(583)	(583)	
Net cash used in investing activities	(\$60,534)	(\$31,416)	(\$4,334)	(\$4,355)	(\$389
Cash Flows From Financing Activities	(2,424	221 744	74 (12	44 201	
Borrowings	63,434	231,744	74,613	44,291	(15.02)
Repayments of debt	(48,278)	(192,811)	(97,941)	(36,721)	(15,835
Proceeds from sale of interest rate swaps	-	-	4,040	-	(7.6)
Purchase of treasury stock	-	(10,376)	(984)	-	(769
Payments for debt issuance costs	-	(5,358)	-	-	
Proceeds from issuance of stock	-	1,038	-	1,712	18
Proceeds from issuance of stock to employees	-	980	-	-	
Proceeds from exercise of stock options	3	270	543	4	(01 - 50)
Net cash provided by (used in) financing activities	\$15,159	\$25,487	(\$19,729)	\$9,286	(\$16,58
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents	(2,161)	2,705	29,304	692	(13,71)
Cash and equivalents, beginning of period	2,931	770	3,475	3,475	32,779
Cash and equivalents, end of period	\$770	\$3,475	\$32,779	\$4,167	\$19,062
Supplemental disclosure of cash flow information					
Cash paid for:					
Interest	\$23,151	\$23,793	\$23,117	\$475	\$277
	24,832	30,667	5,091	3,383	

Source: Integrated Electrical Service SEC documents.

## **Appendix I – Construction Accounting Primer**

As an electrical contractor, IES uses construction accounting conventions as prescribed under GAAP accounting. The primary issue surrounding construction accounting is recognition of revenue from longer-term construction contracts. With longer-term fixedprice contracts, contractors generally use the percentage of completion method of accounting. This method requires companies to estimate the percentage of a project that it has completed work on. There are several acceptable methods for determining percentage of completion such as: the ratio of costs incurred to date to the total expected costs at completion, the ratio of labor hours or dollars incurred to date to the total expected labor hours or dollars at completion, or any other rationale and systematic method. IES uses the ratio of costs incurred to date to the total expected costs at completion to estimate percentage of completion. Generally, if 40% of a project's cost has been incurred over a 6 month period then the company should recognize 40% of the revenues and 40% of the profits related to the project. The primary issue in percentage of completion accounting is the use of estimates for total costs at completion. If estimates change during a project, the impact of the change in profitability is recognized in the period in which the estimate is changed. The following example illustrates how changes in estimates can impact the profitability across periods.

### **Example:**

- Fixed price contract to be completed over 2 accounting periods.
- Total contract amount equals \$1 million.
- Cost of project to contractor is \$850,000 for a 15% margin at completion.

	Period 1	Period 2	Total
Revenue	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Cost of Goods Sold	425,000	425,000	850,000
Gross Profit	\$75,000	\$75,000	\$150,000
Gross Margin	15.0%	15.0%	15.0%

#### **Company Estimates Are Correct Throughout Project**

#### The Project is Completed at a Higher Profit Than Originally Estimated

	Period 1	Period 2	Total
Revenue	\$500,000	\$500,000	\$1,000,000
Cost of Goods Sold	425,000	400,000	825,000
Gross Profit	\$75,000	\$100,000	\$175,000
Gross Margin	15.0%	20.0%	17.5%

In the second example above, the original profit estimates are significantly understated. In period two, the profitability on the project rises as profits "catch up" to reflect a 17.5% margin over the life of the contract. For companies with long projects that last for 2 to 3 years, the risk of under- or overstating revenues and profitability for several quarters exists, but for companies with an average project life of 2 to 3 months, this risk is substantially reduced. The average project life at IES is only 6 to 8 months so any inaccuracies in estimates are corrected fairly quickly. Additionally, because of IES' size and large number of projects, under- and overestimates across the Company will tend to offset each other.

Under percentage of completion accounting, contract revenue is based on costs incurred while customer billings may be impacted by other factors such as: achieving certain milestones, acceptance of completed work by the customer or some other schedule. Because of this discrepancy, contract revenue recognized is usually different from the amount billed as the project progresses. When revenue recognized exceeds customer billings the excess is reported as a current asset referred to as "costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings on uncompleted contracts". Sometimes it may be referred to as "underbillings" or "unbilled receivables" although these are not GAAP terms.

Conversely, when customer billings exceed contract revenue recognized, the excess is reported as a current liability referred to as "billings in excess of costs and estimated earnings on uncompleted contracts". Sometimes it may be referred to as "overbillings" although this is not a GAAP term. When calculating days sales outstanding underbillings should be added to accounts receivable and overbillings should be subtracted from accounts receivable.

The other balance sheet term that sometimes causes confusion is retainage. It is a current asset on the balance sheet that is a subcategory of accounts receivable. Often some portion of payment is held at the completion of a contract for some period of time almost like a warranty. The amount of retainage on a project is determined upfront when the terms of the contract are negotiated and is typically 5% to 10% of the overall revenue on the project.