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Forward Looking Statement

All statements included in this Annual Report on Form 10-K, other than statements or characterizations of historical fact, are forwardlooking statements. These "forward-looking statements" within the meaning of the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, are based on our current expectations, estimates and projections about our industry, management's beliefs, and certain assumptions made by us, all of which are subject to change. Forward-looking statements can often be identified by words such as "anticipates," "expects," "intends," "plans," "predicts," "believes," "seeks," "estimates," "may," "will," "should," "would," "could," "potential," "continue," "ongoing," similar expressions, and variations or negatives of these words. These statements appear in a number of places in this Form 10-K and include statements regarding the intent, belief or current expectations of Bridgeline Digital, Inc. These forward-looking statements are not guarantees of future results and are subject to risks, uncertainties and assumptions, including, but not limited to, the impact of the COVID - 19 pandemic and related public health measures that may affect our financial results; business operations and the business of our customers, suppliers and partners; our ability to retain and upgrade current customers, increasing our recurring revenue, our ability to attract new customers, our revenue growth rate; our history of net loss and our ability to achieve or maintain profitability, our liability for any unauthorized access to our data or our users' content, including through privacy and data security breaches; any decline in demand for our platform or products; changes in the interoperability of our platform across devices, operating systems, and third party applications that we do no control; competition in our markets; our ability to respond to rapid technological changes, extend our platform, develop new features or products, or gain market acceptance for such new features or products, particularly in light of potential disruptions to the productivity of our employees resulting from remote work; our ability to manage our growth or plan for future growth, and our acquisition of other businesses and the potential of such acquisitions to require significant management attention, disrupt our business, or dilute stockholder value; the volatility of the market price of our common stock, the ability to maintain our listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market, or our ability to maintain an effective system of internal controls as well as other risks described in our filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission. Any of such risks could cause our actual results to differ materially and adversely from those expressed in any forward-looking statement. Bridgeline Digital, Inc. assumes no obligation to, and does not currently intend to, update any such forward-looking statements, except as required by applicable law. We urge readers to review carefully the risk factors described herein and in the other documents that we file with the Securities and Exchange Commission. You can read these documents at www.sec.gov.

Where we say "we," "us," "our," "Company" or "Bridgeline" or "Bridgeline Digital" we mean Bridgeline Digital, Inc.

PART I

Item 1. Business.

Overview

Bridgeline Digital, The Digital Engagement Company, helps customers maximize the performance of their full digital experience from websites and intranets to eCommerce experiences. Bridgeline's Unbound platform is a Digital Experience Platform that deeply integrates Web Content Management, eCommerce, eMarketing, Social Media management, and Web Analytics (Insights) with the goal of assisting marketers to deliver exceptional digital experiences that attract, engage, nurture and convert their customers across all channels. Bridgeline offers a core accelerator framework for rapidly implementing digital experiences on the Bridgeline Unbound platform, which provides customers with cost-effective solutions in addition to velocity to market.

Bridgeline's Unbound platform combined with its professional services assists customers in digital business transformation, driving lead generation, increasing revenue, improving customer service and loyalty, enhancing employee knowledge, and reducing operational costs. The Bridgeline Unbound platform bridges the gaps between Web Content Management, eCommerce, eMarketing, and social and web analytics by providing all of these components in one unified and deeply integrated platform.

Our Unbound Franchise product empowers large franchises, healthcare networks, associations/chapters and other multi-unit organizations to manage a large hierarchy of digital properties at scale. The platform provides an easy-to-use administrative console that enables corporate marketing to provide consistency in branding and messaging while providing flexible publishing capabilities at the local-market level. The platform empowers brand networks to unify, manage, scale and optimize a hierarchy of web properties and marketing campaigns on a global, national and local level.

The Unbound platform is delivered through a cloud-based software as a service ("SaaS") model, whose flexible architecture provides customers with state-of-the-art deployment providing maintenance, daily technical operation and support; or via a traditional perpetual licensing business model, in which the software resides on a dedicated infrastructure in either the customer's facility or manage-hosted by Bridgeline via a cloud-based hosted services model.

OrchestraCMS, delivered through a cloud-based SaaS, is the only content and digital experience platform built 100% native on Salesforce and helps customers create compelling digital experiences for their customers, partners, and employees; uniquely combining content with business data, processes and applications across any channel or device, including Salesforce Communities, social media, portals, intranets, websites, applications and services.

Celebros Search, delivered through a cloud-based SaaS, is a commerce-oriented site search product that provides for Natural Language Processing with artificial intelligence to present very relevant search results based on long-tail keyword searches in seven languages.

Bridgeline Digital was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on August 28, 2000.

Locations

The Company's corporate office is located in Woburn, Massachusetts. The Company maintains regional field offices serving the following geographical locations: Boston, MA; New York, NY; and Ontario, Canada. The Company has three wholly-owned subsidiaries: Bridgeline Digital Pvt. Ltd. located in Bangalore, India; Bridgeline Digital Canada Inc. located in Ontario, Canada; and Stantive Technologies Pty Ltd. located in Australia.

Products and Services

Products

Bridgeline Unbound Platform

Subscription and Perpetual Licenses

Bridgeline Unbound is available as either a SaaS or perpetual license and is reported as subscription and perpetual licenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

The Bridgeline Unbound platform provides a unified common set of shared software modules that are critical to today's mission critical websites, on-line stores, intranets, extranets, and portals. The Bridgeline Unbound platform empowers companies and developers to create websites, web applications and online stores with advanced business logic, state-of-the-art graphical user interfaces, and improved quality.

The Bridgeline Unbound platform is a Digital Experience Platform (DXP) that unifies Content Management, eCommerce, eMarketing, and Analytic capabilities deep within the websites, intranets or online stores in which they reside, enabling customers to enhance and optimize the value of their web properties and better engage their website users. The Bridgeline Unbound platform significantly enhances WEM and Customer Experience Management (CXM) capabilities.

The Bridgeline Unbound Franchise offering was built specifically to support the needs of multi-unit organizations and franchises. Bridgeline's cloud-based platform allows companies to execute local marketing campaigns, follow Search Engine Optimization (SEO) best practices, drive eCommerce initiatives, and measure results with actionable analytics.

The Bridgeline Unbound suite of products includes:

- Bridgeline Unbound Experience Manager is a marketing automation engine and content management system in one delivering the digital experiences consumers demand. Centered on robust audience segmentation and list management, the tool allows marketers to easily create personalized customer journeys. Each Bridgeline Unbound implementation incorporates a set of flexible templates and modules to get you started quickly in building your full digital experience with Bridgeline Unbound Pro. From there, you can opt to further customize these templates and incorporate any necessary custom application integrations with Bridgeline Unbound Enterprise to meet an organization's unique business needs.
- Bridgeline Unbound Content Manager allows non-technical users to create, edit, and publish content via a browser-based interface. The advanced, easy-to-use interface allows businesses to keep content and promotions fresh whether for a public commercial site or a company intranet. Bridgeline Unbound Content Manager handles the presentation of content based on a sophisticated indexing and security scheme that includes management of front-end access to online applications. The system provides a robust library functionality to manage permissions, versions and organization of different content types, including multimedia files and images. Administrators are able to easily configure a simple or advanced workflow. The system can accommodate the complexity of larger companies with strict regulatory policies. Bridgeline Unbound Content Manager is uniquely integrated and unified with Bridgeline Unbound Insights, Bridgeline Unbound Commerce, and Bridgeline Unbound Marketing; providing our customers with precise information, accurate results, expansion options, and stronger user adoption.
- Bridgeline Unbound Commerce is an online B2B and B2C Commerce solution that allows users to maximize and manage all aspects of their domestic and international Commerce initiatives. The customizable dashboard provides customers with a real-time overview of the performance of their online stores, including sales trends, demographics, profit margins, inventory levels, inventory alerts, fulfillment deficiencies, average check out times, potential production issues, and delivery times. Bridgeline Unbound Commerce also provides backend access to payment and shipping gateways. In combining Bridgeline Unbound Commerce with Bridgeline Unbound Insights and Bridgeline Unbound Marketing, our customers can take their Commerce initiatives to an advanced level by personalizing their product offerings, improving their marketing effectiveness, providing value-added services and cross selling additional products. Bridgeline Unbound Commerce is uniquely integrated and unified with Bridgeline Unbound Insights, Bridgeline Unbound Content Manager, and Bridgeline Unbound Marketing; providing our customers with precise information, more accurate results, expansion options, and stronger user adoption.
- Bridgeline Unbound Marketing is a powerful online marketing management solution that helps marketers drive more qualified traffic to their sites through personalized and highly targeted marketing automation flows. Marketing's powerful feature set includes end-to-end campaign administration from drag-and-drop landing pages with our flexible form builder to behavior-based drip email campaigns, add-on dynamic contact and distribution list management, event-based response marketing, wizard-driven email campaign creation, as well as built-in goal tracking tools to measure campaign effectiveness and ROI.
- Bridgeline Unbound Insights provides the ability to manage, measure and optimize web properties by recording detailed events and subsequently mine data within a web application for statistical analysis. Our customers have access to information regarding where their visitors are coming from, what content and products their viewers are most interested in, and how they navigate through a particular web application. Through user-definable web reports, Bridgeline Unbound Insights provides deep insight into areas like visitor usage, content access, age of content, actions taken, event triggers, and reports on both client and server-side events. Bridgeline Unbound Insight's smart recommendation engine uses this data and identifies actionable solutions that enable our customers to optimize site content and reach their digital campaign goals.
- Bridgeline Unbound Social is a social media management solution that empowers customers to easily set up customized
 watch lists tailored by social network, topic, or author to monitor relevant conversations happening on social media, popular
 websites and blogs. Customers can also prioritize and engage in conversations across the web and leverage the power of
 publishing content to department, dealer, franchise or other social media accounts.
- Bridgeline Unbound Franchises is a web content management and eCommerce platform built specifically to support the needs of multi-unit organizations and franchises. Bridgeline Unbound Franchise deeply integrates content management, eCommerce, eMarketing, and web analytics and is a self-service web platform that is offered to each authorized franchise or multi-unit organization for a monthly subscription fee. Bridgeline Unbound Franchise acts as a control center for a large organization's distributed websites enabling local content publishing that is managed through a workflow approval process that gives corporate marketing control of the brand and message. Bridgeline Unbound Franchise also supports responsive design that adapts to specific device screen sizes access a website, driving more positive user experiences and engagement. Bridgeline Unbound Franchise is a cloud-based SaaS solution.

In addition, Bridgeline also provides an alternative Digital Experience Platform that is 100% native on Salesforce called OrchestraCMS. This software is available as a SaaS license and is reported as subscription licenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

OrchestraCMS by Bridgeline is the only content and digital experience platform built 100% native on Salesforce.
 OrchestraCMS helps Salesforce customers create compelling digital experiences for their customers, partners, and employees; uniquely combining content with business data, processes and applications across any channel or device, including Salesforce Communities, social media, portals, intranets, websites, applications and services.

OrchestraCMS also has a rich set of APIs to enable development of custom solutions, third-party integrations and delivery of digital transformation initiatives on the Salesforce platform helping customers drive deeper engagement and collaboration, increase efficiency and minimize risk.

Finally, Bridgeline supports an enterprise site search solution with its Celebros Search product. This software is available as a SaaS license and is reported as subscription licenses in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

• Celebros Search by Bridgeline is a commerce-oriented, site search product that provides for Natural Language Processing and incorporates with artificial intelligence to present very relevant search results based on long-tail keyword searches. Celebros Search understands which word in the search query is a product, an attribute or an expression that is related to a price or product. With the use of natural language and intent algorithms, Celebros Search ensures that customers receive the best results every time, no matter the length or complexity of the search query. Celebros Search is a leading semantic search and conversion technology that is available in seven languages. Celebros Search has plug-ins into the Bridgeline Unbound Commerce offering in addition to many other third-party Commerce platforms such as Magento, Shopify, Hybris and more.

Celebros Search customers include many e-Commerce retailers and merchants in eleven countries, including the United States, Europe and Asia. A number of these are among Internet Retailer's Top 100/500 companies and represent a broad range of industry segments, revenue and catalog sizes.

Services

Revenue from Digital Engagement Services

Revenue from all digital engagement services is reported as digital engagement services in the accompanying consolidated financial statements.

Digital Engagement Services

Digital engagement services address specific customer needs such as digital strategy, web design and web development, usability engineering, information architecture, and SEO for their mission critical web site, intranet or online store. Application development engagements are often sold as part of a multiple element arrangement that includes our software products, hosting arrangements (i.e. Managed Service Hosting) that provide for the use of certain hardware and infrastructure through our partnership with Amazon Web Services or retained professional services subsequent to completion of the application development.

Digital Strategy Services

Bridgeline helps customers maximize the effectiveness of their online marketing activities to ensure that their web applications can be exposed to the potential customers that use search engines to locate products and services. Bridgeline's SEO services include competitive analysis, website review, keyword generation, proprietary leading page technology, ongoing registration, monthly reports, and monitoring. Bridgeline's web analytics experts offer consulting and assistance in implementing Bridgeline Unbound Insights or any other type of web analytics package.

Usability Design

By integrating usability into traditional development life cycles, we believe our usability experts can significantly enhance a user's experience. Our usability professionals provide the following services: usability audits, information architecture, process analysis and optimization, interface design and user testing. Our systematic and user-centered approach to application development focuses on developing applications that are intuitive, accessible, engaging, and effective. Our goal is to produce a net effect of increased traffic, improved visitor retention, increased user productivity, reduced user error, lower support cost, and reduced long-term development cost.

Information Architecture

Information Architecture is a design methodology focused on structuring information to ensure that users can find the appropriate data and can complete their desired transactions within a website or application. Understanding users and the context in which users will be initiating with a web application is central to information architecture. Information architects try to put themselves in the position of a typical user of an application to better understand a user's characteristics, behaviors, intentions and motivations. At the same time, the information architect develops an understanding of a web application's functionality and data structures. The understanding of these components enables the architect to make customer-centric decisions about the end user and then translate those decisions into site maps, wire frames and clickable prototypes.

Information architecture forms the foundation of a web application's usability. The extent to which a web application is user-friendly and is widely adopted by a user base is primarily dependent on the success of the information architecture. Information architecture defines how well users can navigate through a website or application and how easily they can find the desired information or function. As digital engagement becomes more standard and commoditized, information architecture will increase as a differentiator for application developers.

Sales and Marketing

Overview

Bridgeline employs a direct sales force to sell enterprise Bridgeline Unbound engagements. Our direct sales force focuses its efforts selling to mid-sized and large companies. These companies are generally categorized in the following vertical markets: financial services, retail brand names, health services and life sciences, technology (software and hardware), credit unions and regional banks, as well as associations and foundations.

We also pursue strategic alliances and partnerships that will enhance the sales and distribution opportunities of Bridgeline Unbound- related intellectual property.

Engagement Methodology

We use an accountable, strategic engagement process developed specifically for target companies that require a technology-based professional approach. We believe it is critical to qualify each opportunity and to assure our skill set and tools match up well with each customer's needs. As an essential part of every engagement, we believe our engagement methodology streamlines our customer qualification process, strengthens our customer relationships, ensures our skill set and tools match the customer's needs, and results in the submission of targeted proposals.

Organic Growth from Existing Customer Base

Our business development professionals seek ongoing business opportunities within our existing customer base and within other operating divisions or subsidiaries of our existing customer base.

New Customer Acquisition

We identify customers within our vertical expertise (financial services, franchise/dealer networks, retail brand names, health services and life sciences, high technology, credit unions and regional banks, as well as associations and foundations). Our business development professionals create an annual territory plan identifying various strategies to engage our target customers.

Customer Retention Programs

We use digital marketing capabilities when marketing to our customer base. We make available via email and on our website Bridgeline-authored Whitepapers, featured case studies, and/or Company-related announcements to our customers on a bimonthly basis. We also host educational on-line webinars, face-to-face seminars and training.

New Lead Generation Programs

We generate targeted leads and new business opportunities by leveraging on-line marketing strategies. We receive leads by maximizing the SEO capabilities of our own website. Through our website, we provide various educational Whitepapers and promote upcoming on-line seminars. In addition, we utilize banner advertisements on various independent newsletters and paid search advertisements that are linked to our website. We also participate and exhibit at targeted events.

Social Media Programs

We market Bridgeline's upcoming events, Whitepapers, blogs, case studies, digital product tutorials, announcements, and related articles frequently on leading social media platforms such as Twitter, LinkedIn, YouTube and Facebook.

Acquisitions

On February 13, 2019, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Seevolution Inc., a Delaware corporation, Celebros, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Elisha Gilboa, an individual and shareholder of Seevolution (the "Seevolution Asset Purchase Agreement"). The Seevolution Asset Purchase Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Company acquired certain assets in exchange for consideration paid consisting of (1) \$418 in cash at the time of purchase, (ii) the payment of \$100 of additional cash to be paid out \$10 per month for ten months starting April 30, 2019, and (iii) 40,000 shares of Bridgeline Digital common stock. Costs to complete the transaction were approximately \$18 thousand.

On March 13, 2019, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Stantive Technologies Group Inc. ("Stantive"), a corporation organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada, to purchase substantially all of the assets of Stantive and assume certain liabilities. The Company also acquired all of the outstanding stock of Stantive Technologies Group, Pty, a company incorporated in Australia, which was a subsidiary of Stantive. The total purchase price, including cure costs, for Stantive and its Australian subsidiary was approximately \$5.2 million in cash.

There were no acquisitions during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

Research and Development

We have research and development activities focusing on creating new products and innovations, product enhancements, and funding future market opportunities. Research and development expenses were approximately \$1.6 million or 15% of revenues and \$2.2 million or 22% of revenues during fiscal 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Employees

We had 39 employees worldwide as of September 30, 2020. All of these employees were full-time employees.

Customers

We primarily serve the following vertical markets that we believe have a history of investing in information technology enhancements and initiatives:

- Franchises/Multi-unit Organizations
- Health Services and Life Sciences
- Technology (software and hardware)
- Credit Unions and Regional Banks
- Consumer Retail and Apparel
- Associations and Foundations

For the year ended September 30, 2020, one customer generated approximately 12% of our revenue. For the year ended September 30, 2019, two customers each generated approximately 11% and 15% of our revenue.

Competition

The markets for our products and services, including software for web content management, eCommerce platform software, eMarketing software, web analytics software and digital engagement services are highly competitive, fragmented, and rapidly changing. Barriers to entry in such markets remain relatively low. The markets are significantly affected by new product introductions and other market activities of industry participants. With the introduction of new technologies and market entrants, we expect competition to persist and intensify in the future.

We believe we compete adequately with others and we distinguish ourselves from our competitors in a number of ways, including:

- We believe our competitors generally offer their web application software typically as a single point of entry type product (such
 as content management only, or commerce only) as compared to the deeply integrated approach provided by the Bridgeline
 Unbound platform.
- We believe our competitors can generally only deploy their solutions in either a Cloud/SaaS environment or in a dedicated server environment. The Bridgeline Unbound platform's architecture is flexible and is capable of being deployed in either a Cloud/SaaS or dedicated server environment.
- We believe the majority of our competitors do not provide interactive technology development services that complement their software products. Our ability to develop mission critical web sites and online stores on our own deeply integrated Bridgeline Unbound platform provides a quality end-to-end solution that distinguishes us from our competitors.
- We believe the interface of the Bridgeline Unbound platform has been designed for ease of use without substantial technical skills.
- Finally, we believe the Bridgeline Unbound platform offers a competitive price-to-functionality ratio when compared to our competitors.

Patents, Trademarks, and Trade Secrets

We own a number of trade secrets, licenses and trademarks related to Bridgeline products and services and their loss could have a material adverse effect on the Company. We do not own any patents. For additional information see Risk Factor – *If we are unable to protect our proprietary technology and other intellectual property rights, our ability to compete in the marketplace may be substantially reduced.*

Available Information

This Annual Report on Form 10-K, as well as our quarterly reports on Form 10-Q and current reports on Form 8-K, along with any amendments to those reports, are made available upon request, on our website www.bridgeline.com as soon as reasonably practicable after such material is electronically filed with or furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission ("SEC"). Copies of the following are also available through our website on the "About Us - Investor Information" page and are available in print to any shareholder who requests it:

- Code of Business Ethics
- Committee Charters for the following Board Committees:
 - o Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee
 - o Audit Committee
 - o Compensation Committee

The public may read and copy any materials that we file with the SEC at the SEC's Public Reference Room at 450 Fifth Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20549. Information regarding the SEC's Public Reference Room can be obtained by calling the SEC at 1-800-SEC-0330. The SEC also maintains an Internet site that contains reports, proxy and information statements, and other information and can be found at http://www.sec.gov.

Item 1A. Risk Factors

This report contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties, such as statements of our objectives, expectations and intentions. The cautionary statements made in this report are applicable to all forward-looking statements wherever they appear in this report. Our actual results could differ materially from those discussed herein. In addition to the risks discussed in "Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations," our business is subject to the risks set forth below.

We operate in a rapidly changing environment that involves certain risks and uncertainties, some of which are beyond our control. The risks described below are not the only risks we face. Additional risks and uncertainties not currently known to us or that we currently deem to be immaterial may also materially adversely affect our business, financial condition and/or operating results.

Risk Factors

We have incurred significant net losses since inception and expect to continue to incur operating losses for the foreseeable future. We may never achieve or sustain profitability, which would depress the market price of our common stock and could cause you to lose all or a part of your investment.

We have net income of \$326 thousand for the year ended September 30, 2020, which includes government grant income of \$960 thousand. Since our inception in 2000 through fiscal 2019, we have incurred net losses. During fiscal 2019, net losses were \$9.5 million, inclusive of goodwill impairment charge of \$3.7 million. As of September 30, 2020, we had an accumulated deficit of approximately \$73.6 million. We do not know whether or when we will become profitable. Our prior losses, combined with expected future losses, have had and will continue to have an adverse effect on our stockholders' equity and working capital. Because of the numerous risks and uncertainties associated with our business, we are unable to predict the extent of any future losses or when we will become profitable, if at all. Even if we do become profitable, we may not be able to sustain or increase our profitability on a quarterly or annual basis.

We may require additional financing to execute our business plan and further expand our operations.

We may require additional funding to further expand our operations. We depend on financing sources, either debt or equity, or a combination thereof, which may not be available to us in a timely basis if at all, or on terms acceptable to us. Further, our ability to obtain financing may be limited by rules of the NASDAQ Capital Market.

On August 17, 2020, the Company entered into an arrangement with an investment banking firm (the "Manager") to sell up to \$4,796,090 of shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value (the "ATM Offering"). The ATM Offering shall remain in effect until the earlier of August 17, 2021, or upon written notice of termination by either the Company or the Manager. The Company currently intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of shares pursuant to the ATM Offering for working capital and general corporate purposes. As of September 30, 2020, there have been no shares of common stock sold under the ATM offering. If we fail to obtain acceptable funding when needed, we may not have sufficient resources to fund our operations, and this would have a material adverse effect on our business.

A reduction in our license renewal rate could reduce our revenue.

Our customers have no obligation to renew their subscription licenses, and some customers have elected not to do so. Our license renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including customer dissatisfaction with our products and services, our failure to update our products to maintain their attractiveness in the market, or constraints or changes in budget priorities faced by our customers. A decline in license renewal rates could cause our revenue to decline, which would have a material adverse effect on our operations.

We are dependent upon a small number of major customers, and a failure to renew our licenses with such customers could reduce our revenue.

During fiscal 2020, one of our customers accounted for approximately 12% of total sales. Our customers have no obligation to renew their subscription licenses, and some customers have elected not to do so, including a number of our large customers in the recent two fiscal years. Our license renewal rates may decline or fluctuate as a result of a number of factors, including customer dissatisfaction with our products and services, our failure to update our products to maintain their attractiveness in the market, or constraints or changes in budget priorities faced by our customers. A decline in license renewal rates could cause our revenue to decline, which would have a material adverse effect on our operations.

The length of our sales cycle can fluctuate significantly, which could result in significant fluctuations in license revenues being recognized from quarter to quarter.

The decision by a customer to purchase our products often involves the development of a complex implementation plan across a customer's business. This process often requires a significant commitment of resources both by prospective customers and us. Given the significant investment and commitment of resources required in order to implement our software, it may take several months, or even several quarters, for marketing opportunities to materialize. If a customer's decision to purchase our products is delayed or if the installation of our products takes longer than originally anticipated, the date on which we may recognize revenue from these sales would be delayed. Such delays and fluctuations could cause our revenue to be lower than expected in a particular period, and we may not be able to adjust our costs quickly enough to offset such lower revenue, potentially negatively impacting our results of operations.

We depend on a third-party cloud platform provider to host our Bridgeline Unbound SaaS environment and managed services business and if we were to experience a disruption in service, our business and reputation could suffer.

We host our SaaS and managed hosting customers via a third-party, Amazon Web Services. If upon renewal date our third-party provider does not provide commercially reasonable terms, we may be required to transfer our services to a new provider, such as a data center facility, and we may incur significant equipment costs and possible service interruption in connection with doing so. Interruptions in our services might reduce our revenue, cause us to issue credits or refunds to customers, subject us to potential liability, or harm our renewal rates.

If our security measures or those of our third-party cloud computing platform provider are breached and unauthorized access is obtained to a customer's data, our services may be perceived as not being secure, and we may incur significant legal and financial exposure and liabilities.

Security breaches could expose us to a risk of loss of our customers' information, litigation and possible liability. While we have security measures in place, they may be breached as a result of third-party action, including intentional misconduct by computer hackers, employee error, malfeasance or otherwise and result in someone obtaining unauthorized access to our IT systems, our customers' data or our data, including our intellectual property and other confidential business information. Because the techniques used to obtain unauthorized access, or to sabotage systems, change frequently and generally are not recognized until launched against a target, we may be unable to implement adequate preventative measures. In addition, our customers may authorize third-party technology providers to access their customer data, and some of our customers may not have adequate security measures in place to protect their data that is stored on our services. Because we do not control our customers or third-party technology providers, or the processing of such data by third-party technology providers, we cannot ensure the integrity or security of such transmissions or processing. Malicious third parties may also conduct attacks designed to temporarily deny customers access to our services. Any security breach could result in a loss of confidence in the security of our services, damage our reputation, negatively impact our future sales, disrupt our business and lead to legal liability.

We rely on encryption and authentication technology from third parties to provide the security and authentication to effectively secure transmission of confidential information, including consumer payment card numbers. Such technology may not be sufficient to protect the transmission of such confidential information or these technologies may have material defects that may compromise the confidentiality or integrity of the transmitted data. Any imposition of liability, particularly liability that is not covered by insurance or is in excess of insurance coverage, could harm our reputation, business and operating results. We might be required to expend significant capital and other resources to protect further against security breaches or to rectify problems caused by any security breach, which, in turn could divert funds available for corporate growth and expansion or future acquisitions.

Our operating lease commitments may adversely affect our financial condition and cash flows from operations.

We have contractual commitments in operating lease arrangements. Our ability to meet our expenses and contractual commitments will depend on our future performance, which will be affected by financial, business, economic, regulatory and other factors. We will not be able to control many of these factors, such as economic conditions and governmental regulations. Further, our operations may not generate sufficient cash to enable us to service our working capital needs or contractual obligations resulting from our leases. If we are at any time unable to generate sufficient cash flows from operations, we may be required to obtain additional sources of financing. There can be no assurance that we would be able to successfully renegotiate such terms, that additional financing could be obtained on terms that are favorable or acceptable to us. Refer to the Risk Factor - We may require additional financing to execute our business plan and further expand our operations, for a description of capital raising activities.

We face intense and growing competition, which could result in price reductions, reduced operating margins and loss of market share.

We operate in a highly competitive marketplace and generally encounter intense competition to create and maintain demand for our services and to obtain service contracts. If we are unable to successfully compete for new business and license renewals, our revenue growth and operating margins may decline. The market for our Bridgeline Unbound platform (Content Manager, Insights, Commerce, Marketer, Social) and web development services are competitive and rapidly changing. Barriers to entry in such markets are relatively low. With the introduction of new technologies and market entrants, we expect competition to intensify in the future. Some of our principal competitors offer their products at a lower price, which may result in pricing pressures. Such pricing pressures and increased competition generally could result in reduced sales, reduced margins or the failure of our product and service offerings to achieve or maintain more widespread market acceptance.

The web development/services market is highly fragmented with a large number of competitors and potential competitors. Our prominent public company competitors are Big Commerce, Salesforce (Commerce Cloud), Episerver, Hubspot, Sitecore, and Adobe (Experience Manager). We face competition from customers and potential customers who develop their own applications internally. We also face competition from potential competitors that are substantially larger than we are and who have significantly greater financial, technical and marketing resources, and established direct and indirect channels of distribution. As a result, they are able to devote greater resources to the development, promotion and sale of their products than we can.

If our products fail to perform properly due to undetected errors or similar problems, our business could suffer, and we could face product liability exposure.

We develop and sell complex web engagement software which may contain undetected errors or bugs. Such errors can be detected at any point in a product's life cycle but are frequently found after introduction of new software or enhancements to existing software. We continually introduce new products and new versions of our products. Despite internal testing and testing by current and potential customers, our current and future products may contain serious defects. If we detect any errors before we ship a product, we might have to delay product shipment for an extended period of time while we address the problem. We might not discover software errors that affect our new or current products or enhancements until after they are deployed, and we may need to provide enhancements to correct such errors. Therefore, it is possible that, despite our testing, errors may occur in our software. These errors could result in the following:

- harm to our reputation;
- lost sales:
- delays in commercial release;
- product liability claims;
- contractual disputes;
- negative publicity;
- delays in or loss of market acceptance of our products;
- license terminations or renegotiations; or
- unexpected expenses and diversion of resources to remedy errors.

Furthermore, our customers may use our software together with products from other companies. As a result, when problems occur, it might be difficult to identify the source of the problem. Even when our software does not cause these problems, the existence of these errors might cause us to incur significant costs, divert the attention of our technical personnel from our product development efforts, impact our reputation, or cause significant customer relations problems.

Technology and customer requirements evolve rapidly in our industry, and if we do not continue to develop new products and enhance our existing products in response to these changes, our business could suffer.

We will need to continue to enhance our products in order to maintain our competitive position. We may not be successful in developing and marketing enhancements to our products on a timely basis, and any enhancements we develop may not adequately address the changing needs of the marketplace. Overlaying the risks associated with our existing products and enhancements are ongoing technological developments and rapid changes in customer requirements. Our future success will depend upon our ability to develop and introduce, in a timely manner, new products that take advantage of technological advances and respond to new customer requirements. The development of new products is increasingly complex and uncertain, which increases the risk of delays. We may not be successful in developing new products and incorporating new technology on a timely basis, and any new products may not adequately address the changing needs of the marketplace. Failure to develop new products and product enhancements that meet market needs in a timely manner could have a material adverse effect on our business, financial condition and operating results.

If we are unable to protect our proprietary technology and other intellectual property rights, our ability to compete in the marketplace may be substantially reduced.

If we are unable to protect our intellectual property, our competitors could use our intellectual property to market products similar to our products, which could decrease demand for such products, thus decreasing our revenue. We rely on a combination of copyright, trademark and trade secret laws, as well as licensing agreements, third-party non-disclosure agreements and other contractual measures to protect our intellectual property rights. These protections may not be adequate to prevent our competitors from copying or reverse-engineering our products. Our competitors may independently develop technologies that are substantially similar or superior to our technology. To protect our trade secrets and other proprietary information, we require employees, consultants, advisors and collaborators to enter into confidentiality agreements. These agreements may not provide meaningful protection for our trade secrets, know-how or other proprietary information in the event of any unauthorized use, misappropriation or disclosure of such trade secrets, know-how or other proprietary information. The protective mechanisms we include in our products may not be sufficient to prevent unauthorized copying. Existing copyright laws afford only limited protection for our intellectual property rights and may not protect such rights in the event competitors independently develop similar products. In addition, the laws of some countries in which our products are or may be licensed do not protect our products and intellectual property rights to the same extent as do the laws of the United States.

Policing unauthorized use of our products is difficult and litigation could become necessary in the future to enforce our intellectual property rights. Any litigation could be time consuming and expensive to prosecute or resolve, result in substantial diversion of management attention and resources, and materially harm our business or financial condition.

If a third party asserts that we infringe upon its proprietary rights, we could be required to redesign our products, pay significant royalties or enter into license agreements.

Claims of infringement are becoming increasingly common as the software industry develops and as related legal protections, including but not limited to patents, are applied to software products. Although we do not believe that our products infringe on the rights of third parties, a third party may assert that our technology or technologies of entities we acquire violates its intellectual property rights. As the number of software products in our markets increases and the functionality of these products further overlap, we believe that infringement claims will become more common. Any claims against us, regardless of their merit, could:

- be expensive and time consuming to defend;
- result in negative publicity;
- force us to stop licensing our products that incorporate the challenged intellectual property;
- require us to redesign our products;
- divert management's attention and our other resources; and/or
- require us to enter into royalty or licensing agreements in order to obtain the right to use necessary technologies, which may not be available on terms acceptable to us, if at all.

We believe that any successful challenge to our use of a trademark or domain name could substantially diminish our ability to conduct business in a particular market or jurisdiction and thus decrease our revenue and result in possible losses to our business.

Increasing government regulation could affect our business and may adversely affect our financial condition.

We are subject not only to regulations applicable to businesses generally, but also to laws and regulations directly applicable to electronic commerce. In addition, an inability to satisfy the standards of certain voluntary third-party certification bodies that our customers may expect, such as an attestation of compliance with the Payment Card Industry ("PCP") Data Security Standards, may have an adverse impact on our business and results. Further, there are various statutes, regulations, and rulings relevant to the direct email marketing and text-messaging industries, including the Telephone Consumer Protection Act ("TCPA"), the CAN-SPAM Act and related Federal Communication Commission ("FCC") orders. The interpretation of many of these statutes, regulations, and rulings is evolving in the courts and administrative agencies and an inability to comply may have an adverse impact on our business and results. If in the future we are unable to achieve or maintain industry-specific certifications or other requirements or standards relevant to our customers, it may harm our business and adversely affect our results.

We may also expand our business in countries that have more stringent data protection laws than those in the United States, and such laws may be inconsistent across jurisdictions and are subject to evolving and differing interpretations. In particular, the European Union has passed the General Data Protection Regulation ("GDPR"), which came into force on May 25, 2018. The GDPR includes more stringent operational requirements for entities that receive or process personal data (as compared to U.S. privacy laws and previous EU laws), along with significant penalties for non-compliance, more robust obligations on data processors and data controllers, greater rights for data subjects, and heavier documentation requirements for data protection compliance programs. Additionally, both laws regulating privacy and third-party products purporting to address privacy concerns could negatively affect the functionality of, and demand for, our products and services, thereby reducing our revenue.

General Risk Factors

Our revenue and quarterly results may fluctuate, which could adversely affect our stock price.

We have experienced, and may in the future experience, significant fluctuations in our quarterly operating results that may be caused by many factors. These factors include, among others:

- changes in demand for our products;
- introduction, enhancement or announcement of products by us or our competitors;
- market acceptance of our new products;
- the growth rates of certain market segments in which we compete;
- size and timing of significant orders;
- budgeting cycles of customers;
- mix of products and services sold;
- changes in the level of operating expenses;
- completion or announcement of acquisitions; and
- general economic conditions in regions in which we conduct business.

If we are unable to manage our future growth efficiently, our business, liquidity, revenues and profitability may suffer.

We anticipate that continued expansion of our core business will require us to address potential market opportunities. For example, we may need to expand the size of our research and development, sales, corporate finance or operations staff. There can be no assurance that our infrastructure will be sufficiently flexible and adaptable to manage our projected growth or that we will have sufficient resources, human or otherwise, to sustain such growth. If we are unable to adequately address these additional demands on our resources, our profitability and growth might suffer. Also, if we continue to expand our operations, management might not be effective in expanding our physical

facilities and our systems, and our procedures or controls might not be adequate to support such expansion. Our inability to manage our growth could harm our business and decrease our revenues.

There may be a limited market for our common stock, which may make it more difficult for you to sell your stock and which may reduce the market price of our common stock.

The average shares traded per day in fiscal 2020 was approximately 484,000 shares per day compared to approximately 264,000 shares for fiscal 2019, 406,000 for fiscal 2018 and 26,000 for fiscal 2017. Our average trading volume of our common stock can be very sporadic and may impair the ability of holders of our common stock to sell their shares at the time they wish to sell them or at a price that they consider reasonable. A low trading volume may also reduce the fair market value of the shares of our common stock. Accordingly, there can be no assurance that the price of our common stock will reflect our actual value. There can be no assurance that the daily trading volume of our common stock will increase or improve either now or in the future.

The market price of our common stock is volatile, which could adversely affect your investment in our common stock.

The market price of our common stock is volatile and could fluctuate significantly for many reasons, including, without limitation: as a result of the risk factors listed in this annual report on Form 10-K; actual or anticipated fluctuations in our operating results; and general economic and industry conditions. During fiscal 2020, the closing price of our common stock as reported by NASDAQ fluctuated between \$0.53 and \$3.62. We are required to meet certain financial criteria in order to maintain our listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market. One such requirement is that we maintain a minimum closing bid price of at least \$1.00 per share for our common stock. If we fail this requirement then NASDAQ will issue a notice that we are not in compliance and we will need to take corrective actions in order to not be delisted. Such corrective actions could be a reverse stock split.

We are dependent upon our management team and the loss of any of these individuals could harm our business.

We are dependent on the efforts of our key management personnel. The loss of any of our key management personnel, or our inability to recruit and train additional key management and other personnel in a timely manner, could materially and adversely affect our business, operations and future prospects. We maintain a key man insurance policy covering our Chief Executive Officer.

Because competition for highly qualified personnel is intense, we might not be able to attract and retain the employees we need to support our planned growth.

We will need to increase the size and maintain the quality of our sales force, software development staff and professional services organization to execute our growth plans. To meet our objectives, we must attract and retain highly qualified personnel with specialized skill sets. Competition for qualified personnel can be intense, and we might not be successful in attracting and retaining them. Our ability to maintain and expand our sales, product development and professional services teams will depend on our ability to recruit, train and retain top quality people with advanced skills who understand sales to, and the specific needs of, our target customers. For these reasons, we have experienced, and we expect to again experience in the future, challenges in hiring and retaining highly skilled employees with appropriate qualifications for our business. In addition to hiring services personnel to meet our needs, we may also engage additional third-party consultants as contractors, which could have a negative impact on our financial results. If we are unable to hire or retain qualified personnel, or if newly hired personnel fail to develop the necessary skills or reach productivity slower than anticipated, it would be more difficult for us to sell our products and services, and we could experience a shortfall in revenue and fail to achieve our planned growth.

Future acquisitions may be difficult to integrate into our existing operations, may disrupt our business, dilute stockholder value, divert management's attention, or negatively affect our operating results.

We have acquired multiple businesses since our inception in 2000. Future acquisitions could involve substantial investment of funds or financings by issuance of debt or equity securities and could result in one-time charges and expenses and have the potential to either dilute the interests of existing shareholders or result in the issuance or assumption of debt. Any such acquisition may not be successful in generating revenues, income or other returns to us, and the resources committed to such activities will not be available to us for other purposes. Moreover, if we are unable to access capital markets on acceptable terms or at all, we may not be able to consummate acquisitions, or may have to do so based upon less than optimal capital structure. Our inability to take advantage of growth opportunities for our business or to address risks associated with acquisitions or investments in businesses may negatively affect our operating results. Additionally, any impairment of goodwill or other intangible assets acquired in an acquisition or in an investment, or charges to earnings associated with any acquisition or investment activity, may materially reduce our earnings which, in turn, may have an adverse material effect on the price of our common stock.

We have issued preferred stock with rights senior to our common stock, and may issue additional preferred stock in the future, in order to consummate a merger or other transaction necessary to continue as a going concern.

Our Certificate of Incorporation authorizes the issuance of up to 1.0 million shares of preferred stock, par value \$0.001 per share, without shareholder approval and on terms established by our board of directors, of which 264,000 shares have been designated as Series A Preferred, 5,000 shares have been designated as Series B Preferred and 11,000 shares have been designated as Series C Preferred. We may issue additional shares of preferred stock in order to consummate a financing or other transaction, in lieu of the issuance of common stock. The rights and preferences of any such class or series of preferred stock would be established by our board of directors in its sole discretion and may have dividend, voting, liquidation and other rights and preferences that are senior to the rights of our common stock.

We have never paid dividends on our common stock and we do not anticipate paying dividends in the future.

We have never paid cash dividends and do not believe that we will pay any cash dividends on our common stock in the future. Since we have no plan to pay cash dividends, an investor would only realize income from his investment in our shares if there is a rise in the market price of our common stock, which is uncertain and unpredictable.

We are also subject to anti-takeover provisions under Delaware law, which could delay or prevent a change of control. Together these provisions may make the removal of management more difficult and may discourage transactions that otherwise could involve payment of a premium over prevailing market prices for our securities. Provisions in our amended and restated bylaws and Delaware law may have the effect of discouraging lawsuits against our directors and officers.

Our amended and restated bylaws require that derivative actions brought in our name, actions against our directors, officers, other employees or stockholders for breach of fiduciary duty and other similar actions may be brought only in the Court of Chancery in the State of Delaware. Any person or entity purchasing or otherwise acquiring any interest in shares of our capital stock shall be deemed to have notice of and consented to the forum provisions in our amended and restated bylaws.

This choice of forum provision may limit a stockholder's ability to bring a claim in a judicial forum that it finds favorable for disputes with us or any of our directors, officers, other employees or stockholders, which may discourage lawsuits with respect to such claims. Alternatively, if a court were to find the choice of forum provision contained in our amended and restated bylaws to be inapplicable or unenforceable in an action, we may incur additional costs associated with resolving such action in other jurisdictions, which could harm our business, operating results and financial condition.

The COVID-19 pandemic could have a material adverse effect our ability to operate, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, and capital investments.

The World Health Organization has declared the COVID-19 outbreak a pandemic, and the virus continues to spread in areas where we operate and sell our services. The COVID-19 pandemic and similar issues in the future could have a material adverse effect on our ability to operate, results of operations, financial condition, liquidity, and capital investments. Several public health organizations have recommended, and some governments have implemented, certain measures to slow and limit the transmission of the virus, including shelter in place, social distancing ordinances, and business shutdowns. There is considerable uncertainty regarding the extent to which the COVID-19 outbreak will continue to spread, and the extent and duration of governmental and other measures implemented to try to slow the spread of the virus.

The pandemic and such preventive measures, or others required or that we may voluntarily put in place, may have a material adverse effect on our business for an indefinite period of time, such as the potential shut down of certain locations; decreased employee availability; increased claims or other expenses; potential border closures; and others. These disruptions and challenges may continue for an indefinite period of time and may also materially affect our future access to our sources of liquidity, particularly our cash flows from operations, financial condition, capitalization, and capital investments. Additionally, the effects of COVID-19 on the global economy could adversely affect our ability to access the capital and other financial markets, and if so, we may need to consider alternative sources of funding for some of our operations and for working capital, which may increase our cost of, as well as adversely impact our access to, capital. These uncertain economic conditions may also result in the inability of our customers to make payments to us, on a timely basis or at all.

Although these disruptions may continue to occur, the long-term economic impact and near-term financial impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, including but not limited to, possible impairment, restructuring, and other charges, cannot be reliably quantified or estimated at this time due to the uncertainty of future developments.

Item 1B. Unresolved Staff Comments

Not required.

Item 2. Properties.

The following table lists our offices, all of which are leased:

Geographic Location	Address	Size
Woburn, Massachusetts	100 Sylvan Rd Suite G-700 Woburn, MA 01801	775 square feet, professional office space
Woodbury, New York	150 Woodbury Road Woodbury, NY 11797	1,605 square feet, professional office space
Kingston, Ontario	61 Hyperion Court Kingston, ON, K7K 7K7	9,654 square feet, professional office space

Item 3. Legal Proceedings.

From time to time, we are subject to ordinary routine litigation and claims incidental to our business. We are not currently involved in any legal proceedings that we believe are material.

Item 4. Mine Safety Disclosures

Not applicable.

PART II

Item 5. Market for Common Equity, Related Stockholder Matters and Issuer Purchase of Equity Securities.

The following tables set forth, for the periods indicated, the range of high and low sale prices for our common stock. Our common stock trades on the NASDAQ Capital Market under the symbol BLIN.

Year Ended September 30, 2020	 High	Low			
Fourth Quarter	\$ 3.62	\$	1.59		
Third Quarter	\$ 2.95	\$	0.63		
Second Quarter	\$ 1.85	\$	0.53		
First Quarter	\$ 2.24	\$	1.33		
Year Ended September 30, 2019	 High		Low		
Fourth Quarter	\$ 3.11	\$	1.76		
Third Quarter	\$ 16.00	\$	2.25		
Second Quarter	\$ 15.50	\$	7.70		
First Quarter	\$ 59.00	\$	11.00		

We have not declared or paid cash dividends on our common stock and do not plan to pay cash dividends to our common shareholders in the near future. As of December 17, 2020, our common stock was held of record by approximately 2,440 shareholders. Most of the Company's shares of common stock are held in street name through one or more nominees.

Recent Sales of Unregistered Securities; Use of Proceeds From Registered Securities

The following summarizes all sales of our unregistered securities during the year ended September 30, 2020 for which more information is disclosed on our Form 8-Ks. The securities in the below-referenced transactions were (i) issued without registration and (ii) were subject to restrictions under the Securities Act and the securities laws of certain states, in reliance on the private offering exemptions contained in Sections 4(a)(2), 4(a)(6) and/or 3(b) of the Securities Act and on Regulation D promulgated there under, and in reliance on similar exemptions under applicable state laws as transactions not involving a public offering. Unless stated otherwise, no placement or underwriting fees were paid in connection with these transactions.

(1) On February 13, 2019, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Seevolution, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Elisha Gilboa, an individual and shareholder of Seevolution, (the "Asset Purchase"). The Company issued 40,000 shares of Bridgeline Digital common stock as partial consideration for the Asset Purchase.

Item 6. Selected Financial Data.

Not required.

Item 7. Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations.

This section contains forward-looking statements that involve risks and uncertainties. Our actual results could differ materially from those anticipated in the forward-looking statements as a result of a variety of factors and risks including the impact of the weakness in the U.S. and international economies on our business, our inability to manage our future growth effectively or profitably, fluctuations in our revenue and quarterly results, our license renewal rate, the impact of competition and our ability to maintain margins or market share, the limited market for our common stock, the ability to maintain our listing on the NASDAQ Capital Market, the volatility of the market price of our common stock, the ability to raise capital, the performance of our products, our ability to respond to rapidly evolving technology and customer requirements, our ability to protect our proprietary technology, the security of our software and response to cyber security risks, our ability to meet our financial obligations and commitments, our dependence on our management team and key personnel, our ability to hire and retain future key personnel, our ability to maintain an effective system of internal controls, or our ability to respond to government regulations. These and other risks are more fully described herein and in our other filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

This section should be read in combination with the accompanying audited consolidated financial statements and related notes prepared in accordance with United States generally accepted accounting principles.

Overview

Bridgeline Digital, The Digital Engagement Company, helps customers maximize the performance of their full digital experience from websites and intranets to eCommerce experiences. Bridgeline's Unbound platform integrates Web Content Management, eCommerce, eMarketing, Social Media management, and Web Analytics (Insights) with the goal of assisting marketers to deliver digital experiences that attract, engage, nurture, and convert their customers across all channels. Bridgeline offers a core accelerator framework for rapidly implementing digital experiences on the Bridgeline Unbound platform, which provides customers with cost-effective solutions in addition to velocity to market.

Bridgeline's Unbound platform combined with its professional services assists customers in digital business transformation, driving lead generation, increasing revenue, improving customer service and loyalty, enhancing employee knowledge, and reducing operational costs. The Bridgeline Unbound platform bridges the gaps between Web Content Management, eCommerce, eMarketing, and social and web analytics by providing all of these components in one unified and deeply integrated platform.

Our Unbound Franchise product empowers large franchises, healthcare networks, associations/chapters and other multi-unit organizations to manage a large hierarchy of digital properties at scale. The platform provides an easy-to-use administrative console that enables corporate marketing to provide consistency in branding and messaging while providing flexible publishing capabilities at the local-market level. The platform empowers brand networks to unify, manage, scale and optimize a hierarchy of web properties and marketing campaigns on a global, national and local level.

The Unbound platform is delivered through a cloud-based software as a service ("SaaS") multi-tenant business model, whose flexible architecture provides customers with state of the art deployment providing maintenance, daily technical operation and support; or via a traditional perpetual licensing business model, in which the software resides on a dedicated server in either the customer's facility or hosted by Bridgeline via a cloud-based hosted services model.

OrchestraCMS, delivered through a cloud-based SaaS, is the only content and digital experience platform built 100% native on Salesforce and helps customers create compelling digital experiences for their customers, partners, and employees; uniquely combining content with business data, processes and applications across any channel or device, including Salesforce Communities, social media, portals, intranets, websites, applications and services.

Celebros Search, delivered through a cloud-based SaaS, is a commerce-oriented site search product that provides for Natural Language Processing with artificial intelligence to present very relevant search results based on long-tail keyword searches in seven languages.

Bridgeline Digital was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on August 28, 2000.

Locations

The Company's corporate office is located in Woburn, Massachusetts. The Company maintains regional field offices serving the following geographical locations: Boston, MA; and New York, NY. The Company has three wholly-owned subsidiaries: Bridgeline Digital Pvt. Ltd. located in Bangalore, India; Bridgeline Digital Canada, Inc. located in Ontario, Canada; and Stantive Technologies Group Pty, Ltd. located in Australia.

Sales and Marketing

Bridgeline employs a direct sales force and each sale takes on average three to six months to complete. Each franchise/multi-unit organization sale takes on average one year to complete. Our direct sales force focuses its efforts selling to medium-sized and large companies. These companies are generally categorized in the following vertical markets: (i) financial services; (ii) franchises/multi-unit organizations; (iii) retail brand names; (iv) health services and life sciences; (v) technology (software and hardware); (vi) credit unions and regional banks, and (vii) associations and foundations. We have five sales geographic locations in the United States.

Acquisitions

Bridgeline will continue to evaluate expanding its distribution of Bridgeline Unbound and its interactive development capabilities through acquisitions. We may make additional acquisitions in the foreseeable future. These potential acquisitions will be consistent with our growth strategy by providing Bridgeline with new geographical distribution opportunities, an expanded customer base, an expanded sales force and an expanded developer force. In addition, integrating acquired companies into our existing operations allows us to consolidate the finance, human resources, legal, marketing, and research and development of the acquired businesses with our own internal resources, hence reducing the aggregate of these expenses for the combined businesses and resulting in improved operating results.

Customer Information

We currently have over 200 active customers. For the year ended September 30, 2020, one customer represented approximately 12% of the Company's total revenue. For the year ended September 30, 2019, two customers each represented approximately 11% and 15% of the Company's total revenue.

Summary of Results of Operations

Total revenue for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 ("fiscal 2020") increased to \$10.9 million from \$10.0 million for the fiscal year ended September 30, 2019 ("fiscal 2019"). Loss from operations for fiscal 2020 was \$1.6 million, compared with loss from operations of \$11.1 million, which included a goodwill impairment charge of \$3.7 million, for fiscal 2019. We had net income for fiscal 2020 of \$326 thousand including government grant income related to the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") loan of \$960 thousand, compared with a net loss of (\$9.5) million, including a goodwill impairment charge of \$3.7 million and a net gain of \$2.1 million due to warrant related charges, for fiscal 2019. Basic net loss per share attributable to common shareholders for fiscal 2020 was \$(0.59) compared with the equivalent basic net loss per share attributable to common shareholders of \$(8.16) for fiscal 2019.

(in thousands)		Years I Septem					
		2020		2019	(\$ Change	% Change
Net Revenue							
Digital engagement services	\$	3,409	\$	4,117	\$	(708)	(17%)
% of total net revenue		31%		41%			
Subscription and perpetual licenses		7,498		5,835		1,663	29%
% of total net revenue		69%		<u>59</u> %			
Total net revenue		10,907		9,952		955	10%
Cost of revenue							
Digital engagement services		1,831		2,070		(239)	(12)%
% of digital engagement services revenue		54%		50%		(20)	(12)/**
Subscription and perpetual licenses		2,676		3,290		(614)	(19)%
% of subscription and perpetual revenue		36%		56%		(01.)	(17)/0
Total cost of revenue		4,507		5,360		(853)	(16)%
Gross profit	-	6,400		4,592		1,808	39%
Gross profit margin		59%		46%	-	1,000	37/0
Gross pront margin				40/0			
Operating expenses							
Sales and marketing		2,614		4,824		(2,210)	(46)%
% of total revenue		24%		48%			
General and administrative		2,455		3,246		(791)	(24)%
% of total revenue%		23%		33%		, ,	,
Research and development		1,641		2,185		(544)	(25)%
% of total revenue		15%		22%		, ,	,
Depreciation and amortization		968		620		348	56%
% of total revenue		9%		6%			
Goodwill impairment		-		3,732		(3,732)	(100)%
% of total revenue		0%		38%			
Restructuring and acquisition related expenses		366		1,053		(687)	(65)%
% of total revenue		3%		11%		` ,	` ,
Total operating expenses		8,044		15,660	_	(7,616)	(49)%
Loss from operations		(1,644)		(11,068)		9,424	(85)%
Interest expense and other, net		(7)		(303)		296	(98)%
Government grant income		960		-		960	100%
Amortization of debt discount		-		(231)		231	(100)%
Warranty liability expense		-		(11,272)		11,272	(100)%
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities		1,028		13,404		(12,376)	(92)%
Income (loss) before income taxes		337		(9,470)		9,807	(104)%
Provision for income taxes		11		4		7	175%
Net income/(loss)	\$	326	\$	(9,474)	\$	9,800	(103)%
Non-GAAP Measure:							
Adjusted EDITDA	Φ	(116)	C	(5 395)	C	5 260	(00)0/

Revenue

Our revenue is derived from two sources: (i) digital engagement services and (ii) subscription and perpetual licenses.

Adjusted EBITDA

(116) **\$**

(5,385) \$

5,269

(98)%

Digital Engagement Services

Digital engagement services revenue is comprised of Bridgeline Unbound implementation and retainer-related services. Total revenue from digital engagement services decreased \$708 thousand, or 17%, to \$3.4 million in fiscal 2020 from \$4.1 million in fiscal 2019. Digital engagement services revenue as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 31% in fiscal 2020 from 41% in fiscal 2019. The decrease compared to the prior period is primarily due to a decrease in new service engagements.

Subscription and Perpetual Licenses

Revenue from subscription (SaaS) and perpetual licenses increased \$1.7 million, or 29%, to \$7.5 million in fiscal 2020 from \$5.8 million in fiscal 2019. The increase compared to the prior period is primarily due to license revenues of \$3.7 million realized from our two acquisitions completed in the fiscal 2019 second quarter, partially offset by cancelled SaaS subscriptions for legacy customers. Subscription and perpetual license revenue as a percentage of total revenue increased to 69% in fiscal 2020 from 59% in fiscal 2019. The increase as a percentage of total revenue is attributable to the two acquisitions completed in fiscal 2019 second quarter, which resulted in the Company acquiring a larger proportion of subscription and perpetual licenses over digital engagement service contracts.

Cost of Revenue

Total cost of revenue for fiscal 2020 decreased \$853 thousand, or 16%, to \$4.5 million from \$5.4 million in fiscal 2019. The gross profit margin increased to 59% for fiscal 2020 compared to 46% for fiscal 2019. The increase in the gross profit margin for fiscal 2020 compared to fiscal 2019 is primarily attributable to decreases in headcount, and the use of third-party consultants and an increase in the proportion of license revenue, which is generally associated with higher margins, to digital engagement service revenue.

Cost of Digital Engagement Services

Cost of digital engagement services decreased \$239 thousand, or 12%, to \$1.8 million in fiscal 2020 from \$2.1 million in fiscal 2019. The decrease in cost of digital engagement services in fiscal 2020 compared to fiscal 2019 is primarily due to the allocation of support team and third-party subcontractor costs. The cost of total digital engagement services as a percentage of total digital engagement services revenue increased to 54% in fiscal 2020 from 50% in fiscal 2019. The increase as a percentage of revenues in fiscal 2020 compared to fiscal 2019 is primarily due to the overall decrease in digital engagement services revenue.

Cost of Subscription and Perpetual License

Cost of subscription and perpetual licenses decreased \$614 thousand, or 19%, to \$2.7 million in fiscal 2020 compared to \$3.3 million in fiscal 2019. The cost of subscription and perpetual licenses as a percentage of subscription and perpetual license revenue decreased to 36% in fiscal 2020 from 56% in fiscal 2019. This is primarily due to a reduction of the workforce and less allocated time by the delivery team and third-party subcontractors on platform support projects.

Gross Profit

Gross profit increased \$1.8 million, or 39%, in fiscal 2020 to \$6.4 million compared to \$4.6 million in fiscal 2019. The increase in fiscal 2020 compared to fiscal 2019 is primarily attributable to the increase in revenue and overall cost decrease, both as more fully described above.

Operating Expenses

Sales and Marketing Expenses

Sales and marketing expenses decreased \$2.2 million, or 46%, to \$2.6 million in fiscal 2020 from \$4.8 million in fiscal 2019. Sales and marketing expense as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 24% in fiscal 2020 compared to 48% in fiscal 2019. These decreases compared to the prior period are primarily attributable to the decrease in headcount and personnel from acquisitions as well as decreased commission expenses incurred.

General and Administrative Expenses

General and administrative expenses decreased \$791 thousand, or 24%, to \$2.5 million in fiscal 2020 from \$3.2 million in fiscal 2019. General and administrative expense as a percentage of revenue decreased to 23% in fiscal 2020 compared to 33% in fiscal 2019. These decreases compared to the prior period are primarily attributable to a decrease in overall support headcount and personnel expenses.

Research and Development

Research and development expense decreased \$544 thousand, or 25%, to \$1.6 million in fiscal 2020 from \$2.2 million in fiscal 2019. Research and development expense as a percentage of total revenue decreased to 15% in fiscal 2020 compared to 22% for fiscal 2019. These decreases compared to the prior period are primarily attributable to decreases in headcount.

Depreciation and Amortization

Depreciation and amortization expense increased by \$348 thousand, or 56%, to \$968 thousand in fiscal 2020 from \$620 thousand in fiscal 2019. Depreciation and amortization as a percentage of total revenue increased to 9% in fiscal 2020 from 6% in fiscal 2019. These increases compared to the prior period are primarily due to a full year of amortization of intangible assets resulting from acquisitions completed during the prior comparable period.

Goodwill Impairment

The carrying value of goodwill is not amortized, but it is typically tested for impairment annually as of September 30th, as well as on an interim basis whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a reporting unit may not be recoverable. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. Goodwill is assessed at the consolidated level as one reporting unit. During fiscal 2020 and 2019, the Company performed impairment tests which resulted in no impairment charge assessed for fiscal 2020 and an aggregated impairment charge of \$3.7 million recognized during fiscal 2019

Restructuring and Acquisition Related Expenses

During fiscal 2020, the Company recognized \$366 thousand related to a reduction in the workforce in its U.S. and Canada operations aimed at improving efficiencies by combining functions, certain responsibilities and eliminating redundancies, which resulted in a reduction of 15 positions.

Commencing in fiscal 2015 and through fiscal 2019, the Company's management approved, committed to and initiated plans to restructure and further improve efficiencies by implementing cost reductions in line with expected decreases in revenue. The Company renegotiated several office leases and relocated to smaller space, while also negotiating sub-leases for the original space. In addition, the Company executed a general workforce reduction and recognized costs for severance and termination benefits. These restructuring charges and accruals require estimates and assumptions, including contractual rental commitments or lease buy-outs for vacated office space and related costs, and estimated sub-lease income. The Company's sub-lease assumptions include the rates to be charged to a sub-tenant and the timing of the sub-lease arrangement. All of the vacated lease space is currently contractually occupied by a new sub-tenant for the remaining life of the lease.

In total, restructuring expenses related to this activity commencing in prior periods was \$625 thousand in fiscal 2019. These charges consist of the total lease expenses less sub-lease rental income, other miscellaneous lease termination costs, and loss on disposal of fixed assets.

Acquisition related expenses related to the acquisition of Stantive Technologies Group Inc. consummated in March 2019 were \$428 thousand. There were no acquisition related expenses incurred during fiscal 2020.

Loss from Operations

The loss from operations was \$1.6 million for fiscal 2020 compared to a loss from operations of \$11.1 million for fiscal 2019, a decrease of \$9.4 million or 85%. The loss from operations for fiscal 2019 included a goodwill impairment charge of \$3.7 million.

Other income (expense), net

The Company recognized a gain related to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities of \$1.0 million and \$13.4 million for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. During the year ended September 30, 2019, we also recognized a warrant liability expense of \$11.3 million related to the excess of fair value allocated to warrants over the proceeds received from the issuance of Series C Preferred Convertible Stock and associated warrants.

During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company recognized government grant income of \$960 thousand associated with proceeds received under the Paycheck Protection Program deemed probable to be forgiven based on the actual expenditures from the date proceeds were received by the Company through September 30, 2020. The remaining unexpended proceeds are expected to be expended in the first quarter of fiscal 2021. The Company plans to submit the PPP loan forgiveness application in the near term. Although the Company believes it is probable that the PPP loan will be forgiven, the Company cannot provide any objective assurance that it will obtain forgiveness in whole or in part.

During the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, interest expense, net, inclusive of amortization of debt discounts, was \$7 thousand and \$534 thousand, respectively.

Provision for Income Taxes

We recorded an income tax expense of \$11 thousand and \$4 thousand for fiscal 2020 and 2019, respectively. The Company has net operating loss ("NOL") carryforwards and other deferred tax benefits, subject to the limitations discussed below, that are available to offset future taxable income. A valuation allowance is established if it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. The Company established a valuation allowance against its net deferred tax assets.

The Federal NOL carryforward of approximately \$37 million as of September 30, 2020 expires on various dates through 2039. Net operating losses incurred after December 31, 2017 carry forward indefinitely. Internal Revenue Code Section 382 places certain limitations on the amount of taxable income that can be offset by NOL carryforwards after a change in control of a loss corporation. Generally, after a change in control, a loss corporation cannot deduct NOL carryforwards in excess of the Section 382 limitation. Due to these "change of ownership" provisions, utilization of NOL carryforwards may be subject to an annual limitation on utilization against taxable income in future periods. The Company has not performed a Section 382 analysis. However, if performed, Section 382 may be found to limit potential future utilization of our NOL carryforwards. The Company also has approximately \$28 million in state NOLs which expire on various dates through 2039.

Adjusted EBITDA

We also measure our performance based on a non GAAP ("Generally Accepted Accounting Principles") measurement of earnings before interest, taxes, depreciation, amortization, stock-based compensation expense, impairment of goodwill and intangible assets, non-cash warrant related expenses, change in fair value of derivative instruments, and restructuring and acquisition related charges ("Adjusted EBITDA").

We believe this non GAAP financial measure of Adjusted EBITDA is useful to management and investors in evaluating our operating performance for the periods presented and provides a tool for evaluating our ongoing operations.

Adjusted EBITDA, however, is not a measure of operating performance under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") and should not be considered as an alternative or substitute for U.S. GAAP profitability measures such as (i) income from operations and net income, or (ii) cash flows from operating, investing and financing activities, both as determined in accordance with U.S. GAAP. Adjusted EBITDA as an operating performance measure has material limitations because it excludes the financial statement impact of income taxes, net interest expense, amortization of intangibles, depreciation, goodwill impairment, restructuring charges, loss on disposal of assets, other amortization, changes in fair value of warrant liabilities and stock-based compensation, and therefore does not represent an accurate measure of profitability. As a result, Adjusted EBITDA should be evaluated in conjunction with net income (loss) for a complete analysis of our profitability, as net income (loss) includes the financial statement impact of these items and is the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP operating performance measure to Adjusted EBITDA. Our definition of Adjusted EBITDA may also differ from and therefore may not be comparable with similarly titled measures used by other companies, thereby limiting its usefulness as a comparative measure. Because of the limitations that Adjusted EBITDA has as an analytical tool, investors should not consider it in isolation, or as a substitute for analysis of our operating results as reported under U.S. GAAP.

The following table reconciles net income (loss) (which is the most directly comparable U.S. GAAP operating performance measure) to Adjusted EBITDA:

		Years Septem	
	2020		2019
Net income (loss)	\$	326	\$ (9,474)
Provision for income tax		11	4
Interest expense and other, net		7	303
Government grant income		(960)	-
Amortization of debt discount		-	231
Warrant liability expense		-	11,272
Change in fair value of warrants		(1,028)	(13,404)
Amortization of intangible assets		891	544
Depreciation		61	66
Goodwill impairment		-	3,732
Restructuring and acquisition related charges		366	1,053
Other amortization		16	39
Stock-based compensation		194	249
Adjusted EBITDA	\$	(116)	\$ (5,385)

Adjusted EBITDA increased year over year, which is primarily attributable to increases in revenues and cost control measures.

Liquidity and Capital Resources

Cash Flows

Operating Activities

Cash used in operating activities was \$498 thousand during fiscal 2020 compared to cash used in operating activities of \$4.2 million during fiscal 2019. The change in cash used in operating activities compared to the prior period was primarily due to a decrease in loss from operations partially offset by decreases in non-cash items of \$3.6 million and accounts payables.

Investing Activities

We did not have any cash flows from investing activities during fiscal 2020 compared to cash used in investing activities of \$5.7 million during fiscal 2019. Cash used in investing activities during the prior fiscal year was primarily related to the acquisition of the assets of Stantive and Seevolution.

Financing Activities

Cash provided by financing activities was \$1.0 million during fiscal 2020 compared with \$9.5 million during fiscal 2019. Cash provided by financing activities was attributable to the proceeds received under the Payroll Protection Program during fiscal 2020 and to the public offering in October 2018 and a private offering in March 2019, partially offset by repayments of term and promissory notes during fiscal 2019.

Capital Resources and Liquidity Outlook

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") as a pandemic, and we expect our operations in all locations to be affected as the virus continues to proliferate. We have adjusted certain aspects of our operations to protect employees and customers while still meeting customers' needs for vital technology. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and it is possible that we will implement further measures. In light of the uncertainty as to the severity and duration of the pandemic, the impact on our revenues, profitability and financial position is uncertain at this time.

On April 17, 2020, the Company entered into a loan with an aggregate principal amount of \$1,047,500, pursuant to the PPP. The Company has performed initial calculations for PPP loan forgiveness according to the terms and conditions of the U.S. Small Business Administration's (the "SBA") Loan Forgiveness Application (Revised June 16, 2020) and, based on such calculations, expects that the PPP loan will be forgiven in full based on usage of related proceeds over a period less than 24 weeks. In addition, the Company determined it is probable the Company will meet all the conditions of the PPP loan forgiveness. However, there can be no assurances that the Company will ultimately meet the conditions for forgiveness of the loan or that the Company will not take actions that could cause the Company to be ineligible for forgiveness of the loan, in whole or in part. As of September 20, 2020, the remaining unexpended PPP loan proceeds are \$88 thousand, which are currently expected to be expended in the first quarter of fiscal 2021. The Company plans to submit the PPP loan forgiveness application in the near term.

On August 17, 2020, the Company entered into an arrangement with an investment banking firm (the "Manager") to sell up to \$4,796,090 of shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value (the "ATM Offering"). Pursuant to the ATM Offering, shares may be sold on a daily basis, commencing no earlier than August 17, 2020, at a gross sales price equal to the market price for shares of the Company's common stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market at the time of sale of such shares. The Manager has no obligation to purchase shares of the Company's common stock and is only obligated to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell shares of the Company's common stock. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that the Manager will be successful in selling any portion of the shares available for sale under the ATM Offering. The Company shall pay to the Manager a placement fee of 2.5% of the gross sales price of shares sold. The ATM Offering shall remain in effect until the earlier of August 17, 2021, or upon written notice of termination by either the Company or the Manager. As of September 30, 2020, there have been no shares of common stock sold under the ATM offering.

The Company currently intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of shares pursuant to the ATM Offering for working capital and general corporate purposes.

The Company believes that future revenues and cash flows will supplement its working capital and it has an appropriate cost structure to support future revenue growth. Based upon its current working capital and projected cash flows in the next twelve months, the Company may need additional sources of financing in place in order to ensure its operations are adequately funded. On August 17, 2020, the Company entered into an arrangement with an investment banking firm to sell up to \$4,796,090 of shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value. Refer to Note 12 under the caption, *At the Market Offering*, for a detailed description of this capital raise activity. There are no obligations for the sale or purchase of the Company's common stock pursuant to this offering. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that the Company or investment banking firm will be successful in selling any portion of the shares available for sale pursuant to this offering. No definitive agreements for additional financing are in place as of the date of this Form 10-K and there can be no assurances that additional sources of financing could be obtained on terms that are favorable or acceptable to us and that revenue growth and improvement in cash flows can be achieved. Accordingly, these factors raise doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for at least twelve months following the issuance of this Form 10-K. No adjustments have been made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

Inflation

Inflationary increases can cause pressure on wages and the cost of benefits offered to employees. We believe that the relatively moderate rates of inflation in recent years have not had a significant impact on our operations.

Off-Balance Sheet Arrangements

We do not have any off-balance sheet arrangements, financings or other relationships with unconsolidated entities or other persons, other than our operating leases and contingent acquisition payments.

We currently do not have any variable interest entities. We do not have any relationships with unconsolidated entities or financial partnerships, such as entities often referred to as structured finance or special purpose entities, which would have been established for the purpose of facilitating off-balance sheet arrangements or other contractually narrow or limited purposes. Therefore, we are not materially exposed to any financing, liquidity, market or credit risk that could arise if we had engaged in such relationships.

Contractual Obligations

We lease our facilities in the United States and Canada. We currently have no future commitments that extend past fiscal 2025.

The following summarizes our future contractual obligations:

(in thousands)

Payment obligations by year	FY21	F	Y22	FY23	FY24	FY25	 Total
Operating leases	\$ 210	\$	170	\$ 173	\$ 120	\$ 88	\$ 761

Critical Accounting Policies

These critical accounting policies and estimates by our management should be read in conjunction with Note 2 Summary of Significant Accounting Policies to the Consolidated Financial Statements that were prepared in accordance with U.S. GAAP.

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in accordance U.S. GAAP requires us to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements and the reported amounts of revenue and expenses in the reporting periods. We regularly make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities. The most significant estimates included in our consolidated financial statements are the valuation of accounts receivable and long-term assets, including intangibles, goodwill and deferred tax assets, stock-based compensation, amounts of revenue to be recognized on service contracts in progress, unbilled receivables, and deferred revenue. We base our estimates and assumptions on current facts, historical experience and various other factors that we believe to be reasonable under the circumstances, the results of which form the basis for making judgments about the carrying values of assets and liabilities and the accrual of costs and expenses that are not readily apparent from other sources. The actual results experienced by us may differ materially and adversely from our estimates. To the extent there are material differences between our estimates and the actual results, our future results of operations will be affected.

We consider the following accounting policies to be both those most important to the portrayal of our financial condition and those that require the most subjective judgment:

- Revenue recognition;
- Allowance for doubtful accounts:
- Accounting for cost of computer software to be sold, leased or otherwise marketed;
- Accounting for goodwill and other intangible assets;
- Accounting for Payroll Protection Program; and
- Accounting for stock-based compensation.

Revenue Recognition

Overview

The Company derives its revenue from two sources: (i) Software Licenses, which are comprised of subscription fees ("SaaS"), perpetual software licenses, and maintenance for post-customer support ("PCS") on perpetual licenses and (ii) Digital Engagement Services, which are professional services to implement our products such as web development, digital strategy, information architecture and usability engineering search. Customers who license the software on a subscription basis, which can be described as "Software as a Service" or "SaaS", do not take possession of the software.

Revenue is recognized when control of these services is transferred to the Company's customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. If the consideration promised in a contract includes a variable amount, for example, overage fees, contingent fees or service level penalties, the Company includes an estimate of the amount it expects to receive for the total transaction price if it is probable that a significant reversal of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur. The Company's subscription service arrangements are non-cancelable and do not contain refund-type provisions. Revenue is reported net of applicable sales and use tax.

The Company recognizes revenue from contracts with customers using a five-step model, which is described below:

- Identify the customer contract;
- Identify performance obligations that are distinct;
- Determine the transaction price;
- Allocate the transaction price to the distinct performance obligations; and
- Recognize revenue as the performance obligations are satisfied.

Identify the customer contract

A customer contract is generally identified when there is approval and commitment from both the Company and its customer, the rights have been identified, payment terms are identified, the contract has commercial substance and collectability and consideration is probable.

Identify performance obligations that are distinct

A performance obligation is a promise to provide a distinct good or service or a series of distinct goods or services. A good or service that is promised to a customer is distinct if the customer can benefit from the good or service either on its own or together with other resources that are readily available to the customer, and a company's promise to transfer the good or service to the customer is separately identifiable from other promises in the contract.

Determine the transaction price

The transaction price is the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer, excluding sales taxes that are collected on behalf of government agencies.

Allocate the transaction price to distinct performance obligations

The transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation based on the relative standalone selling prices ("SSP") of the goods or services being provided to the customer. The Company determines the SSP of its goods and services based upon the historical average sales prices for each type of software license and professional services sold.

Recognize revenue as the performance obligations are satisfied

Revenue is recognized when or as control of the promised goods or services is transferred to customers. Revenue from SaaS licenses is recognized ratably over the subscription period beginning on the date the license is made available to customers. Most subscription contracts are three-year terms. Customers who license the software on a perpetual basis receive rights to use the software for an indefinite time period and an option to purchase post-customer support ("PCS"). PCS revenue is recognized ratably on a straight-line basis over the period of performance and the perpetual license is recognized upon delivery. The Company also offers hosting services for those customers who purchase a perpetual license and do not want to run the software in their environment. Revenue from hosting is recognized ratably over the service period, ranging from one to three-year terms. The Company recognizes revenue from professional services as the services are provided.

Customer Payment Terms

Payment terms with customers typically require payment 30 days from invoice date. Payment terms may vary by customer but generally do not exceed 45 days from invoice date. Invoicing for digital engagement services are either monthly or upon achievement of milestones and payment terms for such billings are within the standard terms described above. Invoices for subscriptions and hosting are typically issued monthly and are generally due in the month of service. The Company's subscription and hosting agreements provide for refunds when service is interrupted for an extended period of time and are reserved for in the month in which they occur, if necessary.

Our digital engagement services agreements with customers do not provide for any refunds for services or products and therefore no specific reserve for such is maintained. In the infrequent instances where customers raise a concern over delivered products or services, we have endeavored to remedy the concern and all costs related to such matters have been insignificant in all periods presented.

Warranty

Certain arrangements include a warranty period, which is generally 30 days from the completion of work. In hosting arrangements, we provide warranties of up-time reliability. We continue to monitor the conditions that are subject to the warranties to identify if a warranty claim may arise. If we determine that a warranty claim is probable, then any related cost to satisfy the warranty obligation is estimated and accrued. Warranty claims to date have been immaterial.

Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

We maintain an allowance for doubtful accounts which represents estimated losses resulting from the inability, failure or refusal of our clients to make required payments.

We analyze historical percentages of uncollectible accounts and changes in payment history when evaluating the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts. We use an internal collection effort, which may include our sales and services groups as we deem appropriate. Although we believe that our allowances are adequate, if the financial condition of our clients deteriorates, resulting in an impairment of their ability to make payments, or if we underestimate the allowances required, additional allowances may be necessary, resulting in increased expense in the period in which such determination is made.

Accounting for Cost of Computer Software to be Sold, Leased or Otherwise Marketed

We charge research and development expenditures for technology development to operations as incurred. However, in accordance with Accounting Standards Codification ("ASC") 985-20 Costs of Software to be Sold Leased or Otherwise Marketed, we capitalize certain software development costs subsequent to the establishment of technological feasibility. Based on our product development process, technological feasibility is established upon completion of a working model. Certain costs incurred between completion of a working model and the point at which the product is ready for general release is capitalized if significant. Once the product is available for general release, the capitalized costs are amortized in cost of sales over the estimated useful life of the asset.

Accounting for Goodwill and Intangible Assets

Goodwill is tested for impairment annually during the fourth quarter of every year and more frequently if events and circumstances indicate that the asset might be impaired. The purpose of an impairment test is to identify any potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of a reporting unit including goodwill to its fair value. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

Factors that could lead to a future impairment include material uncertainties such as operational, economic and competitive factors specific to the key assumptions underlying the fair value estimate we use in our impairment testing that have reasonable possibility of changing. This could include a significant reduction in projected revenues, a deterioration of projected financial performance, future acquisitions and/or mergers, and a decline in our market value as a result of a significant decline in our stock price.

Accounting for Stock-Based Compensation

At September 30, 2020, we maintained two stock-based compensation plans, one of which has expired but still contains vested and unvested stock options. The two plans are more fully described in Note 12 of these consolidated financial statements.

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation awards in accordance with ASC 718, Compensation-Stock Topic of the Codification. Share-based payments (to the extent they are compensatory) are recognized in our consolidated statements of operations based on their fair values.

We recognize stock-based compensation expense for share-based payments issued or assumed after October 1, 2006 that are expected to vest on a straight-line basis over the service period of the award, which is generally three years. We recognize the fair value of the unvested portion of share-based payments granted prior to October 1, 2006 over the remaining service period, net of estimated forfeitures. In determining whether an award is expected to vest, we use an estimated, forward-looking forfeiture rate based upon our historical forfeiture rate and reduce the expense over the recognition period. Estimated forfeiture rates are updated for actual forfeitures quarterly. We also consider, each quarter, whether there have been any significant changes in facts and circumstances that would affect our forfeiture rate. Although we estimate forfeitures based on historical experience, actual forfeitures in the future may differ. In addition, to the extent our actual forfeitures are different than our estimates, we record a true-up for the difference in the period that the awards vest, and such true-ups could materially affect our operating results.

We estimate the fair value of employee stock options using the Black-Scholes-Merton option valuation model. The fair value of an award is affected by our stock price on the date of grant as well as other assumptions, including the estimated volatility of our stock price over the term of the awards and the estimated period of time that we expect employees to hold their stock options. The risk-free interest rate assumption we use is based upon United States treasury interest rates appropriate for the expected life of the awards. We use the historical volatility of our publicly traded options in order to estimate future stock price trends. In order to determine the estimated period of time that we expect employees to hold their stock options, we use historical trends of employee turnovers. Our expected dividend rate is zero since we do not currently pay cash dividends on our common stock and do not anticipate doing so in the foreseeable future. The aforementioned inputs entered into the option valuation model we use to fair value our stock awards are subjective estimates and changes to these estimates will cause the fair value of our stock awards and related stock-based compensation expense we record to vary.

We record current tax expense for incentive stock-based awards that result in deductions on our income tax returns, based on the amount of stock-based compensation recognized and the statutory tax rate in the jurisdiction in which we will receive a tax deduction.

Accounting for Payroll Protection Program

U.S. GAAP does not contain authoritative accounting standards for forgivable loans provided by governmental entities to a for-profit entity. Absent authoritative accounting standards, interpretative guidance issued and commonly applied by financial statement preparers allows for the selection of accounting policies amongst acceptable alternatives. Based on the facts and circumstances, the Company determined it most appropriate to account for the PPP Loan proceeds as an in-substance government grant by analogy to International Accounting Standards 20 ("IAS 20"), *Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance*. Under the provisions of IAS 20, "a forgivable loan from government is treated as a government grant when there is reasonable assurance that the entity will meet the terms for forgiveness of the loan." IAS 20 does not define "reasonable assurance"; however, based on certain interpretations, it is analogous to "probable" as defined in Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") ASC 450-20-20 under U.S. GAAP, which is the definition the Company has applied to its expectations of PPP loan forgiveness. Under IAS 20, government grants are recognized in earnings on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Company recognizes costs for which the grant is intended to compensate (i.e. qualified expenses). Further, IAS 20 permits for the recognition in earnings either separately under a general heading such as other income, or as a reduction of the related expenses. The Company has elected to recognize government grant income separately within other income to present a clearer distinction in its consolidated financial statements between its operating income and the amount of net income resulting from the PPP loan and subsequent expected forgiveness. The Company believes this presentation method promotes greater comparability amongst all periods presented.

Item 7A. Quantitative and Qualitative Disclosures About Market Risk.

Not required.

Item 8. Financial Statements and Supplementary Data.

REPORT OF INDEPENDENT REGISTERED PUBLIC ACCOUNTING FIRM

To the Shareholders and Board of Directors of Bridgeline Digital, Inc.

Opinion on the Financial Statements

We have audited the accompanying consolidated balance sheets of Bridgeline Digital, Inc. (the "Company") as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, the related consolidated statements of operations, comprehensive income/(loss), stockholders' equity and cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended September 30, 2020, and the related notes (collectively referred to as the "financial statements"). In our opinion, the financial statements present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the Company as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, and the results of its operations and its cash flows for each of the two years in the period ended September 30, 2020, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

Explanatory Paragraph - Going Concern

The accompanying consolidated financial statements have been prepared assuming that the Company will continue as a going concern. As more fully described in Note 1, the Company has a significant working capital deficiency, has incurred significant losses and needs to raise additional funds to meet its obligations and sustain its operations. These conditions raise substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern. Management's plans in regard to these matters are also described in Note 1. The consolidated financial statements do not include any adjustments that might result from the outcome of this uncertainty.

Basis for Opinion

These financial statements are the responsibility of the Company's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on the Company's financial statements based on our audits. We are a public accounting firm registered with the Public Company Accounting Oversight Board (United States) ("PCAOB") and are required to be independent with respect to the Company in accordance with the U.S. federal securities laws and the applicable rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission and the PCAOB.

We conducted our audits in accordance with the standards of the PCAOB. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audits to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement, whether due to error or fraud. The Company is not required to have, nor were we engaged to perform, an audit of its internal control over financial reporting. As part of our audits we are required to obtain an understanding of internal control over financial reporting but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Company's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we express no such opinion.

Our audits included performing procedures to assess the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to error or fraud, and performing procedures that respond to those risks. Such procedures included examining, on a test basis, evidence regarding the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. Our audits also included evaluating the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that our audits provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

Marcum LLP

We have served as the Company's auditor since 2006, such date takes into account the acquisition of a portion of UHY LLP by Marcum LLP in April 2010.

Boston, MA December 23, 2020

BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED BALANCE SHEETS (in thousands, except share and per share data)

	As of Sept	embe	ıber 30,			
	 2020		2019			
ASSETS						
Current assets:						
Cash and cash equivalents	\$ 861	\$	296			
Accounts receivable, net	665		979			
Prepaid expenses	268		351			
Other current assets	111		49			
Total current assets	 1,905		1,675			
Property and equipment, net.	238		299			
Operating lease assets	294		_			
Intangible assets, net	2,617		3,509			
Goodwill	5,557		5,557			
Other assets	49		115			
Total assets	 10,660	\$	11,155			
LIABILITIES AND STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY						
Current liabilities:						
Current portion of operating lease liabilities	\$ 96	\$	-			
Accounts payable	1,311		1,740			
Accrued liabilities	599		835			
Paycheck Protection Program Liability (Note 10)	88		-			
Deferred revenue	1,511		1,262			
Total current liabilities	3,605		3,837			
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	198		-			
Warrant liabilities	2,486		3,514			
Other long-term liabilities	15		8			
Total liabilities	6,304		7,359			
Commitments and contingencies	 		,,,,,,,,,,,			
Stockholders' equity:						
Preferred stock - \$0.001 par value; 1,000,000 shares authorized;						
Series C Convertible Preferred stock: 11,000 shares authorized; 350 shares issued and						
outstanding at September 30, 2020 and 441 shares at September 30, 2019, issued and						
outstanding	-		-			
Series A Convertible Preferred stock: 264,000 shares authorized; no shares outstanding at September 30, 2020 and 262,310 shares at September 30, 2019, issued and						
outstanding	-		-			
Common stock - \$0.001 par value; 50,000,000 shares authorized; 4,420,170 shares at						
September 30, 2020 and 2,798,475 shares at September 30, 2019, issued and outstanding	4		3			
Additional paid-in capital	78,316		75,620			
Accumulated deficit	(73,583)		(71,489)			
Accumulated other comprehensive loss	 (381)		(338)			
Total stockholders' equity	4,356		3,796			
Total liabilities and stockholders' equity	\$ 10,660	\$	11,155			

BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF OPERATIONS

(in thousands, except share and per share data)

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Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders: \$ (0.59) \$ (8.16) Basic	Deemed dividend on amendment of Series A convertible preferred stock	 (2,314)		
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BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF COMPREHENSIVE INCOME/(LOSS) (in thousands)

	Years Ended	Septe	ember 30,
	2020		2019
Net income (loss)	\$ 326	\$	(9,474)
Other comprehensive income (loss):			
Net change in foreign currency translation adjustment	(43)		13
Comprehensive income (loss)	\$ 283	\$	(9,461)

BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY (in thousands, except share data)

											A	ccumulated		
	Preferre	d Sto	ck	Commo	n Stock	4		lditional		Other				Total
								Paid-in		cumulated	Co	omprehensive		ckholders'
	Shares		ount	Shares		ount	_	Capital	_	Deficit		Loss	_	Equity
Balance at October 1, 2018	262,751	\$	-	84,005	\$	-	\$	66,553	\$	(61,778)	\$	(351)	\$	4,424
Issuance of common stock, net of				1 415 505		2		0.220						0.241
issuance costs	14			1,415,507		3		8,338						8,341
Stock-based compensation expense								249						249
Preferred B stock conversion to	(4)			171,520										
common Series C Convertible Preferred and	(4)			1/1,320										-
conversion to common	(10)			1,087,443										_
Common stock issued in connection	(10)			1,007,443										
with acquisition of business				40,000				480						480
Dividends on Series A convertible				-,										
preferred stock										(315)				(315)
Net loss										(9,474)				(9,474)
Cumulative effect of the adoption of														
ASC 606										78				78
Foreign currency translation												13		13
Balance at September 30, 2019	262,751	\$	_	2,798,475	\$	3	\$	75,620	\$	(71,489)	\$	(338)	\$	3,796
Dividends on Series A convertible														
preferred stock										(106)				(106)
Deemed dividend on amendment of														
Series A convertible preferred stock								2 214		(2.214)				
(Note 12)								2,314		(2,314)				-
Series A convertible preferred stock dividend liabilities settled in shares.				112,960		1		188						189
Series A convertible preferred stock				112,900		1		100						109
conversion to common	(262,310)			1,498,623										_
Series C convertible preferred stock	(202,510)			1,1,0,023										
conversion to common	(91)			10,112										-
Stock-based compensation expense								194						194
Net income										326				326
Foreign currency translation												(43)		(43)
Balance at September 30, 2020	350	\$		4,420,170	\$	4	\$	78,316	\$	(73,583)	\$	(381)	\$	4,356
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BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC. CONSOLIDATED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (in thousands)

		Years		
		Septem	ber .	
		2020		2019
Cash flows from operating activities:	Φ.	224		(0.45.1)
Net income (loss)	\$	326	\$	(9,474)
Adjustments to reconcile net income (loss) to net cash used in operating activities:				
Loss on disposal of property and equipment		-		9
Amortization of intangible assets		891		544
Depreciation		61		66
Other amortization		16		39
Goodwill impairment		-		3,732
Amortization of debt discount		-		231
Warrant liability expense		-		11,272
Change in fair value of warrant liabilities		(1,028)		(13,404)
Stock-based compensation		194		249
Government grant income (Note 10)		(960)		-
Changes in operating assets and liabilities				
Accounts receivable		630		1,306
Prepaid expenses		89		127
Other current assets and other assets		(21)		116
Accounts payable and accrued liabilities		(585)		448
Deferred revenue		(75)		478
Other liabilities		(36)		58
Total adjustments		(824)		5,271
Net cash used in operating activities		(498)		(4,203)
Cash flows from investing activities:				()
Software development capitalization costs		_		(11)
Purchase of property and equipment		_		(20)
Acquisition of businesses		_		(5,668)
Net cash used in investing activities		_		(5,699)
Cash flows from financing activities:				(3,077)
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs				4,757
Proceeds from issuance of common stock, net of issuance costs		-		9,049
		-		,
Borrowing on bank line of credit.		1.049		75
Proceeds received under Paycheck Protection Program		1,048		(2.156)
Payments on bank line of credit		-		(2,156)
Payments on term notes from Montage Capital		-		(922)
Payments on promissory term notes		-		(941)
Cash dividends paid on Series A convertible preferred stock		1.040		(315)
Net cash provided by financing activities		1,048		9,547
Effect of exchange rate changes on cash and cash equivalents		15		7
Net increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents		565		(348)
Cash and cash equivalents at beginning of period		296		644
Cash and cash equivalents at end of period	\$	861	\$	296
Supplemental disclosures of cash flow information:				 -
Cash paid for:				
Interest	\$	_	\$	88
Income taxes		3	\$	3
	φ		Φ	
Non-cash investing and financing activities:	Ф		Ф	100
Consideration paid in common stock in connection with acquisition of business	\$		\$	480
Dividends accrued or settled in shares on convertible preferred stock	\$	189	\$	
Deemed dividend on amendment of Series A convertible preferred stock	\$	2,314	\$	
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BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC. NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

(Dollars in thousands, except share and per share data)

1. Description of Business

Overview

Bridgeline Digital, The Digital Engagement Company (the "Company"), helps customers maximize the performance of their full digital experience from websites and intranets to online stores and campaigns and integrates Web Content Management, eCommerce, Marketing Automation, Site Search, Authenticated Portals, Social Media Management, Translation and Web Analytics to help organizations deliver digital experiences.

The Bridgeline Unbound platform is delivered through a cloud-based SaaS ("Software as a Service") multi-tenant business model, providing maintenance, daily technical operation and support; or via a traditional perpetual licensing business model, in which the software resides on a dedicated server in either the customer's facility or hosted by Bridgeline via a cloud-based hosted services model.

OrchestraCMS, delivered through a cloud-based SaaS, is the only content and digital experience platform built 100% native on Salesforce and helps customers create compelling digital experiences for their customers, partners, and employees; uniquely combining content with business data, processes and applications across any channel or device, including Salesforce Communities, social media, portals, intranets, websites, applications and services.

Celebros Search, delivered through a cloud-based SaaS, is a commerce-oriented site search product that provides for Natural Language Processing with artificial intelligence to present very relevant search results based on long-tail keyword searches in seven languages.

The Company was incorporated under the laws of the State of Delaware on August 28, 2000.

Locations

The Company's corporate office is located in Woburn, Massachusetts. The Company maintains regional field offices serving the following geographical locations: Boston, Massachusetts; New York, New York; and Ontario, Canada. The Company has three wholly-owned subsidiaries: Bridgeline Digital Pvt. Ltd. located in Bangalore, India; Bridgeline Digital Canada, Inc. located in Ontario, Canada; and Stantive Technologies Group Pty. Ltd. located in Australia.

Going Concern

The Company has incurred operating losses and used cash in its operating activities for the past several years. Cash was used to fund operations, develop new products, and build infrastructure. During the prior fiscal years and continuing into the current fiscal year, the Company has executed a restructuring plan that included a reduction of workforce and office space, which significantly reduced operating expenses. In March 2020, the Company executed a reduction in workforce plan for its domestic and Canadian operations aimed at improving efficiencies by combining functions, certain responsibilities and eliminating redundancies, which resulted in a reduction of 15 positions. The reduction in workforce was part of the Company's continuing and ongoing efforts to maintain a lower cost structure and was not an action taken in response to the coronavirus pandemic described below. The Company is continuing to maintain tight control over discretionary spending for the 2021 fiscal year.

In March 2020, the World Health Organization declared the outbreak of novel coronavirus disease ("COVID-19") as a pandemic. We expect our operations in all locations to be affected as the virus continues to proliferate. We have adjusted certain aspects of our operations to protect employees and customers while still meeting customers' needs for vital technology. We will continue to monitor the situation closely and it is possible that we will implement further measures. In light of the uncertainty as to the severity and duration of the pandemic, the impact on our revenues, profitability and financial position is uncertain at this time.

On April 17, 2020, the Company entered into a loan with an aggregate principal amount of \$1,047,500, pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program (See Note 10).

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While the Company believes that future revenues and cash flows will supplement its working capital and that it has an appropriate cost structure to support future revenue growth, based upon its current working capital and projected cash flows in the next twelve months, the Company will need additional sources of financing in place in order to ensure its operations are adequately funded. On August 17, 2020, the Company entered into an arrangement with an investment banking firm to sell up to \$4,796,090 of shares of the Company's common stock, \$0.001 par value. Refer to Note 12 under the caption, *At the Market Offering*, for a detailed description of this capital raising activity. There are no obligations for the sale or purchase of the Company's common stock pursuant to this offering. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that the Company or investment banking firm will be successful in selling any portion of the shares available for sale pursuant to this offering. No other definitive agreements for additional financing are in place as of the issuance date of this Form 10-K and there can be no assurances that additional sources of financing could be obtained on terms that are favorable or acceptable to us and that revenue growth and improvement in cash flows can be achieved. Accordingly, management believes that there is substantial doubt about the Company's ability to continue as a going concern for at least twelve months following the issuance date of this Form 10-K. No adjustments have been made to the accompanying consolidated financial statements as a result of this uncertainty.

2. Summary of Significant Accounting Policies

Basis of Presentation and Principles of Consolidation

The Company's fiscal year end is September 30th. The consolidated financial statements include the accounts of the Company and its wholly-owned subsidiaries. All significant inter-company balances and transactions have been eliminated in consolidation.

Use of Estimates

The preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America ("U.S. GAAP") requires management to make certain 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 revenue and expenses during the reported periods. The most significant estimates included in these financial statements are the valuation of accounts receivable, including the adequacy of the allowance for doubtful accounts, recognition and measurement of deferred revenues and fair value measurements related to the valuation of warrants. The complexity of the estimation process and factors relating to assumptions, risks and uncertainties inherent with the use of the estimates affect the amount of revenue and related expenses reported in the Company's financial statements. Internal and external factors can affect the Company's estimates. Actual results could differ from these estimates under different assumptions or conditions.

Reclassifications

Certain amounts in the prior period financial statements have been reclassified to conform to the presentation in the current period financial statements. These reclassifications had no effect on the previously reported net loss.

Cash and Cash Equivalents

The Company considers all highly liquid instruments with original maturity of three months or less from the date of purchase to be cash equivalents.

The Company's cash is maintained with what management believes to be high-credit quality financial institutions. At times, deposits held at these banks may exceed the federally insured limits. Management believes that the financial institutions that hold the Company's deposits are financially sound and have minimal credit risk. Risks associated with cash and cash equivalents are mitigated by the Company's investment policy, which limits the Company's investing of excess cash into only money market mutual funds.

Concentration of Credit Risk, Significant Customers, and Off-Balance Sheet Risk

Financial instruments which potentially expose the Company to concentrations of credit risk consist primarily of cash, cash equivalents, and accounts receivable.

The Company extends credit to customers on an unsecured basis in the normal course of business. Management performs ongoing credit evaluations of its customers' financial condition and limits the amount of credit when deemed necessary. Accounts receivable are carried at original invoice amount, less an estimate for doubtful accounts based on a review of all outstanding amounts.

The Company has no off-balance sheets risks such as foreign exchange contracts, interest rate swaps, option contracts or other foreign hedging agreements.

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Allowance for Doubtful Accounts

The Company maintains allowances for doubtful accounts for estimated losses resulting from the inability of its customers to make required payments. For all customers, the Company recognizes allowances for doubtful accounts based on the length of time that the receivables are past due, current business environment and its historical experience. If the financial condition of the Company's customers were to deteriorate, resulting in impairment of their ability to make payments, additional allowances may be required.

Revenue Recognition

The Company derives its revenue from two sources: (i) Software Licenses, which are comprised of subscription fees ("SaaS"), perpetual software licenses, and maintenance for post-customer support ("PCS") on perpetual licenses and (ii) Digital Engagement Services, which are professional services to implement our products such as web development, digital strategy, information architecture and usability engineering search. Customers who license the software on a subscription basis, which can be described as "Software as a Service" or "SaaS," do not take possession of the software.

Revenue is recognized when control of these services is transferred to the Company's customers, in an amount that reflects the consideration the Company expects to be entitled to in exchange for those services. If the consideration promised in a contract includes a variable amount, for example, overage fees, contingent fees or service level penalties, the Company includes an estimate of the amount it expects to receive for the total transaction price if it is probable that a significant reversal of cumulative revenue recognized will not occur. The Company's subscription service arrangements are non-cancelable and do not contain refund-type provisions. Revenue is reported net of applicable sales and use tax.

The Company recognizes revenue from contracts with customers using a five-step model, which is described below:

- Identify the customer contract;
- Identify performance obligations that are distinct;
- Determine the transaction price;
- Allocate the transaction price to the distinct performance obligations; and
- Recognize revenue as the performance obligations are satisfied.

Identify the customer contract

A customer contract is generally identified when there is approval and commitment from both the Company and its customer, the rights have been identified, payment terms are identified, the contract has commercial substance and collectability and consideration is probable.

Identify performance obligations that are distinct

A performance obligation is a promise to provide a distinct good or service or a series of distinct goods or services. A good or service that is promised to a customer is distinct if the customer can benefit from the good or service either on its own or together with other resources that are readily available to the customer, and a company's promise to transfer the good or service to the customer is separately identifiable from other promises in the contract.

Determine the transaction price

The transaction price is the amount of consideration to which the Company expects to be entitled in exchange for transferring goods or services to a customer, excluding sales taxes that are collected on behalf of government agencies.

Allocate the transaction price to distinct performance obligations

The transaction price is allocated to each performance obligation based on the relative standalone selling prices ("SSP") of the goods or services being provided to the customer. The Company determines the SSP of its goods and services based upon the historical average sales prices for each type of software license and professional services sold.

Recognize revenue as the performance obligations are satisfied

Revenue is recognized when or as control of the promised goods or services is transferred to customers. Revenue from SaaS licenses is recognized ratably over the subscription period beginning on the date the license is made available to customers. Most subscription contracts are three-year terms. Customers who license the software on a perpetual basis receive rights to use the software for an indefinite time period and an option to purchase post-customer support ("PCS"). PCS revenue is recognized ratably on a straight-line basis over the period of performance and the perpetual license is recognized upon delivery. The Company also offers hosting services for those customers who purchase a perpetual license and do not want to run the software in their environment. Revenue from hosting is recognized ratably over the

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service period, ranging from one to three-year terms. The Company recognizes revenue from professional services as the services are provided.

Disaggregation of Revenue

The Company provides disaggregation of revenue based on geography and product groupings (see Note 14) as it believes this best depicts how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors.

Customer Payment Terms

Payment terms with customers typically require payment 30 days from invoice date. Payment terms may vary by customer but generally do not exceed 45 days from invoice date. Invoicing for digital engagement services are either monthly or upon achievement of milestones and payment terms for such billings are within the standard terms described above. Invoices for subscriptions and hosting are typically issued monthly and are generally due in the month of service.

Warranty

Certain arrangements include a warranty period, which is generally 30 days from the completion of work. In hosting arrangements, the Company provides warranties of up-time reliability. The Company continues to monitor the conditions that are subject to the warranties to identify if a warranty claim may arise. If it is determined that a warranty claim is probable, then any related cost to satisfy the warranty obligation is estimated and accrued. Warranty claims to date have been immaterial.

Property and Equipment

The components of property and equipment are stated at cost, net of accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is computed using the straight-line method over the estimated useful lives of the related assets (three to five years). Leasehold improvements are amortized using the straight-line method over the lesser of the estimated useful life of the asset or the lease term. Repairs and maintenance costs are expensed as incurred.

Internal Use Software

Costs incurred in the preliminary stages of development are expensed as incurred. Once an application has reached the development stage, internal and external costs, if direct and incremental, are capitalized until the software is substantially complete and ready for its intended use. Capitalization ceases upon completion of all substantial testing. The Company also capitalizes costs related to specific upgrades and enhancements when it is probable that the expenditures will result in additional functionality. Capitalized costs are recorded as part of equipment and improvements. Training costs are expensed as incurred. Internal use software is amortized on a straight-line basis over its estimated useful life, generally three years.

Research and Development and Software Development Costs

Costs for research and development of a software product to sell, lease or otherwise market are charged to operations as incurred until technological feasibility has been established. Once technological feasibility has been established, certain software development costs incurred during the application development stage are eligible for capitalization. Based on the Company's software product development process, technological feasibility is established upon completion of a working model.

Software development costs that are capitalized are amortized to cost of sales over the estimated useful life of the software, typically three years. Capitalization ceases when a product is available for general release to customers. Capitalization costs are included in other assets in the consolidated financial statements. The Company did not incur development costs during fiscal 2020 and capitalized \$11 of costs in fiscal 2019.

Intangible Assets

All intangible assets have finite lives and are stated at cost, net of amortization. Amortization is computed over the estimated useful life of the related assets on a straight-line method as follows:

Description	Estimated Useful Life (in years)
Developed and core technology	3
Non-compete agreements	3 - 6
Customer relationships	5 - 6
Trademarks and trade names	1 - 10

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Goodwill

The carrying value of goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment annually as of September 30, as well as on an interim basis whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a reporting unity may not be recoverable. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value. However, the impairment loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit. Goodwill is assessed at the consolidated level as one reporting unit.

Valuation of Long-Lived Assets

The Company periodically reviews its long-lived assets, which consist primarily of property and equipment and intangible assets with finite lives, for impairment whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate the carrying amount of such assets may exceed their fair value. Recoverability of these assets is assessed using a number of factors, including operating results, business plans, budgets, economic projections and undiscounted cash flows.

In addition, the Company's evaluation considers non-financial data such as market trends, product development cycles and changes in management's market emphasis. For the definite-lived intangible asset impairment review, the carrying value of the intangible assets is compared against the estimated undiscounted cash flows to be generated over the remaining life of the intangible assets. To the extent that the undiscounted future cash flows are less than the carrying value, the fair value of the asset is determined. If such fair value is less than the current carrying value, the asset is written down to the estimated fair value. There were no impairments of long-lived assets in fiscal 2020 or 2019.

Foreign Currency

The Company determines the appropriate method of measuring assets and liabilities as to whether the method should be based on the functional currency of the entity in the environment in which it operates or the reporting currency of the Company, the U.S. dollar. The Company has determined that the functional currency of its foreign subsidiaries are the local currencies of their respective jurisdictions. Assets and liabilities are translated into U.S. dollars at exchange rates in effect at the balance sheet date. Equity accounts are translated at historical rates, except for the change in retained earnings as a result of the income statement translation process. Revenue and expense items are translated into U.S. dollars at average exchange rates for the period. The adjustments are recorded as a separate component of stockholders' equity and are included in accumulated other comprehensive income (loss). The Company's foreign currency translation net gains (losses) for fiscal 2020 and 2019 were (\$43) and \$13, respectively. Transaction gains and losses related to monetary assets and liabilities denominated in a currency different from a subsidiary's functional currency are included in the consolidated statements of operations.

Segment Information

The Company has one reportable segment.

Stock-Based Compensation

The Company accounts for stock-based compensation in the consolidated statements of operations based on the fair values of the awards on the date of grant on a straight-line basis over their vesting term. Compensation expense is recognized only for share-based payments expected to vest. The Company estimates forfeitures at the date of grant based on the Company's historical experience and future expectations.

Valuation of Stock Options and Warrants Issued to Non-Employees

The Company measures expense for non-employee stock-based compensation and the estimated fair value of options exchanged in business combinations and warrants issued for services using the fair value method for services received or the equity instruments issued, whichever is more readily measured. The Company estimates the fair value of stock options issued to non-employees using the Black-Scholes Merton option valuation model.

The Company estimated the fair value of common stock warrants issued to non-employees using the binomial options pricing model. The Company evaluates common stock warrants as they are issued to determine whether they should be classified as an equity instrument or a liability. Those warrants that are classified as a liability are carried at fair value at each reporting date, with changes in their fair value recorded in other income (expense) in the consolidated statements of operation.

Advertising Costs

Advertising costs are expensed when incurred. Such costs were \$149 and \$425 for fiscal 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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Employee Benefits

The Company sponsors a contributory 401(k) plan allowing all full-time employees who meet prescribed service requirements to participate. The Company is not required to make matching contributions, although the plan provides for discretionary contributions by the Company. The Company made no contributions in either fiscal 2020 or fiscal 2019.

Income Taxes

On December 22, 2017, the U.S. government enacted comprehensive tax legislation commonly referred to as the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act (the "Tax Act"). The Tax Act made broad and complex changes to the U.S. tax code that affected the Company's fiscal year ended September 30, 2018, including, but not limited to, reducing the U.S. federal corporate tax rate. For taxable years after December 31, 2017, the Tax Act reduced the federal corporate tax rate to 21 percent. The Tax Act repealed the Corporate Alternative Minimum Tax.

On March 27, 2020 the CARES Act was signed into law to provide significant economic relief to individuals and businesses impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. The act provides for a five-year carryback of NOL's arising in tax years beginning in 2018, 2019 and 2020 and modifies the AMT credits to be 100% refundable for tax years beginning after December 31, 2018. The Company has available \$23 in AMT carryforwards which it has recorded as prepaid taxes at September 30, 2020.

The Act required the Company to pay a one-time transition tax on earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries that were previously tax deferred for U.S. income taxes and created new taxes on the Company's foreign-sourced earnings. The Company determined that the repatriation tax was zero because the foreign subsidiary had no positive retained earnings, and no current income.

The Company recognizes deferred tax assets and liabilities for the expected future tax consequences of events that have been included in the Company's consolidated financial statements and tax returns. Deferred income taxes are recognized based on temporary differences between the financial statement and tax basis of assets and liabilities using enacted tax rates in effect for the year in which the temporary differences are expected to reverse. Valuation allowances are provided if based upon the weight of available evidence, it is more likely than not that some or all of the deferred tax assets will not be realized.

The Company provides for reserves for potential payments of taxes to various tax authorities related to uncertain tax positions. Reserves are based on a determination of whether and how much of a tax benefit taken by the Company in its tax filings or positions is "more likely than not" to be realized following resolution of any uncertainty related to the tax benefit, assuming that the matter in question will be raised by the tax authorities. Interest and penalties associated with uncertain tax positions are included in the provision for income taxes.

The Company does not provide for U.S. income taxes on the undistributed earnings of its foreign subsidiaries, which the Company considers to be permanent investments.

Net Loss Per Share

Basic net loss per share is computed by dividing net loss available to common shareholders by the weighted average number of common shares outstanding. Diluted net loss per share applicable to common shareholders is computed using the weighted average number of common shares outstanding during the period plus the dilutive effect of outstanding stock options, and warrants using the "treasury stock" method and convertible preferred stock using the as-if-converted method. The computation of diluted earnings per share does not include the effect of outstanding stock options, warrants and convertible preferred stock that are considered anti-dilutive.

For the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, diluted net loss per share was the same as basic net loss per share, as the effects of all the Company's potential common stock equivalents are anti-dilutive as the Company reported a net loss applicable to common shareholders for the periods and the impact of in-the-money warrants was also anti-dilutive. Potential common stock equivalents excluded were the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock, Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, stock options and warrants (See Note 12).

Leases

In February 2016, the Financial Accounting Standards Board ("FASB") issued Accounting Standards Update ("ASU") No. 2016-02, *Leases: Topic 842* ("ASU 2016-02" or "ASC 842"), which outlines principles for the recognition, measurement, presentation and disclosure of leases applicable to both lessors and lessees. The new standard requires lessees to recognize most leases on their balance sheets for the rights and obligations created by those leases.

The Company adopted the new lease standard during the fiscal 2020 first quarter using the effective date of October 1, 2019 as the date of initial application; therefore, the comparative prior periods presented have not been adjusted and continue to be reported under the previous lease standard. The Company applied the new standard using certain practical expedients, including:

• the package of practical expedients, which permits the Company not to reassess under the new standard our prior conclusions about lease identification, lease classification and initial direct costs;

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- the short-term lease recognition exemption, which does not require the recognition of a right-of-use ("ROU") asset or lease liability for those leases that qualify;
- accounting for lease components and non-lease components as a single lease component for all underlying classes of assets.

As a result of adopting the new standard, substantially all of the Company's operating lease commitments were recognized as operating lease assets and liabilities, initially measured as the present value of future lease payments for the remaining lease term discounted using an incremental borrowing rate of 7.0%. At October 1, 2019, the adoption date, the Company recognized operating lease assets and liabilities of approximately \$545.

The adoption of the new standard is non-cash in nature and had no impact on net cash flows from operating, investing or financing activities. See Note 11 for additional information regarding the Company's lease arrangements and updated summary of significant accounting policies related to our leases.

Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements Not Yet Effective

Intangibles – Goodwill and Other - Internal-Use Software

In August 2018, the FASB issued No. ASU 2018-15, which addresses a customer's accounting for implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement that is a service contract. Under the new standard, customers will apply the same criteria for capitalizing implementation costs as they would for an arrangement that has a software license. ASU 2018-15 is effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those annual reporting periods, with early adoption permitted. As of September 30, 2020, the Company does not have significant implementation costs incurred in a cloud computing arrangement that is a service contract and therefore upon adoption the impact of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures is not expected to be material. All future implementation costs in such arrangements will be capitalized and amortized over the life of the arrangement, which may have a material impact in those future periods if such costs are material.

Fair Value

In August 2018, the FASB issued ASU No. 2018-13, which changes the fair value measurement disclosure requirements of ASC 820. ASU 2018-13 will be effective for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2019, including interim periods within those annual reporting periods, with early adoption permitted for any eliminated or modified disclosures upon issuance of this ASU. Upon adoption, the new standard will eliminate certain disclosure requirements in the Company's consolidated financial statements.

Financial Instruments – Credit Losses

In June 2016, the FASB issued ASU No. 2016-13, *Financial Instruments-Credit Losses (Topic 326)*, which requires entities to measure all expected credit losses for financial assets held at the reporting date based on historical experience, current conditions, and reasonable and supportable forecasts. This replaces the existing incurred loss model and is applicable to the measurement of credit losses on financial assets measured at amortized cost. ASU 2016-13 is effective for smaller reporting companies for annual reporting periods beginning after December 15, 2022, including interim periods within those annual reporting periods, with early adoption permitted. The Company is currently evaluating the impact of the new standard on its consolidated financial statements and related disclosures.

All other Accounting Standards Updates issued but not yet effective are not expected to have a material effect on the Company's future consolidated financial statements or related disclosures.

3. Accounts Receivable

Accounts receivable consist of the following:

	As of September 30,				
		2020		2019	
Accounts receivable	\$	698	\$	1,067	
Allowance for doubtful accounts		(33)		(88)	
Accounts receivable, net	\$	665	\$	979	

As of and for the year ended September 30, 2020, three customers represented approximately 15%, 14% and 10% of accounts receivable and one customer represented approximately 12% of total revenues. As of and for the year ended September 30, 2019, three customers represented approximately 16%, 14% and 12% of accounts receivable and two customers represented approximately 11% and 15% of total revenues.

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4. Property and equipment

Property and equipment consist of the following:

	As of September 30,			
		2020		2019
Furniture and fixtures	\$	73	\$	73
Purchased software		18		18
Computer equipment		93		93
Leasehold improvements		195		195
Total cost	-	379		379
Less accumulated depreciation and amortization		(141)		(80)
Property and equipment, net	\$	238	\$	299

Depreciation and amortization on the above assets were \$61 and \$66 in fiscal 2020 and 2019, respectively.

5. Fair Value Measurement and Fair Value of Financial Instruments

The Company's other financial instruments consist principally of accounts receivable, accounts payable and warrant liabilities. The Company measures its financial assets and liabilities at fair value. Fair value is defined as the price that would be received to sell an asset or paid to transfer a liability (i.e., exit price) in an orderly transaction between market participants at the measurement date. Additionally, companies are required to provide disclosure and categorize assets and liabilities measured at fair value into one of three different levels depending on the assumptions (i.e., inputs) used in the valuation. Level 1 provides the most reliable measure of fair value while Level 3 generally requires significant management judgment. Financial assets and liabilities are classified in their entirety based on the lowest level of input significant to the fair value measurement. The fair value hierarchy is defined as follows:

Level 1—Valuations are based on unadjusted quoted prices in active markets for identical assets or liabilities.

Level 2—Valuations are based on quoted prices for similar assets or liabilities in active markets, or quoted prices in markets that are not active for which significant inputs are observable, either directly or indirectly.

Level 3—Valuations are based on prices or valuation techniques that require inputs that are both unobservable and significant to the overall fair value measurement. Inputs reflect management's best estimate of what market participants would use in valuing the asset or liability at the measurement date.

The Company believes the recorded values for accounts receivable and accounts payable approximate current fair values as of September 30, 2020 and 2019 because of their short-term nature.

The Company's warrant liabilities are measured at fair value at each reporting period with changes in fair value recognized in earnings during the period. The fair value of the Company's warrant liabilities are valued utilizing Level 3 inputs. Warrant liabilities are valued using a Monte Carlo option-pricing model, which takes into consideration the market values of comparable public companies, considering among other factors, the use of multiples of earnings, and adjusted to reflect the restrictions on the ability of our shares to trade in an active market. The Monte Carlo option-pricing model uses certain assumptions, including expected life and annual volatility. The significant inputs and assumptions utilized were as follows:

			As of initial		
	2020	9	valuation date		
	Montage Capital	Series C Preferred	Montage Capital	Series C Preferred	Series C Preferred
Volatility	84%	84.1%	71%	80.9%	76.8%
Risk-free rate	0.28%	0.20%	1.59%	1.59%	2.40%
Stock price	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.86	\$ 1.91	\$ 1.91	\$ 12.50

The Company recognized gains of \$1,028 and \$13,404 for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, related to the change in fair value of warrant liabilities. The changes in fair value of warrant liabilities were due to changes in inputs, primarily a change in the stock price and the risk-free rate, to the Monte Carlo option-pricing model.

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Assets and liabilities of the Company measured at fair value on a recurring basis as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, are as follows:

	As	s of Septem	ber 30,	2020			
	Level 1	Lev	el 2	L	evel 3		Total
Liabilities: Warrant liability – Montage Warrant liability - Series A, B and C Total Liabilities	_	- \$ - - \$	- - -	\$	26 2,460 2,486	\$	26 2,460 2,486
	As	s of Septem		2019		_	
	Level 1	Lev	el 2	L	evel 3	_	Total
Liabilities: Warrant liability – Montage Warrant liability - Series A, B and C Total Liabilities		- \$ - - \$	- - -	\$ \$	14 3,500 3,514	\$	14 3,500 3,514
The following table provides a rollforward of the fair value, as determine	ned by Level 3	inputs, of	the warr	ant lial	oilities:		
Balance at beginning of period, October 1, 2018							180 21,500 (4,762) (13,404)
Balance at end of period, September 30, 2019							3,514
Exercises					\$		(1,028) 2,486

6. Goodwill

The carrying value of goodwill is not amortized, but is tested for impairment annually as of September 30th, as well as whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of a reporting unit may not be recoverable. The purpose of an impairment test is to identify any potential impairment by comparing the carrying value of a reporting unit including goodwill to its fair value. An impairment charge is recognized for the amount by which the carrying amount exceeds the reporting unit's fair value; however, the loss recognized should not exceed the total amount of goodwill allocated to that reporting unit.

An interim test was performed at December 31, 2018, as a decline in the stock price and other negative qualitative factors led management to conclude that there was a potential impairment, and annual tests were performed at September 30, 2020 and 2019. The fair value was calculated using the Company's market price. In performing the interim impairment test, management concluded that goodwill was impaired and recorded a charge of \$3.7 million during the three-month period ended December 31, 2018. The annual impairment tests at September 30, 2020 and 2019 did not result in any further impairment. Impairment charges are reflected as a reduction in goodwill in the Company's consolidated balance sheet and an expense in the Company's consolidated statement of operations.

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Changes in the carrying value of goodwill are as follows:

	As of September 30,			
	2020		2019	
Balance at beginning of period	\$ 5,557	\$	7,782	
Acquisitions	-		1,507	
Impairment	-		(3,732)	
Balance at end of period.	\$ 5,557	\$	5,557	

7. Intangible Assets

The components of intangible assets, net of accumulated amortization, are as follows:

	As of September 30,			
		2020		2019
Domain and trade names	\$	10	\$	52
Customer related		1,500		2,032
Technology		1,107		1,425
Intangibles, net	\$	2,617	\$	3,509

Total amortization expense related to intangible assets was \$891 and \$544 for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively, and is reflected in Operating expenses on the consolidated statements of operations. The estimated amortization expense for fiscal years 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025 is \$861, \$765, \$684, \$297, and \$10, respectively.

8. Accrued Liabilities

Accrued liabilities consist of the following:

	As of September 30,			
		2020		2019
Compensation and benefits	\$	368	\$	430
Professional fees		29		154
Restructuring fees		-		75
Taxes		46		-
Other		156		176
Balance at end of period	\$	599	\$	835

9. Restructuring and Acquisition Related Expenses

Restructuring Activities

In March 2020, the Company recognized \$366 related to a reduction in workforce in its U.S. and Canada operations aimed at improving efficiencies by combining functions, certain responsibilities and eliminating redundancies which resulted in a reduction of 15 positions.

During the year ended September 30, 2019, the Company had certain expenditures related to restructuring plans, which had commenced in fiscal 2015, to improve efficiencies by implementing cost reductions in line with expected decreases in revenue. As part of these then ongoing restructuring plans, the Company re-negotiated several office leases and relocated to smaller space, executed a general workforce reduction and recognized costs for severance and termination benefits. These restructuring charges and accruals required estimates and assumptions, including contractual rental commitments or lease buy-outs for vacated office space and related costs, and estimated sub-lease income. The Company's sub-lease assumptions include the rates to be charged to a sub-tenant and the timing of the sub-lease arrangement. All of the vacated lease spaces were previously contractually occupied by new sub-tenants over the remaining life of the leases. In the fiscal 2017 second quarter, the Company initiated a plan to shut down its operations in India, which is expected to be completed in the first half of fiscal 2021. During fiscal 2019, a charge of \$625 was recorded to restructuring expenses. During the year ended September 30, 2020, expenditures related to these previous restructuring plans were minimal and the Company does not expect to incur significant expenditures in future periods.

All of these estimates and assumptions are monitored on a quarterly basis for changes in circumstances with the corresponding adjustments reflected in the consolidated statement of operations.

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The following table summarizes the restructuring charges reserve activity:

	Employee	Facility	
	Severance and Benefits	Closures and Other Costs	Total
Balance at beginning of period, October 1, 2018		\$ 78	\$ 78
Charges to operations	224	ψ /6 -	224
Cash disbursements	(165)	(54)	(219)
Changes in estimates		(8)	(8)
Accretion expense			
Balance at end of period, September 30, 2019	59	16	75
Charges to operations	366	-	366
Cash disbursements	(425)	(16)	(441)
Changes in estimates	-	-	-
Accretion expense			
Balance at end of period, September 30, 2020	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -

Accrued restructuring costs included in Accrued Liabilities were \$0 and \$75 as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

Acquisition Related Expenses

In connection with the acquisition of Stantive, the Company incurred legal, accounting and consulting fees of \$428 during the year ended September 30, 2019, which are included in Restructuring and acquisition related expenses in the consolidated statements of operations. There were no acquisition related expenses incurred during the year ended September 30, 2020.

10. Debt

Payroll Protection Program

On April 17, 2020, Bridgeline Digital, Inc. entered into a loan with BNB Bank as the lender in an aggregate principal amount of \$1,047,500 ("PPP Loan") pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program ("PPP") under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act ("CARES Act"). The PPP Loan is evidenced by a promissory note ("Note"). Subject to the terms of the Note, the PPP Loan bears interest at a fixed rate of one percent (1%) per annum, with the first six months of interest deferred, has an initial term of two years, and is unsecured and guaranteed by the U.S. Small Business Administration ("SBA"). Payments are deferred for at least the first six months and payable in 18 equal consecutive monthly installments of principal and interest commencing upon expiration of the deferral period of the PPP Loan Date. During the year ended September 30, 2020, interest expense was approximately \$5 related to the PPP Loan. The Company may apply to the lender for forgiveness of the PPP Loan, with the amount which may be forgiven equal to the sum of payroll costs, covered rent obligations, and covered utility payments incurred by the Company during the twenty-four week period beginning on April 21, 2020, calculated in accordance with the terms of the CARES Act. The Note provides for prepayment and customary events of default, including, among other things, cross-defaults on any other loan with the lender. The PPP Loan may be accelerated upon the occurrence of an event of default.

U.S. GAAP does not contain authoritative accounting standards for forgivable loans provided by governmental entities to a for-profit entity. Absent authoritative accounting standards, interpretative guidance issued and commonly applied by financial statement preparers allows for the selection of accounting policies amongst acceptable alternatives. Based on facts and circumstances outlined below, the Company determined it most appropriate to account for the PPP Loan proceeds as an in-substance government grant by analogy to International Accounting Standards 20 ("IAS 20"), *Accounting for Government Grants and Disclosure of Government Assistance*. Under the provisions of IAS 20, "a forgivable loan from government is treated as a government grant when there is reasonable assurance that the entity will meet the terms for forgiveness of the loan." IAS 20 does not define "reasonable assurance"; however, based on certain interpretations, it is analogous to "probable" as defined in FASB ASC 450-20-20 under U.S. GAAP, which is the definition the Company has applied to its expectations of PPP loan forgiveness. Under IAS 20, government grants are recognized in earnings on a systematic basis over the periods in which the Company recognizes costs for which the grant is intended to compensate (i.e. qualified expenses). Further, IAS 20 permits for the recognition in earnings either separately under a general heading such as other income, or as a reduction of the related expenses. The Company has elected to recognize government grant income separately within other income to present a clearer distinction in its consolidated financial statements between its operating income and the amount of net income resulting from the PPP loan and subsequent expected forgiveness. The Company believes this presentation method promotes greater comparability amongst all periods presented.

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The following provides the balance and activity related to the PPP Loan:

PPP Loan	\$ 1,048
Qualified expenses incurred during the period eligible for forgiveness	(960)
Unexpended loan proceeds	\$ 88

The Company has performed initial calculations for the PPP loan forgiveness according to the terms and conditions of the SBA's Loan Forgiveness Application (Revised June 24, 2020) and, based on such calculations, expects that the PPP Loan will be forgiven in full, based on usage of related proceeds, over a period less than 24 weeks. In addition, the Company has determined it is probable the Company will meet all the conditions of the PPP loan forgiveness. However, there can be no assurances that the Company will ultimately meet the conditions for forgiveness of the loan or that the Company will not take actions that could cause the Company to be ineligible for forgiveness of the loan, in whole or in part.

The Company plans to submit the PPP loan forgiveness application in the near term. In accordance with the terms and conditions under the Payroll Protection Program Flexibility Act of 2020 (the "Flexibility Act"), the lender has 60 days from receipt of the completed application to issue a decision to the SBA. If the lender determines that the borrower is entitled to forgiveness, in whole or in part, of the amount applied for under the statute and applicable regulations, the lender must request payment from the SBA at the time the lender issues its decision to the SBA. The SBA will, subject to any SBA review of the loan or loan application, remit the appropriate forgiveness amount to the lender, plus any interest accrued through the date of payment, not later than 90 days after the lender issues its decision to the SBA. The amount the Company borrowed is within the "safe-harbor" limitations of the SBA. Although the Company believes it is probable that the PPP Loan will be forgiven, the Company cannot provide any objective assurance that it will obtain forgiveness in whole or in part.

Pursuant to the Flexibility Act, the Company's PPP loan agreement will be amended in the event that no amount or less than all of the PPP Loan is forgiven. In addition, starting in August 2021, the Company will be required to make principal and interest payments or an adjustment amount based on the loan amendment over the remaining term of the PPP Loan until such time the loan is fully settled. The Company classifies unexpended loan proceeds on the accompanying consolidated balance sheet as a current or noncurrent liability based on the contractual maturities of the underlying loan agreement. As of September 30, 2020, all unexpended loan proceeds were classified as a current liability.

Other Credit Facilities

During the year ended September 30, 2019, the Company had a Line of Credit with Heritage Bank of Commerce (the "Line of Credit") and a term loan with Montage Capital II, L.P. (the "Montage Loan"). Borrowings under the Line of Credit accrued interest at the Wall Street Journal Prime Rate plus 1.75% and the Montage Loan bore interest at 12.75% per annum. During the year ended September 30, 2019, interest expense was approximately \$136 related to the Line of Credit and Montage Loan. As of September 30, 2020, the Company no longer maintains nor are any future borrowings available under the Line of Credit.

As more fully described in Note 12, in the fiscal 2019 second quarter, the Company concluded a private offering of Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share. Proceeds were used, among other things, to pay-off in full the outstanding amounts on the Line of Credit and Montage Loan.

11. Leases

The Company leases facilities in the United States for its corporate and regional field offices. During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company was also a lessee/sublessor for certain office locations relating to its restructuring plans commenced in fiscal 2015.

Determination of Whether a Contract Contains a Lease

We determine if an arrangement is a lease at inception or modification of a contract and classify each lease as either an operating or finance lease at commencement. The Company reassesses lease classification subsequent to commencement upon a change to the expected lease term or a modification to the contract. Operating leases represent the Company's right to use an underlying asset as lessee for the lease term and lease obligations represent the Company's obligation to make lease payments arising from the lease.

A contract contains a lease if the contract conveys the right to control the use of the identified property or equipment, explicitly or implicitly, for a period of time in exchange for consideration. Control of an underlying asset is conveyed if we obtain the rights to direct the use of and obtain substantially all of the economic benefit from the use of the underlying asset. At commencement, contracts containing a lease are further evaluated for classification as an operating lease or finance lease based on their terms.

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ROU Model and Determination of Lease Term

The Company uses the ROU model to account for leases, which requires an entity to recognize a lease liability and ROU asset on the lease commencement date. A lease liability is measured equal to the present value of the remaining lease payments over the lease term and is discounted using the incremental borrowing rate, as the rates implicit in the Company's leases are not readily determinable. The incremental borrowing rate is the rate of interest that the Company would have to pay to borrow, on a collateralized basis over a similar term, an amount equal to the lease payments in a similar economic environment. Lease payments include payments made before the commencement date and any residual value guarantees, if applicable. The initial ROU asset consists of the initial measurement of the lease liability, adjusted for any payments made before the commencement date, initial direct costs and lease incentives earned. When determining the lease term, the Company includes option periods when it is reasonably certain that those options will be exercised.

Lease Costs

For operating leases, minimum lease payments, including minimum scheduled rent increases, are recognized as operating lease costs on a straight-line basis over the applicable lease terms. Some operating lease arrangements include variable lease costs, including real estate taxes, insurance, common area maintenance or increases in rental costs related to inflation. Such variable payments, other than those dependent upon a market index or rate, are excluded from the measurement of the lease liability and are expensed when the obligation for those payments is incurred.

Significant Assumptions and Judgments

Management makes certain estimates and assumptions regarding each new lease and sublease agreement, renewal and amendment, including, but not limited to, property values, market rents, useful life of the underlying property, discount rate and probable term, all of which can impact (1) the classification as either an operating or finance lease, (2) measurement of lease liabilities and right-of-use assets and (3) the term over which the right-of-use asset and leasehold improvements are amortized. The amount of depreciation and amortization, interest and rent expense would vary if different estimates and assumptions were used.

The components of net lease costs were as follows:

	Year ended September 30, 2020	
Condensed Consolidated Statement of Operations:		
Operating lease cost	\$	273
Variable lease cost		84
Less: Sublease income, net		(73)
Total	\$	284

Cash paid for amounts included in the measurement of lease liabilities was \$251 for the year ended September 30, 2020, which all represents operating cash flows from operating leases. As of September 30, 2020, the weighted average remaining lease term was 3.1 years and the weighted average discount rate was 7.0%.

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At September 30, 2020, future minimum rental commitments under non-cancelable leases with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year, which have commenced, were as follows:

	0	perating Leases
Fiscal year:		
2021	\$	114
2022		88
2023		88
2024		33
Total lease commitments		323
Less: Amount representing interest		(29)
Present value of lease liabilities		294
Less: Current portion		(96)
Operating lease liabilities, net of current portion	\$	198

As of September 30, 2020, the Company had no lease commitments that extend past 2025.

In January 2020, the Company entered into a new lease arrangement for its offices in Woodbury, New York. As of September 30, 2020, the lease had not yet commenced as the new office space was currently under construction. The Company had originally expected to move into the new office space on or about May 1, 2020; however, due to the current state of the COVID-19 pandemic, there were delays in construction, inclusive of obtaining necessary building permits from the local municipality. In November 2020, construction was completed, and this lease commenced. In October 2020, the Company also entered into a new lease arrangement for an office in Canada and began to sublease its existing Canada location.

Future minimum rental commitments upon commencement of the new leases are as follows:

	Payments Operating Leases	Receipts Subleases	Net Leases
Fiscal year:			
2021	\$ 96	101	(5)
2022	82	101	(19)
2023	85	101	(16)
2024	87	36	51
2025	88	-	88
Total lease commitments	\$ 438	\$ 339	\$ 99

At September 30, 2019, future minimum rental commitments under non-cancelable leases with initial or remaining terms in excess of one year were as follows:

	Payments Operating Leases	Receipts Subleases	Net Leases
Fiscal year:			
2020	\$ 152	73	79
2021	12	-	12
Total lease commitments	\$ 164	\$ 73	\$ 91

12. Stockholders' Equity

Series A Convertible Preferred Stock

The Company has designated 264,000 shares of its preferred stock as Series A Convertible Preferred Stock ("Series A Preferred Stock"). The shares of Series A Preferred Stock may be converted, at the option of the holder at any time, into such number of shares of common stock ("Conversion Shares") equal (i) to the number of shares of Series A Preferred Stock to be converted, multiplied by the stated value of \$10.00 (the "Stated Value") and (ii) divided by the conversion price in effect at the time of conversion.

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On December 31, 2019 (the "Amendment Date"), the Company filed a First Amended and Restated Certificate of Designations of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock (the "Series A Amendment") with the Secretary of State for the State of Delaware, which amended and restated the Series A Preferred Stock, as more particularly set forth below:

Conversion Price: Reduced the conversion price from \$812.50 per share to \$1.75 per share, subject to adjustment in the event of stock splits or stock dividends.

Mandatory Conversion: The Company has the right, in its sole discretion, to require the holders to convert shares of the Series A Preferred Stock into Conversion Shares if (i) the Company's common stock has closed at or above \$2.28 (\$32.50 prior to the Series A Amendment) for fifteen (ten prior to the Series A Amendment) consecutive trading days and (ii) the Conversion Shares are (a) registered for resale on an effective registration statement or (b) may be resold pursuant to Rule 144.

Company's Redemption Option: The Company may redeem all or a portion of the outstanding shares of Series A Preferred Stock, at its option, provided that the Company provides ten business days' prior written notice of its intent to redeem the Series A Preferred Stock to the holder and in cash at a price per share of Series A Preferred Stock equal to 100% of the Stated Value of such shares of Series A Preferred Stock plus all accrued and unpaid dividends. Notwithstanding, the holder may convert its Series A Preferred Stock prior to the exercise of the Company's redemption option.

Dividends: Each outstanding share of Series A Preferred Stock is entitled to receive cumulative dividends, payable quarterly in arrears, at a rate of 5% per annum for the first eighteen months commencing on January 1, 2020, after which time the dividend rate will increase to 12% per annum (the dividend rate was 12% per annum prior to the Series A Amendment). Dividends are payable in cash or, at the election of the Company, by delivery of additional shares ("PIK Shares") of Series A Preferred Stock, subject to a cap of 64,000 PIK Shares, in the aggregate. Any accrued but unpaid dividends on the shares of Preferred Stock to be converted shall also be converted into common stock at the conversion price.

In the event of any liquidation, dissolution, or winding up of the Company, the holders of shares of Series A Preferred Stock will be entitled to receive in preference to the holders of common stock, the amount equal to the Stated Value per share of Series A Preferred Stock plus declared and unpaid dividends, if any. After such payment has been made, the remaining assets of the Company will be distributed ratably to the holders of common stock. The Series A Preferred Stock shall vote with the common stock on an as-converted basis.

Prior to fiscal 2019, the Company had issued 64,000 shares of Series A Preferred Stock as PIK Shares to the Series A preferred shareholders, which is the maximum amount of cumulative PIK Shares authorized. Therefore, all future dividend payments will be cash dividends.

The Company determined that the Series A Amendment represents an extinguishment for accounting purposes. In making this determination, the Company considered the significance of the contractual terms added and revisions to existing contractual terms, including, but not limited to, the significant change in the conversion price and the addition of the Company's redemption option. These additions and revisions to existing contractual terms were considered to be qualitatively significant. The extinguishment of equity-classified convertible preferred stock is recognized as a deemed dividend measured as the difference between (1) the fair value of the consideration transferred; that is, the Series A Preferred Stock, as amended, and (2) the carrying value of the Series A Preferred Stock. At the Amendment Date, the fair value of the Series A Preferred Stock, as amended, was approximately \$2,629 and its carrying value was approximately \$315, resulting in a deemed dividend of \$2,314 recognized as an increase to accumulated deficit and an increase to additional paid-in capital and is included as a component of net loss applicable to common shareholders. The estimated Amendment Date fair value of the Series A Preferred Stock was determined using the present value of probability weighted scenario analysis based on the per share publicly traded closing stock price of the Company's common stock.

As of September 30, 2020, all previously outstanding shares of Series A Convertible Preferred Stock were converted into common stock.

Series B Convertible Preferred Stock

On October 16, 2018, in connection with a public offering, the Company issued 4,288 Series B Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share, with each share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock convertible into 40 shares of the Company's common stock at a conversion price of \$25.00 per share. As of September 30, 2020, and 2019, all of the shares of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock were converted into 171,520 shares of common stock.

Series C Preferred Convertible Stock and Associated Warrants

On March 12, 2019, the Company entered into Securities Purchase Agreements with certain accredited investors (each, a "Purchaser"), pursuant to which the Company offered and sold to the Purchasers an aggregate of 10,227.5 units ("Units") for \$1,000 per Unit, with such Units consisting of (i) an aggregate of 10,227.5 shares of the Company's newly designated Series C Convertible Preferred Stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Series C Preferred stock"); (ii) warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,136,390 shares of Company common stock, par value \$0.001 per share ("Common Stock"), subject to adjustment (as set forth below), with a term of 5.5 years ("Series A Warrants"); (iii) warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,136,390 shares of Common Stock, subject to adjustment (as set forth below), with a term of 24

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months ("Series B Warrants"); and (iv) warrants to purchase an aggregate of 1,420,486 shares with a term of 5.5 years ("Series C Warrants," and together with the Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants, the "Series C Preferred Warrants"). The Company also issued warrants to purchase an aggregate of 127,848 shares of the Company's Common Stock to the placement agents that were also subject to the same resets as described below.

At the time of issuance, no shares of Series C Preferred stock could be converted into Conversion Shares and no Series C Preferred Warrants could be exercised for shares of Common Stock, unless and until such time that the Company had obtained approval from its stockholders, at an annual or special meeting or via written consent, to (i) issue the Conversion Shares and warrants upon the conversion and exercise of the Series C Preferred stock and associated warrants, respectively, which number of shares in the aggregate exceeds 20% of the Company's shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding immediately prior to the Closing Date, as required by Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5635(d) (the "Issuance Approval"), and (ii) amend its Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended ("Charter") to increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance thereunder (or effect a reverse stock split of its issued and outstanding shares of Common Stock so as to effectively increase the number of shares of Common Stock available for issuance) by a sufficient amount to permit the conversion of all outstanding Series C Preferred stock into Conversion Shares and all Series C Preferred Warrants into warrant shares (the "Authorized Share Approval," and together with the Issuance Approval, the "Stockholder Approvals"). In addition, the Company may not effect, and a Purchaser will not be entitled to, convert the Series C Preferred stock or exercise any Series C Preferred Warrants, which, upon giving effect to such conversion or exercise, would cause (i) the aggregate number of shares of Common Stock beneficially owned by the Purchaser (together with its affiliates) to exceed 4.99% (or, at the election of the holder, 9.99%) of the number of shares of Common Stock outstanding immediately after giving effect to the exercise. The Stockholder Approvals were obtained on April 26, 2019 and the Company's Charter was amended on April 29, 2019. As of September 30, 2020, a total of 9,877.5 shares of Series C Preferred stock have been converted to 1,097,509 shares of Common Stock.

The Company determined that the Series C Preferred stock and the Series C Preferred Warrants are each separate freestanding financial instruments issued in a single transaction (the "Private Placement") and that the Series C Warrants have been determined to be derivative liabilities, which are measured at fair value on a recurring basis. The net proceeds of that single transaction were allocated to each of the freestanding financial instruments based on their fair values. The purchase price was allocated to the Series C Preferred Warrants first leaving no value for the Series C Preferred stock, as the Series C Warrants were fair valued at \$21.5 million and the total proceeds were only \$10.3 million. The final allocation of the proceeds resulted in a charge against income of \$11.2 million for the excess of the fair value over the net proceeds, which was recorded in the fiscal 2019 second quarter.

Common Stock

At the Market Offering

On August 17, 2020, the Company entered into an arrangement with an investment banking firm (the "Manager") to sell up to \$4,796,090 of shares of the Company's common stock with a par value of \$0.001 (the "ATM Offering"). Pursuant to the ATM Offering, shares may be sold on a daily basis, commencing no earlier than August 17, 2020, at a gross sales price equal to the market price for shares of the Company's Common Stock on the NASDAQ Capital Market at the time of sale of such shares. The Manager has no obligation to purchase shares of the Company's Common Stock and is only obligated to use its commercially reasonable efforts consistent with its normal trading and sales practices to sell shares of the Company's Common Stock. Accordingly, there can be no assurances that the Manager will be successful in selling any portion of the shares available for sale under the ATM Offering. The Company shall pay to the Manager a placement fee of 2.5% of the gross sales price of shares sold. The ATM Offering shall remain in effect until the earlier of August 17, 2021, or upon written notice of termination by either the Company or the Manager.

The Company currently intends to use the net proceeds from the sale of shares pursuant to the ATM Offering for working capital and general corporate purposes. As of September 30, 2020, there have been no shares of common stock sold under the ATM offering.

Public Offering

On October 16, 2018, the Company issued and sold in a public offering (the "Offering") an aggregate of (i) 28,480 Class A Units (the "Class A Units") at a price of \$25.00 per Class A Unit, consisting of (i) one share of the Company's common stock and one five-year warrant to purchase one share of Company common stock at an exercise price of \$25.00 per share and (ii) 4,288 Class B Units, consisting of one share of Series B Convertible Preferred Stock and a warrant to purchase one share of common stock. The net proceeds to the Company from the Offering, after deducting the underwriter's fees and expenses, were approximately \$4.4 million.

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In addition, the Company granted the underwriter of the Offering a 45-day option (the "Over-allotment Option") to purchase up to an additional 30,000 shares of common stock and additional warrants to purchase an additional 30,000 shares of common stock. At the time of the Offering, the underwriter partially exercised the Over-allotment Option by electing to purchase from the Company additional warrants to purchase 8,000 shares of common stock.

Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan

The Company has granted common stock, common stock warrants, and common stock option awards (the "Equity Awards") to employees, consultants, advisors and former debt holders of the Company and to former owners and employees of acquired companies that have become employees of the Company. The Company's Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan") provided for the issuance of up to 5,000 shares of common stock. This Plan expired in August 2016. As of September 30, 2020, there were 3,246 options outstanding under the Plan. On April 29, 2016, the stockholders approved a new stock incentive plan, The 2016 Stock Incentive Plan (the "2016 Plan"). The 2016 Plan authorizes the award of incentive stock options, non-statutory stock options, restricted stock, unrestricted stock, performance shares, stock appreciation rights and any combination thereof to employees, officers, directors, consultants, independent contractors and advisors of the Company. In November 2019, the Company increased the number of common shares available for issuance under the 2016 Plan from 10,000 shares to 800,000 shares. There were no revisions to exercise prices, terms or any other underlying provisions of existing stock options outstanding. As of September 30, 2020, there were 609,955 options outstanding and 190,045 shares available for future issuance under the 2016 Plan.

Compensation Expense

Compensation expense is generally recognized on a graded accelerated basis over the vesting period of grants. Compensation expense is recorded in the consolidated statements of operations with a portion charged to Cost of revenue and a portion to Operating expenses, depending on the employee's department.

During the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, compensation expense related to share-based payments was as follows:

	Years Septen	
	2020	2019
Cost of revenue	\$ 21	\$ 9
Operating expenses	 173	 240
	\$ 194	\$ 249

As of September 30, 2020, the Company had approximately \$325 of unrecognized compensation costs related to unvested options, which are expected to be recognized over a weighted-average period of 2.1 years.

Common Stock Warrants

The Company typically issues warrants to individual investors and placement agents to purchase shares of the Company's common stock in connection with public and private placement fund raising activities. Warrants may also be issued to individuals or companies in exchange for services provided for the Company. The warrants are typically exercisable six months after the issue date, expire in five years, and contain a cashless exercise provision and piggyback registration rights.

Montage Warrant - As additional consideration for the Montage Loan, the Company issued to Montage Capital an eight-year warrant (the "Montage Warrant") to purchase 1,326 shares of the Company's Common Stock at a price equal to \$132.50 per share. The Montage Warrant contains an equity buy-out provision upon the earlier of (1) dissolution or liquidation of the Company, (2) any sale or distribution of all or substantially all of the assets of the Company or (3) a "Change in Control" as defined within the meaning of Section 13(d) and 14(d)(2) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934. Montage Capital has the right to receive an equity buy-out of \$250. If the equity buy-out is exercised, the Montage Warrant will be surrendered to the Company for cancellation. The fair value of the Montage warrant liability at September 30, 2020 and 2019, was \$26 and \$14, respectively.

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Series A, B and C Preferred Warrants - Reset Dates and Reset Price - The Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants had an initial exercise price of \$9.00 per share; provided, however, that the exercise price of the Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants could be reset up to three times (each, a "Reset Date"), as more specifically set forth in the Series C Warrants, to a price equal to the greater of (i) 80% of the average of the two lowest VWAP days out of the 20 consecutive trading days immediately preceding the Reset Date, and (ii) \$4.00 (the "Floor") or (the "Reset Price"). Upon the applicable Reset Date, the number of shares of Common Stock issuable pursuant to the Series A Warrants and Series B Warrants would also be adjusted, as more specifically set forth in the Series C Warrants. The Series C Warrants were not exercisable until the applicable Reset Date. At the First Reset Date, which was May 29, 2019, the Reset Price was set to the Floor price of \$4.00 per share. Therefore, there will be no future Reset Dates or Reset Prices. The shares were fixed to the following at the Reset Date: the number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of the Series A Warrants is 2,556,875 shares, Series B Warrants is 2,556,875 shares, and Series C Warrants is 1,420,486. The number of shares of Common Stock issuable upon exercise of warrants issued to the placement agents is 127,848 shares.

As of September 30, 2020, a total of 1,351,217 shares of Series C Warrants have been exercised and no Series A, B or placement agent warrants exercised. The fair value of the total warrant liability related to the Series A, B and C Warrants and the placement agent warrants at September 30, 2020 and 2019, was \$2,460 and \$3,500, respectively.

Total warrants outstanding as September 30, 2020 were as follows:

Туре	Issue Date	Shares	Price	Expiration
Director/Shareholder	12/31/2015	120	\$ 1,000.00	12/31/2020
Placement Agent	5/17/2016	1,736	\$ 187.50	5/17/2021
Placement Agent	5/11/2016	1,067	\$ 187.50	5/11/2021
Placement Agent	7/15/2016	880	\$ 230.00	7/15/2021
Investors	11/9/2016	4,271	\$ 175.00	5/9/2022
Director/Shareholder	12/31/2016	120	\$ 1,000.00	12/31/2021
Financing (Montage)	10/10/2017	1,327	\$ 132.50	10/10/2025
Director/Shareholder	12/31/2017	120	\$ 1,000.00	12/31/2021
Investors	10/19/2018	3,120	\$ 25.00	10/19/2023
Placement Agent	10/16/2018	10,000	\$ 31.25	10/16/2023
Investors	3/12/2019	159,236	\$ 4.00	10/19/2023
Investors	3/12/2019	2,556,875	\$ 4.00	9/12/2024
Investors	3/12/2019	2,556,875	\$ 4.00	9/12/2021
Investors	3/12/2019	69,295	\$ 0.05	9/12/2024
Placement Agent	3/12/2019	127,848	\$ 4.00	9/12/2024
Total	-	5,492,890		

Warrant Issuances

<u>Issuances</u>	Shares		Exercise Price	
Placement agent - public offering	10,000	\$	31.25	
Placement agent - series A&B	127,848	\$	4.00	
Investors - public offering	208,000	\$	25.00	
Investors - series A&B	5,318,630	\$	4.00	
Investors - series C	1,420,512	\$	0.05	
Total issued in fiscal 2019	7,084,990			

During the year ended September 30, 2020, there were no warrants issued.

Summary of Option and Warrant Activity and Outstanding Shares

During the year ended September 30, 2020, the Company granted options to purchase 681,353 shares at an exercise price of \$1.40, of which (a) 70,000 shares vest on November 20, 2020 and the remainder vest ratably over a three-year period commencing November 20, 2019, (b) 1,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.61 which vest ratably over a three-year period commencing on December 2, 2019 and (c) 20,000 shares at an exercise price of \$1.61 which vest ratably over a three-year period commencing on June 15, 2020. All such options granted expire ten years from the date of grant.

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The weighted-average option fair values, as determined using the Black-Scholes option valuation model, and the assumptions used to estimate these values for stock options granted during the year ended September 30, 2020, are as follows:

Weighted-average fair value per share option\$	0.96
Expected life (in years)	6.0
Volatility	76.29%
Risk-free interest rate	1.61%
Dividend yield	0.0%

The expected option term is the number of years the Company estimates the options will be outstanding prior to exercise based on historical trends of employee turnover. Expected volatility is based on historical daily price changes of the Company's common stock for a period equal to the expected life. The risk-free interest rate is based on the U.S. Treasury yield in effect at the time of grant. The expected dividend yield is zero since the Company does not currently pay cash dividends on its common stock and does not anticipate doing so in the foreseeable future.

A summary of combined stock option and warrant activity is as follows:

	Stock (ons	Stock Warrants				
	Options		Weighted Average Exercise Price Warrants			Weighted Average Exercise Price	
Outstanding, October 1, 2018	9.157	\$	341.50	10.926	\$	308.32	
Granted	9,137	Ф	541.50	7,084,990	Ф	3.86	
Exercised	-		-	(1,351,217)		0.18	
Forfeited/Exchanged	(1,128)		486.00	(250,524)		25.00	
Expired	(181)		1,219	(318)		1,373.43	
Outstanding, September 30, 2019	7,848		306.41	5,493,857		4.54	
Granted	702,353		1.41	-		-	
Exercised	-		-	-		-	
Forfeited/Exchanged	(98,000)		3.96	-		-	
Expired			<u>-</u>	(967)		952.11	
Outstanding, September 30, 2020	613,201	\$	4.76	5,492,890	\$	4.37	

There were no options exercised during fiscal 2020 and 2019. There were 5,865 and 5,688 options vested and exercisable as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. The shares outstanding at September 30, 2020 had an aggregate intrinsic value of \$275 and had no intrinsic value at September 30, 2019.

A summary of the status of unvested shares is as follows:

	Shares	Weighted Average Grant-Date Fair Value
Unvested at October 1, 2019	2,160	\$ 136.21
Granted	702,353	1.41
Vested	(177)	131.48
Forfeited	(97,000)	3.96
Unvested at September 30, 2020	607,336	\$ 1.42

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Price ranges of outstanding and exercisable options as of September 30, 2020, are summarized below:

Outstanding Options				Exercisal	ble (Options			
Exercise Price			Number of options	Weighted Average Remaining Weighted Contractual Life Average (Years) Exercise Price			ed ge ing Weighted Number of il Life Average Options		eighted Average xercisable Price
\$1.40	to	\$1.61*	606,533	8.96	\$	1.82	-	\$	-
\$115	to	\$600	6,017	2.46		90.29	5,214		66.97
\$601	to	\$900	283	3.24		707.14	283		192.92
\$901	to	\$1,400	80	2.39		1,356.25	80		203.44
\$1,401	to	\$1,975	288	2.11		1,648.71	288		398.44
			613,201	9.10	\$	4.76	5,865	\$	310.63

^{*} There are no outstanding or exercisable options with exercise prices between \$1.62 and \$115.

13. Commitments and Contingencies

The Company leases certain of its buildings under noncancelable lease agreements. Refer to the *Leases* footnote (Note 11) of the Notes to the Consolidated Financial Statements for additional information.

The Company frequently warrants that the technology solutions it develops for its clients will operate in accordance with the project specifications without defects for a specified warranty period, subject to certain limitations that the Company believes are standard in the industry. In the event that defects are discovered during the warranty period, and none of the limitations apply, the Company is obligated to remedy the defects until the solution that the Company provided operates within the project specifications. The Company is not typically obligated by contract to provide its clients with any refunds of the fees they have paid, although a small number of its contracts provide for the payment of liquidated damages upon default. The Company has purchased insurance policies covering professional errors and omissions, property damage and general liability that reduce its monetary exposure for warranty-related claims and enable it to recover a portion of any future amounts paid.

The Company's contracts typically provide for testing and client acceptance procedures that are designed to mitigate the likelihood of warranty-related claims, although there can be no assurance that such procedures will be effective for each project. The Company has not paid any material amounts related to warranties for its solutions. The Company sometimes commits unanticipated levels of effort to projects to remedy defects covered by its warranties. The Company's estimate of its exposure to warranties on contracts is immaterial as of September 30, 2020.

The Company's agreements with customers generally require the Company to indemnify the customer against claims in which the Company's products infringe third-party patents, copyrights, or trademarks and indemnify against product liability matters. As of September 30, 2020 and 2019, the Company has not experienced any losses related to the indemnification obligations and no significant claims with respect thereto were outstanding. The Company does not expect significant claims related to the indemnification obligations and, consequently, concluded that the fair value of these obligations is negligible, and no related reserves were established.

Litigation

The Company is subject to ordinary routine litigation and claims incidental to its business. As of September 30, 2020, the Company was not engaged in any material legal proceedings.

14. Revenues and Other Related Items

Disaggregated Revenues

The Company disaggregates revenue from contracts with customers by geography and product grouping, as it believes this best depicts how the nature, amount, timing and uncertainty of revenue and cash flows are affected by economic factors.

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The Company's revenue by geography (based on customer address) is as follows:

	Years Ended September 30,							
Revenues:		2020		2019				
United States	\$	9,013	\$	8,881				
International		1,894		1,071				
	\$	10,907	\$	9,952				

The Company's revenue by type is as follows:

	Years Ended September 30,						
Revenues:		2020		2019			
Digital Engagement Services	\$	3,409	\$	4,117			
Subscription		6,185		4,287			
Perpetual Licenses		20		145			
Maintenance		349		405			
Hosting		944		998			
	\$	10,907	\$	9,952			

Deferred Revenue

Amounts that have been invoiced are recognized in accounts receivable, deferred revenue or revenue, depending on whether the revenue recognition criteria have been met. Deferred revenue represents amounts billed for which revenue has not yet been recognized. Deferred revenue that will be recognized during the succeeding 12-month period is recognized as current deferred revenue and the remaining portion is recognized as noncurrent deferred included in Other long-term liabilities.

As of September 30, 2020, approximately \$15 of revenue is expected to be recognized from remaining performance obligations for contracts with original performance obligations that exceed one year. The Company expects to recognize revenue on approximately 99% of these remaining performance obligations over the next 12 months, with the balance recognized thereafter.

The following table summarizes the classification and net change in deferred revenue as of and for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019:

	Deferred Revenue			
	Current		Long Term	
Balance as of October 1, 2018	\$ 594	\$	20	
Increase (decrease)	 668		(12)	
Balance as of September 30, 2019	1,262		8	
Increase	 249		7	
Balance as of September 30, 2020	\$ 1,511	\$	15	

Deferred Capitalized Commissions Costs

The incremental direct costs of obtaining a contract, which primarily consist of sales commissions paid for new subscription contracts, are deferred and amortized on a straight-line basis over a period of approximately three years. The Company evaluated both qualitative and quantitative factors, including the estimated life cycles of its offerings, renewal rates, and its customer attrition to determine the amortization periods for the capitalized costs. The initial amortization period will generally be the customer contract term, which is typically thirty-six (36) months, with some exceptions. Deferred capitalized commission expense that will be recognized as expense during the succeeding 12-month period is recognized as current deferred capitalized commission costs, and the remaining portion is recognized as long-term deferred capitalized commission costs. Total deferred capitalized commissions were \$20 and \$70 as of September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively. Current deferred capitalized commission costs are included in Other current assets in the consolidated balance sheets and noncurrent deferred capitalized commission costs are included in Other assets in the consolidated balance sheets. Amortization expense was \$16 and \$39 for the years ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

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15. Income Taxes

The components of the Company's tax provision as of September 30, 2020 and 2019 is as follows:

	Year Ended September 30,			
	20)20	20	19
Current:				_
Federal	\$	-	\$	-
State		11		4
Foreign				
Total current		11		4
Deferred:				
Federal		-		-
State		<u>-</u>		
Total deferred		<u>-</u>		
Grand total	\$	11	\$	4

The Company's income tax provision was computed using the federal statutory rate (21%) and average state statutory rates (4.3%), net of related federal benefit. The provision differs from the amount computed by applying the statutory federal income tax rate to pretax income, as follows:

	Year Ended September 30,			
	2020			2019
Income tax provision/(benefit) at the federal statutory rate of 21%	\$	67	\$	(1,905)
Permanent differences, net		(682)		541
State income tax provision/(benefit)		14		(578)
Change in valuation allowance attributable to operations		486		1,925
True up to prior year NOL		110		-
AMT tax refundable under CARES act		23		-
Other		(7)		21
Total	\$	11	\$	4

As of September 30, 2020, the Company has federal net operating loss (NOL) carryforwards of approximately \$37 million that expire on various dates through 2040. Internal Revenue Code Section 382 places a limitation on the amount of taxable income which can be offset by NOL carryforwards after a change in control of a loss corporation. Due to these "change of ownership" provisions, utilization of NOL carryforwards may be subject to an annual limitation in future periods. The Company has not performed a Section 382 analysis. However, if performed, Section 382 may be found to limit potential future utilization of the Company's NOL carryforwards. The Company also has approximately \$28 million in state NOLs which expire on various dates through 2039.

The Company has deferred tax assets that are available to offset future taxable income. A valuation allowance is established if it is more likely than not that all or a portion of the deferred tax asset will not be realized. Management believes that it is more likely than not that all deferred tax assets will not be realized, with the exception of the AMT carryover which has not been reserved against for September 30, 2019. Accordingly, the Company has established a valuation allowance against a portion of its deferred tax assets at September 30, 2020 and a portion of its net deferred tax asset for 2019. For the year ended September 30, 2020 and 2019, the valuation allowance for deferred tax assets increased \$484,000, and \$1.9 million which was mainly due to increases in the net operating losses.

In April of 2020 the Company received a loan pursuant to the Paycheck Protection Program under the Coronavirus Aid, Relief and Economic Security Act. The Company has used the funds in accordance with the requirements of the loan agreement and expects to receive forgiveness for all loan proceeds in the following fiscal year. The Company has recorded the proceeds for which it has calculated that forgiveness will be achieved as a government grant. The related expenses that were paid in accordance with the loan are included as expenses on the income statement for the year ended September 30, 2020. For income tax reporting the IRS has stated that any amount of loan forgiveness shall be excludible from income. For this reason, the Company has recorded a deferred tax asset in the amount of \$243. The IRS has also determined that the related expenses incurred and paid in accordance with the forgiveness rules of the PPP loan agreement are not deductible. The Company has reported a deferred tax liability in the amount of \$243 to account for this book vs tax adjustment.

The Company recognizes interest accrued related to unrecognized tax benefits in interest expense. Penalties, if incurred, are recognized as a component of tax expense.

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The Company is subject to U.S. federal income tax as well as income tax of certain state jurisdictions. The Company has not been audited by the Internal Revenue Service (IRS) or any states in connection with income taxes. The tax periods from 2016–2020 generally remain open to examination by the IRS and state authorities.

Significant components of the Company's deferred tax assets and liabilities are as follows:

Deferred revenue 754 717 Accrued expenses 37 46 AMT carryforward - 23 Net operating loss carryforwards 9,363 8,895 Contribution carryforward 1 1 Right of use liability 74 - Debt forgiveness 243 - Depreciation 8 8 Intangibles 408 401 Total deferred tax assets 10,896 10,115		September 30,			
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Total deferred tax assets 10,896 10,115 Valuation allowance (10,577) (10,093)			408		401
			10,896		10,115
Net deferred tax assets	Valuation allowance		(10,577)		(10,093)
	Net deferred tax assets		319	_	22
Deferred tax liabilities:	Deferred tax liabilities:				
Right of use asset	Right of use asset		74		-
Expenses related to debt forgiveness			243		-
Total deferred tax liabilities			319		_
Net deferred tax assets		\$	-	\$	22

Net deferred tax assets are reflected in Other assets on the consolidated balance sheets. Undistributed earnings of the Company's foreign subsidiaries amounted to approximately \$85 and \$108 at September 30, 2020 and 2019, respectively.

The 2017 Tax Act subjects a U.S. shareholder to tax on global intangible low-taxed income ("GILTI") earned by certain foreign subsidiaries. The FASB Staff Q&A, Topic 740, No. 5, *Accounting for Global Intangible Low-Taxed Income*, provides that an entity may make an accounting policy election to either recognize deferred taxes for temporary basis differences expected to reverse as GILTI in future years, or provide for the tax expense related to GILTI in the year the tax is incurred as a period expense only. Additionally, the 2017 Tax Act provides for a tax benefit to U.S. taxpayers that sell goods or services to foreign customers under the new Foreign Derived Intangible Income Deduction ("FDII") rules. As of September 30, 2020, the Company had net losses from all foreign derived income and therefore reported zero GILTI tax expense for the year ended September 30, 2020. When accounting for uncertain income tax positions, the impact of uncertain tax positions is recognized in the consolidated financial statements if they are more likely than not of being sustained upon examination, based on the technical merits of the position. The Company's management has determined that the Company has no uncertain tax positions requiring recognition as of September 30, 2020 and 2019. The Company does not expect any change to this determination in the next twelve months.

16. Acquisitions

On February 13, 2019, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Seevolution Inc., a Delaware corporation, Celebros, Inc., a Delaware corporation, and Elisha Gilboa, an individual and shareholder of Seevolution (the "Seevolution Asset Purchase Agreement"). The Seevolution Asset Purchase Agreement sets forth the terms and conditions pursuant to which the Company acquired certain assets in exchange for consideration paid consisting of (1) \$418 in cash at the time of purchase, (ii) the payment of \$100 of additional cash to be paid out \$10 per month for ten months starting April 30, 2019 and (iii) 40,000 shares of Bridgeline Digital common stock. Costs to complete the transaction were approximately \$18. The Company accounted for the Seevolution transaction as an asset acquisition as there were no substantive processes acquired. Goodwill is not recognized in an asset acquisition.

On March 13, 2019, the Company entered into an Asset Purchase Agreement with Stantive Technologies Group Inc. ("Stantive"), a corporation organized under the laws of Ontario, Canada, to purchase substantially all of the assets of Stantive and assume certain liabilities. The Company also acquired all of the outstanding stock of Stantive Technologies Group, Pty, a company incorporated in Australia, which was a subsidiary of Stantive. The total purchase price, including cure costs, for Stantive and its Australian subsidiary was approximately \$5.2 million in cash.

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The Company accounted for the Stantive transaction as a business combination in accordance with ASC Topic 805, Business Combinations.

The Company assessed the fair market value of the acquired assets and liabilities as of the respective purchase dates, as follows:

Net assets acquired:	Seevolution	Stantive	Total
Cash	\$ -	\$ 8	\$ 8
Accounts receivable, net	47	844	891
Other assets	-	40	40
Fixed assets, net	-	272	272
Intangible assets	1,024	3,007	4,031
Goodwill	-	1,507	1,507
Total assets	1,071	5,678	6,749
Current liabilities	76	488	564
Net assets acquired	\$ 995	\$ 5,190	\$ 6,185
Purchase Price: Cash Paid (including acquisition costs) Future deferred payments (present value) Common stock (fair value) The large identity of the principle of the p	97 480	\$ 5,190	97 480
Total consideration paid	\$ 995	\$ 5,190	\$ 6,185

As part of the Seevolution acquisition, of the \$1,024 allocated to intangible assets, \$602 was allocated to customer relationships, \$401 was allocated to technology with an average useful life of five years, and \$21 was allocated to trademarks with an average useful life of one year.

As part of the Stantive acquisition, of the \$3,007 allocated to intangible assets, \$1.7 million was allocated to customer relationships, \$1.2 million was allocated to technology with an average useful life of five years, and \$75 was allocated to trademarks with an average useful life of one year.

Total revenue from the Seevolution and Stantive acquisitions totaled approximately \$2,145 for fiscal 2019. Total earnings from the two acquisitions is impracticable to disclose as the acquisitions were asset purchases and the operations were merged with existing operations and not accounted for separately.

Pro Forma Information (Unaudited)

The following is the unaudited pro forma information assuming the Stantive acquisition occurred on October 1, 2017:

(in thousands, except per share data)	Year ended September 30, 2019
Revenue	\$ 15,622
Net loss applicable to common shareholders	(9,046)
Net loss per share attributable to common shareholders: Basic	\$ (7.61) \$ (7.61)
Weighted average common shares outstanding – basic Weighted average common shares outstanding – diluted	1,199,322 1,199,322

17. Related Party Transactions

In October 2013, Mr. Michael Taglich joined the Board of Directors. Michael Taglich is the Chairman and President of Taglich Brothers, Inc. ("Taglich Brothers"), a New York based securities firm. Taglich Brothers were the Placement Agents for many of the Company's private offerings and debt issuances. In connection with previous private offerings and debt issuances which occurred prior to the fiscal

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year ended September 30, 2018, Taglich Brothers were granted Placement Agent warrants to purchase 10,926 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$761.61 per share. As of September 30, 2020, Michael Taglich beneficially owns approximately 6.5% of the Company's stock.

In connection with the November 2016 Private Placement, the Company issued to the Investors warrants to purchase an aggregate total of 4,270 shares of common stock. Included were warrant shares issued to Roger Kahn (172 shares), the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer, and Michael Taglich (308 shares). Each warrant share expires five and one-half years from the date of issuance and is exercisable for \$175 per share beginning six months from the date of issuance, or May 9, 2017. The warrants expire May 9, 2022.

In consideration of previous loans made by Michael Taglich to the Company and the personal guaranty for on a former third-party credit facility no longer maintained by the Company, Mr. Taglich has been issued warrants to purchase common stock totaling 1,080 shares at an exercise price of \$1,000 per share.

In November 2018, the Company engaged Taglich Brothers Inc, on a non-exclusive basis, to perform advisory and investment banking services to identify possible acquisition target possibilities. Michael Taglich, a director and shareholder of the Company, is the President and Chairman of Taglich Brothers Inc. Fees for the services were \$8 per month for three months and \$5 thereafter, cancellable at any time. Taglich Brothers Inc. could also earn a success fee ranging from \$200 for a revenue target acquisition of under \$5 million up to \$1 million for an acquisition target over \$200 million. In connection with the asset purchase of Stantive, during the second quarter of the Company's 2019 fiscal year, Taglich Brothers Inc earned a success fee of \$200.

Michael Taglich purchased 350 units in the amount of \$350 of Series C Preferred Stock and associated warrants in the private transaction consummated on March 13, 2019. Mr. Taglich's purchase was subject to stockholder approval pursuant to Nasdaq Marketplace Rule 5635(c), for which approval by the stockholders of the Company was obtained on April 26, 2019.

18. Subsequent Events

The Company evaluated subsequent events through the date of this filing and concluded there were no material subsequent events requiring adjustment to or disclosure in these consolidated financial statements, except as already disclosed in these consolidated financial statements within Note 11.

Item 9. Changes in and Disagreements with Accountants on Accounting and Financial Disclosure.

None

Item 9A. Controls and Procedures.

Management's Report on Disclosure Controls and Procedures

We maintain disclosure controls and procedures that are designed to ensure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the *Securities Exchange Act of 1934*, as amended, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms, and that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including our President and Chief Executive Officer (Principal Executive Officer) and our Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial and Accounting Officer), as appropriate, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure. In designing and evaluating the disclosure controls and procedures, management recognized that any controls and procedures, no matter how well designed and operated, can provide only reasonable assurance of achieving the desired control objectives, as ours are designed to do, and management necessarily was required to apply its judgment in evaluating the cost-benefit relationship of possible controls and procedures.

As of September 30, 2020, the end of our fiscal year covered by this report, we carried out an evaluation of the effectiveness of the design and operation of our disclosure controls and procedures. Based on the foregoing, we concluded that our disclosure controls and procedures were effective as of the end of the period covered by this annual report.

Management's Report on Internal Control over Financial Reporting

Our management is responsible for establishing and maintaining adequate internal control over financial reporting. Responsibility estimates and judgments by management are required to assess the expected benefits and related costs of control procedures. The objectives of internal control include providing management with reasonable, but not absolute, assurance that assets are safeguarded against loss from unauthorized use or disposition, and that transactions are executed in accordance with management's authorization and recorded properly to permit the preparation of consolidated financial statements in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. Our management assessed the effectiveness of our internal control over financial reporting as of September 30, 2020. In making this assessment, our management used the criteria set forth by the Committee of Sponsoring Organizations of the Treadway Commission ("COSO") in the 2013 *Internal Control-Integrated Framework*. Our management has concluded that as of September 30, 2020, our internal control over financial reporting is effective in providing reasonable assurance regarding the reliability of financial reporting and the preparation of financial statements for external purposes in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles. Our management reviewed the results of its assessment with our Board of Directors.

This annual report does not include an attestation report of the Company's registered public accounting firm regarding internal control over financial reporting. Management's report was not subject to attestation by the Company's registered public accounting firm pursuant to a permanent exemption from the internal control audit requirements of Section 404(b) of the Sarbanes-Oxley Act of 2002.

Inherent Limitations on Effectiveness of Controls

Internal control over financial reporting has inherent limitations which include but are not limited to the use of independent professionals for advice and guidance, interpretation of existing and/or changing rules and principles, segregation of management duties, scale of organization, and personnel factors. Internal control over financial reporting is a process which involves human diligence and compliance and is subject to lapses in judgment and breakdowns resulting from human failures. Internal control over financial reporting also can be circumvented by collusion or improper management override. Provided its inherent limitations, internal control over financial reporting may not prevent or detect misstatements on a timely basis; however, these inherent limitations are known features of the financial reporting process and it is possible to design into the process safeguards to reduce, though not eliminate, this risk. Therefore, even those systems determined to be effective can provide only reasonable assurance with respect to financial statement preparation and presentation. Projections of any evaluation of effectiveness to future periods are subject to the risk that controls may become inadequate because of changes in conditions, or that the degree of compliance with the policies or procedures may deteriorate.

Changes in Internal Control over Financial Reporting

There have been no significant changes in our internal controls over financial reporting that occurred during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 that have materially, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, our internal controls over financial reporting.

ITEM 9B. OTHER INFORMATION

None.

PART III

Item 10. Directors, Executive Officers and Corporate Governance.

The following table sets forth information regarding our directors and executive officers:

Name	Age	Position
Joni Kahn	65	Chairperson (1)(2)(3)(4)
Kenneth Galaznik	69	Director (1)(2)(4)
Scott Landers	50	Director (1)(2)(3)(4)
Michael Taglich	55	Director
Roger Kahn	51	Director, President and Chief Executive Officer
Mark G. Downey	55	Chief Financial Officer (5)

- (1) Member of the Audit Committee.
- (2) Member of the Compensation Committee.
- (3) Member of the Nominating and Governance Committee.
- (4) Independent director.
- (5) Mr. Downey was appointed as our Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer effective July 1, 2019, following the resignation of our former Chief Financial Officer, Carole Tyner.

Biographies

Joni Kahn has been a member of our Board of Directors since April 2012. In May 2015, Ms. Kahn was appointed Chairperson of the Board of Directors. She also serves as the Chair of the Compensation Committee and is a member of the Audit and Nominating and Governance Committees. Ms. Kahn has over thirty years of operating experience with high growth software and services companies with specific expertise in the SaaS (Software as a Service), ERP (Enterprise Resource Planning) Applications, Business Intelligence and Analytics and Cybersecurity segments. From 2013 to 2015, Ms. Kahn was the Senior Vice President of Global Services for Big Machines, Inc., which was acquired by Oracle in October 2013. From 2007 to 2012, Ms. Kahn was Vice President of Services for HP's Enterprise Security Software group. From 2005 to 2007, Ms. Kahn was the Executive Vice President at BearingPoint where she managed a team of over 3,000 professionals and was responsible for North American delivery of enterprise applications, systems integration and managed services solutions. Ms. Kahn also oversaw global development centers in India, China and the U.S. From 2002 to 2005, Ms. Kahn was the Senior Group Vice President for worldwide professional services for Business Objects, a business intelligence and analytics software maker based in San Jose, where she led the applications and services division that supported that company's transformation from a products company to an enterprise solutions company. Business Objects was acquired by SAP in 2007. From 2000 to 2007, Ms. Kahn was a Member of the Board of Directors for MapInfo, a global location intelligence solutions company. She was a member of MapInfo's Audit Committee and the Compensation Committee. MapInfo was acquired by Pitney Bowes in 2007. From 1993 to 2000, Ms. Kahn was an Executive Vice President and Partner of KPMG Consulting, where she helped grow the firm's consulting business from \$700 million to \$2.5 billion. Ms. Kahn received her B.B.A in Accounting from the University of Wisconsin - Madison. Ms. Kahn brings extensive leadership experience to our Board and our Audit Committee as an experienced senior executive. Ms. Kahn has over thirty years of executive level managerial, operational, and strategic planning experience leading world-class sales, service and support technology organizations. Her service on prior boards also provides financial and governance experience.

Ms. Kahn brings extensive leadership experience to our Board and our Audit Committee as an experienced senior executive. Ms. Kahn has over thirty years of executive level managerial, operational, and strategic planning experience leading world-class service and support technology organizations. Her service on prior boards also provides financial and governance experience.

The Board of Directors has determined that Ms. Kahn's vast experience in the technology industry and finance, as well as her executive leadership, makes her qualified to continue as the Chairperson and member of our Board of Directors.

Kenneth Galaznik has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2006. Mr. Galaznik is the Chairman of the Company's Audit Committee and serves as a member of the Compensation Committee. From 2005 to 2016, Mr. Galaznik was the Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of American Science and Engineering, Inc., a publicly held supplier of X-ray inspection and screening systems with a public market cap of over \$200 million. Mr. Galaznik retired from his position at American Science and Engineering on March 31, 2016. From August 2002 to February 2005, Mr. Galaznik was Vice President of Finance of American Science and Engineering, Inc. From November 2001 to August 2002, Mr. Galaznik was self-employed as a consultant. From March 1999 to September 2001, he served as Vice President of Finance at Spectro Analytical Instruments, Inc. and has more than 35 years of experience in accounting and finance positions. Mr. Galaznik holds a B.B.A. degree in accounting from The University of Houston. Mr. Galaznik brings extensive experience to our Board and our Audit Committee as an experienced senior executive, a financial expert, and as chief financial officer of a publicly held company.

The Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Galaznik's deep experience in finance and his executive leadership make him qualified to continue as a member of our Board of Directors.

Scott Landers has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2010. Mr. Landers is the Chair of the Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee and serves as a member of the Audit and Compensation Committees. Mr. Landers was named President and Chief Executive Officer of Monotype Imaging Holdings, Inc. on January 1, 2016 after serving as the company's Chief Operating Officer since early 2015 and its Chief Financial Officer, Treasurer and Assistant Secretary since joining Monotype in July 2008. Effective October 11, 2019, Monotype was acquired by HGGC and is now a privately-owned company and is a leading provider of typefaces, technology and expertise that enable the best user experiences and sure brand integrity. Prior to joining Monotype, from September 2007 until July 2008, Mr. Landers was the Vice President of Global Finance at Pitney Bowes Software, a \$450 million division of Pitney Bowes, a leading global provider of location intelligence solutions. From 1997 until September 2007, Mr. Landers held several senior finance positions, including Vice President of Finance and Administration, at MapInfo, a publicly held company which was acquired by Pitney Bowes in April 2007. Earlier in his career, Mr. Landers was a Business Assurance Manager with Coopers & Lybrand. Mr. Landers holds a bachelor's degree in accounting from Le Moyne College in Syracuse, N.Y. and a master's degree in business administration from The College of Saint Rose in Albany, N.Y. Mr. Landers brings extensive experience to our Board and our Audit Committee as an experienced senior executive, a financial expert, and as chief executive officer and a chief financial officer of a publicly-held company.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Lander's financial skills, public-company experience, strategic business acumen and executive leadership make him a qualified to continue as a member of our Board of Directors.

Michael Taglich has been a member of our Board of Directors since 2013. He is the Chairman and President of Taglich Brothers, Inc., a New York City based securities firm which he co-founded in 1992 with his brother Robert Taglich. Taglich Brothers, Inc., focuses on public and private micro-cap companies in a wide variety of industries. He is currently the Chairman of the Board of Air Industries Group Inc., a publicly traded aerospace and defense company (NYSE AIRI), and Mare Island Dry Dock Inc., a privately-held company. He also serves as a director of a number of other private companies. Michael Taglich brings extensive professional experience which spans various aspects of senior management, including finance, operations and strategic planning. Mr. Taglich has more than 30 years of financial industry experience and served on his first public company board over 20 years ago.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Taglich's executive strategic business skills in both private and public companies, as well as his experience leading and advising high-growth companies, make him a qualified to continue as a member of our Board of Directors.

Roger Kahn has been a member of our Board of Directors since December 2017. Mr. Kahn joined the Company as the Chief Operating Officer in August 2015 and has been our President and Chief Executive Officer since May 2016. Prior to joining Bridgeline Digital, Mr. Kahn co-founded FatWire, a leading content management and digital engagement company. As the General Manager and Chief Technology Officer of FatWire, Mr. Kahn built the company into a global corporation with offices in thirteen countries. FatWire was acquired by Oracle in 2011. Mr. Kahn received his Ph.D. in Computer Science and Artificial Intelligence from the University of Chicago.

Our Board of Directors has determined that Mr. Kahn's vast experience as a successful entrepreneur in the technology space, as well as his technical and leadership acumen, make him qualified to continue as a member of our Board of Directors.

Mark G. Downey has been our Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer since July 2019. Mr. Downey comes to Bridgeline with more than 25 years of executive experience, including more than 15 years as a CFO and COO at several public and privately-held companies in the technology, private equity, financial services and professional services industries. Mr. Downey has extensive accounting, capital markets structuring, risk, treasury, M&A due diligence, technology enhancements, and overall operational and management experience. Prior to joining Bridgeline Digital, Inc., Mr. Downey served as a consultant and Director of Accounting & Transaction Services at MorganFranklin Consulting from 2015 to 2019. He was the global CFO and COO at Algodon Group, a private equity firm from 2014 to 2015 and CFO and COO and Treasurer at Dahlman Rose, Tullett Prebon and Commerzbank Securities from 2000 through 2014. He started his career at Coopers and Lybrand and holds a B.B.A. in Accounting from Iona College – Hagan School of Business and is a member of the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants and New York State Society of Certified Public Accountants.

There are no family relationships between any of the directors and the Company's executive officers, including between Ms. Joni Kahn and Mr. Roger Kahn, the Company's President and Chief Executive Officer.

Section 16(A) Beneficial Ownership Reporting Compliance

Section 16(a) of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Exchange Act") requires the Company's executive officers, directors and persons who beneficially own more than 10% of a registered class of the Company's equity securities (collectively, the "Reporting Persons") to file certain reports regarding ownership of, and transactions in, the Company's securities with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "SEC"). These officers, directors and stockholders are also required by SEC rules to furnish the Company with copies of all Section 16(a) reports that they file with the SEC. With respect to fiscal 2020 and 2019 and based solely on its review of the copies of such forms and amendments thereto received by it, the Company believes that all of the executive officers, directors, and owners of ten percent of the outstanding Common Stock complied with all applicable filing requirements.

Code of Conduct and Ethics

The Company's Board of Directors has adopted a Code of Ethics within the meaning of Item 406(b) of Regulation S-K of the Securities Act that applies to all of the Company's officers and employees, including its principal executive officer, principal financial officer, principal accounting officer or controller, or persons performing similar functions. The Code of Ethics codifies the business and ethical principles that govern the Company's business. A copy of the Code of Ethics is available on the Company's website www.bridgeline.com. The Company intends to post amendments to or waivers from its Code of Ethics (to the extent applicable to its principal executive officer, principal financial officer or principal accounting officer) on its website. The Company's website is not part of this proxy statement.

Committees of the Board of Directors

The Company has an Audit Committee, a Compensation Committee and a Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee.

Audit Committee

The Audit Committee assists the Board in the oversight of the audit of our consolidated financial statements and the quality and integrity of our accounting, auditing and financial reporting processes. The Audit Committee is responsible for making recommendations to the Board concerning the selection and engagement of independent registered public accountants and for reviewing the scope of the annual audit, audit fees, results of the audit and auditor independence. The Audit Committee also reviews and discusses with management and the Board such matters as accounting policies, internal accounting controls and procedures for preparation of financial statements. Our Audit Committee is comprised of Mr. Galaznik (Chair), Ms. Kahn and Mr. Landers. Our Board has determined that each of the members of the Audit Committee meet the criteria for independence under the standards provided by the Nasdaq Stock Market. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Audit Committee. A copy of such charter is available on the Company's website, www.bridgeline.com. During Fiscal 2020, the Audit Committee met four times. Each member of the Audit Committee attended each such meeting. The Chairman of the Audit Committee was present at all meetings.

Audit Committee Financial Expert. Our Board has also determined that each of Mr. Galaznik and Mr. Landers qualifies as an "audit committee financial expert" as defined under Item 407(d) (5) of Regulation S-K and as an independent director as defined by the Nasdaq listing standards.

Compensation Committee

The Compensation Committee evaluates the performance of our senior executives, considers the design and competitiveness of our compensation plans, including the review of independent research and data regarding compensation paid to executives of public companies of similar size and geographic location, reviews and approves senior executive compensation and administers our equity compensation plans. In addition, the Committee also conducts reviews of executive compensation to ensure compliance with Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Our Compensation Committee is comprised of Ms. Kahn (Chair), Mr. Galaznik and Mr. Landers, all of whom are independent directors. The Board of Directors has adopted a written charter for the Compensation Committee. A copy of such charter is available on the Company's website, www.bridgeline.com. During Fiscal 2020, the Compensation Committee met five times.

Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee

The Nominating and Governance Committee identifies candidates for future Board membership and proposes criteria for Board candidates and candidates to fill Board vacancies, as well as a slate of directors for election by the shareholders at each annual meeting. The Nominating and Governance Committee also annually assesses and reports to the Board on Board and Board Committee performance and effectiveness and reviews and makes recommendations to the Board concerning the composition, size and structure of the Board and its committees. A copy of such charter is available on the Company's website, www.bridgeline.com. Our Nominating and Governance Committee is comprised of Mr. Landers (Chair) and Ms. Kahn, each of whom are independent directors. During Fiscal 2020, the Nominating and Governance Committee met four times.

Item 11. Executive Compensation.

Summary Compensation Table

The following Summary Compensation Table sets forth the total compensation paid or accrued for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019 for our principal executive officer and our other two most highly compensated executive officers who were serving as executive officers as of September 30, 2020. We refer to these officers as our named executive officers.

Name and	Fiscal	All Other Compensation						
Principal Position	Year End		Salary		Bonus	(2)		Total
Roger Kahn	2019	\$	300,000	\$	26,042	\$ -	\$	326,042
President and Chief								
Executive Officer	2020	\$	300,000	\$	15,624	\$ -	\$	315,624
Mark G. Downey	2019	\$	60,000	\$	-	\$ 1	\$	60,000
Executive Vice President								
Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	2020	\$	240,000	\$	5,000	\$ -	\$	245,000
Carole Tyner (1)	2019	\$	201,167	\$	7,500	\$ 116,189	\$	324,856
Former Chief Financial Officer			·			•		

(1) Carole Tyner resigned as Chief Financial Officer on August 31, 2019. Effective July 1, 2019, Mark Downey was appointed as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer.

(2) Amounts paid to Carole Tyner in fiscal 2019 represented severance of \$110,000, unused vacation of \$5,077 and COBRA of \$1,112.

Employment Agreements

Roger Kahn

On August 24, 2015, Mr. Roger "Ari" Kahn joined Bridgeline Digital, Inc. (the "Company") as the Company's Chief Operating Officer. On December 1, 2015, Mr. Kahn and another were named Co-Interim Chief Executive Officers and Presidents and assumed the responsibilities of the Office of the Chief Executive Officer and President. On May 6, 2016, the Company appointed Mr. Kahn as President and Chief Executive Officer, effective May 10, 2016. Mr. Kahn's employment agreement was amended and reported on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on May 13, 2016. In furtherance of Mr. Kahn's employment with the Company, a new employment agreement was entered into on September 13, 2019 by and between the Company and Mr. Kahn. The principal change to Mr. Kahn's employment agreement is that it will automatically renew each fiscal year unless the Company provides written notice of its intent not to renew such employment agreement at least sixty (60) days in advance of the Company's fiscal year rather than the employment agreement only renewing upon notice from the Company.

Carole Tyner

On June 28, 2019, Ms. Carole Tyner resigned from her position of Chief Financial Officer of Bridgeline Digital, Inc. (the "Company") to pursue new professional opportunities. Upon Ms. Tyner's departure on August 31, 2019, she received a lump sum separation payment equivalent to six-months base salary, and further, she continued to receive COBRA health insurance continuation benefits with the Employer portion of the premiums paid by the Company through February 28, 2020.

Mark G. Downey

Effective July 1, 2019, Mark G. Downey was appointed by the Company's Board of Directors as Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer of the Company. The Company and Mr. Downey entered into an employment agreement (the "Employment Agreement"), effective July 1, 2019 through September 30, 2020, whereby he will receive two-hundred and forty thousand dollars base salary and the ability to earn a bi-annual incentive bonus of thirty thousand dollars. Mr. Downey may also participate in such equity-based and cash-based incentive programs as the Company may from time to time make available to its executive officers, in accordance with the terms and conditions of such programs, as well as, the Company's other applicable employee benefits plans and programs. His Employment Agreement, which has been renewed through September 2021, also provides that in the event Mr. Downey's employment is terminated by the Company without cause or if the Company terminates his employment for good reason, he is entitled to receive severance benefits. The foregoing descriptions of the material terms of the Employment Agreement by and between the Company and Mr. Downey do not purport to be complete descriptions and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the Employment Agreement, which is filed as Exhibit 10.1 on Form 8-K. There are no family relationships between Mr. Downey and any director or executive officer of the Company.

Outstanding Equity Awards at Fiscal 2020 Year-End

The following table sets forth information concerning outstanding stock options for each named executive officer as of September 30, 2020.

Name	Grant Date	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Exercisable (1)	Number of Securities Underlying Unexercised Options Unexercisable (1)	Exercise price (\$/sh)	Option Expiration Date
Roger Kahn (1)	08/24/2015	800	-	\$ 287.50	08/24/2025
	08/19/2016	716	<u>-</u>	\$ 205.00	08/19/2026
		1,516	-		

(1) Shares vest in equal installments upon the anniversary date of the grant over three years.

Director Compensation

The non-employee members of our Board of Directors are compensated as follows:

- Compensation. Each outside director receives an annual retainer of \$12,000 and is compensated \$1,500 for each meeting such director attends in person. Members of the Audit Committee receive additional annual compensation of \$3,000.
- Committee Chair Bonus. The Chair of the Board of Directors receives an additional annual fee of \$15,000. The Chair of the Audit Committee receives an additional annual fee of \$10,000. The Chairs of the Compensation Committee and Nominating and Corporate Governance Committee each receive an additional annual fee of \$5,000. These fees are payable in lump sums in advance. Other directors who serve on our standing committees, other than the Audit Committee, do not receive additional compensation for their committee services.

Director Compensation Table

The following table sets forth information concerning the compensation paid to our non-employee directors during the fiscal year ended September 30, 2020.

	Annual	Board				
Director	Retainer	Meetings	Chairman	Α	dditional	 Total
Ken Galaznik	12,000	\$ 6,000	\$ 10,000			\$ 28,000
Joni Kahn	12,000	6,000	15,000		3,000	36,000
Scott Landers	12,000	6,000	5,000		3,000	26,000
Michael Taglich	12,000	6,000				 18,000
	\$ 48,000	\$ 24,000	\$ 30,000	\$	6,000	\$ 108,000

Item 12. Security Ownership of Certain Beneficial Owners and Management and Related Stockholder Matters.

Beneficial ownership is determined in accordance with Rule 13d-3 under the Exchange Act. In computing the number of shares beneficially owned by a person or a group and the percentage ownership of that person or group, shares of our common stock subject to options or warrants currently exercisable or exercisable within 60 days after December 23, 2020 are deemed outstanding, but are not deemed outstanding for the purpose of computing the percentage ownership of any other person. Unless otherwise indicated, the address of each individual named below is our address, 100 Sylvan Road, Suite G-700, Woburn, Massachusetts 01801.

The following tables set forth, as of December 23, 2020, the beneficial ownership of our Series C Preferred and Common Stock by (i) each person or group of persons known to us to beneficially own more than 5% of the outstanding shares of each class of the outstanding securities, (ii) each of our directors and named executive officers, and (iii) all of our executive officers and directors as a group. At the close of business on December 23, 2020 there were 350 shares of our Series C Preferred and 4,420,170 shares of our Common Stock issued and outstanding.

Except as indicated in the footnotes to the tables below, each stockholder named in the table has sole voting and investment power with respect to the shares shown as beneficially owned by such stockholder.

This information is based upon information received from or on behalf of the individuals named herein.

Series C Preferred Stock

Name and Address	Number of Shares Owned (1)	Percent of Shares Outstanding		
Michael and Claudia Taglich				
790 New York Avenue	350	100.00%		
Huntington, NY 11743				
All current executive officers and directors as a group	350	*		

⁽¹⁾ Holders of Series C Preferred are entitled to vote on all matters presented to our stockholders on an as-converted basis. Each share of Series C Preferred Stock is convertible, at the option of each respective holder, into approximately 111.11 shares of Common Stock.

Common Stock

Name and Address	Number of Shares Owned		Percent of Shares Outstanding
Michael Taglich Director	304,387	(1)	6.47%
Roger Kahn President, Chief Executive Officer, Director	8,392	(2)	0.19%
Kenneth Galaznik Director	758	(3)	0.02%
Scott Landers Director	721	(4)	0.02%
Joni Kahn Director	719	(5)	0.02%
Mark G. Downey Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer	-		-
All current executive officers and directors as a group	314,977	(6)	6.72%

- (1) Includes 248,805 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants, and 174 shares of Common Stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of December 23, 2020). Also includes 35 shares of Common Stock and 2 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants owned by Mr. Taglich's spouse.
- (2) Includes 172 shares issuable upon the exercise of warrants and 5,246 shares of Common Stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of December 23, 2020). Includes 545 shares of common stock owned by Mr. Kahn's spouse.
- (3) Includes 146 shares of Common Stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of December 23, 2020).
- (4) Includes 138 shares of Common Stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of December 23, 2020). Includes 8 shares of Common Stock owned by Mr. Lander's children.
- (5) Includes 130 shares of Common Stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of December 23, 2020).
- (6) Includes 5,824 shares of Common Stock subject to currently exercisable options (includes options that will become exercisable within 60 days of December 23, 2020).

We maintain a number of equity compensation plans for employees, officers, directors and other entities and individuals whose efforts contribute to our success. The table below sets forth certain information as of our fiscal year ended September 30, 2020 regarding the shares of our common stock available for grant or granted under our equity compensation plans.

Equity Compensation Plan Information

	Number of securities to be issued upon exercise of outstanding options, warrants and rights	exerci outstand	ted average se price of ling options, ts and rights	Number of securities remaining available for future issuance under equity compensation plans (excluding securities reflected in column a) (c)		
Plan category	(a)		(b)			
Equity compensation plans approved by security holders	613,201	\$	4.76	190,045		
Equity compensation plans not approved by security holders (1)	5,492,879	\$	4.37			
Total	6,106,080	\$		190,045		

(1) At September 30, 2020, there were 5,492,879 total Warrants outstanding.

Stock warrants outstanding at September 30, 2020 are as follows:

	Issue		Extended	
Type	Date	Shares	Price	Expiration
Placement Agent	06-Nov-13		\$ 1,625.00	06-Nov-18
Placement Agent	28-Mar-14	-	\$ 1,312.50	28-Mar-19
Placement Agent	28-Oct-14	-	\$ 812.50	28-Oct-19
Director/Shareholder	31-Dec-14	-	\$ 1,000.00	31-Dec-19
Director/Shareholder	12-Feb-15	-	\$ 1,000.00	12-Feb-20
Director/Shareholder	12-May-15	-	\$ 1,000.00	12-May-20
Director/Shareholder	31-Dec-15	120	\$ 1,000.00	31-Dec-20
Placement Agent	17-May-16	1,736	\$ 187.50	17-May-21
Placement Agent	11-May-16	1,067	\$ 187.50	11-May-21
Placement Agent	15-Jul-16	880	\$ 230.00	15-Jul-21
Investors	08-Nov-16	4,271	\$ 175.00	09-May-22
Director/Shareholder	31-Dec-16	120	\$ 1,000.00	31-Dec-21
Financing	10-Oct-17	1,327	\$ 132.50	10-Oct-25
Director/Shareholder	31-Dec-17	120	\$ 1,000.00	31-Dec-21
Investors	19-Oct-18	3,120	\$ 25.00	19-Oct-23
Placement Agent	14-Apr-19	10,000	\$ 31.25	16-Oct-23
Total		22,761		

Item 13. Certain Relationships and Related Transactions, and Director Independence.

Item 404(d) of Regulation S-K requires the Company to disclose any transaction or proposed transaction which occurred since the beginning of the two most recently completed fiscal years in which the amount involved exceeds the lesser of \$120,000 or one percent (1%) of the average of the Company's total assets as of the end of the last two completed fiscal years in which the Company is a participant and in which any related person has or will have a direct or indirect material interest. A related person is any executive officer, director, nominee for director, or holder of 5% or more of the Company's Common Stock, or an immediate family member of any of those persons.

In accordance with our Audit Committee charter, our Audit Committee is responsible for reviewing and approving the terms of any related party transactions. Therefore, any material financial transaction between the Company and any related person would need to be approved by our Audit Committee prior to the Company entering into such transaction.

In October 2013, Mr. Michael Taglich joined the Board of Directors. Michael Taglich is the Chairman and President of Taglich Brothers, Inc. a New York based securities firm. Taglich Brothers, Inc. acted as placement agents for many of the Company's private offerings in 2012, 2013, 2014, and 2016. They were also the placement agent for the Company's \$3 million subordinated debt offering in 2013, the Series A Preferred stock sale in 2015, and Promissory Term Notes in 2018. As of August 16, 2019, Michael Taglich beneficially owns approximately 10% of Bridgeline stock. Michael Taglich has also guaranteed \$1.5 million in connection with the Company's out of formula borrowings on its credit facility with Heritage Bank. In consideration of previous loans made by Michael Taglich to the Company and the personal guaranty for Heritage Bank of Commerce, Mr. Taglich has been issued warrants to purchase common stock totaling 1,080 shares at an exercise price of \$1,000.00 per share.

In connection with the Company's private placement completed in November 2016, the Company issued to the Investors warrants to purchase an aggregate total of 4,271 shares of common stock. Included were warrants to purchase 172 shares of common stock issued to Roger Kahn and warrants to purchase 308 shares of common stock issued to Michael Taglich. Each warrant to purchase common stock expires five and one-half years from the date of issuance and is exercisable for \$175.00 per share beginning six months from the date of issuance, or May 9, 2017. The warrants expire May 9, 2022.

In connection with previous private offerings and debt issuances, Taglich Brothers, Inc. were granted placement agent warrants to purchase 4,246 shares of common stock at a weighted average price of \$321.00 per share.

In September 2018, the Company sold and issued subordinate promissory notes (the "Promissory Term Notes") to certain accredited investors (each, a "Purchaser"), pursuant to which it issued to the Purchasers (i) Promissory Term Notes, in the aggregate principal amount of approximately \$941,000. The Promissory Term Notes have an original issue discount of fifteen percent (15%), bear interest at a rate of twelve percent (12%) per annum, and have a maturity date of the earlier to occur of (a) six months from the date of execution of the Purchase Agreement, or (b) the consummation of a debt or equity financing resulting in the gross proceeds to the Company of at least \$3.0 million. Michael Taglich participated in the Note Purchase Agreement in September 2018. Michael Taglich purchased Promissory Term Notes in the amount of approximately \$122,000 pursuant to the Note Purchase Agreement. Taglich Brothers, Inc. served as placement agent for the above transaction, for which services the Company paid to Taglich Brothers, Inc. \$40,000 in cash compensation, or five percent (5%) of the net proceeds received by the Company.

Item 14. Principal Accounting Fees and Services.

Audit Fees

The firm of Marcum LLP acts as our principal independent registered public accounting firm. They have served as our independent auditors since April 26, 2010. A representative of Marcum LLP is expected to attend this year's Annual Meeting, and he will have an opportunity to make a statement if he desires to do so. It is also expected that such representative will be available to respond to appropriate questions.

The table below shows the aggregate fees that the Company paid or accrued for the audit and other services provided by Marcum LLP for the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020 and September 30, 2019. The Company did not engage its independent registered public accounting firm during either of the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020 or September 30, 2019 for any other non-audit services.

Type of Service	Amount of Fee for Fiscal Year Ended			
	September 30, 2020	September 30, 2019		
Audit Fees	\$261,397	\$268,271		
Audit-Related Fees	_	_		
Tax Fees	_	_		
Total	\$261,397	\$268,271		

Audit Fees. This category includes fees for the audits of the Company's annual financial statements, review of financial statements included in the Company's Form 10-Q Quarterly Reports and services that are normally provided by the independent auditors in connection with statutory and regulatory filings or engagements for the relevant fiscal years.

Audit-Related Fees. This category consists of audits performed in connection with certain acquisitions.

Tax Fees. This category consists of professional services rendered for tax compliance, tax planning and tax advice. The services for the fees disclosed under this category include tax return preparation, research and technical tax advice.

There were no other fees paid or accrued to Marcum LLP in the fiscal years ended September 30, 2020 or September 30, 2019.

Audit Committee Pre-Approval Policies and Procedures.

Before an independent public accounting firm is engaged by the Company to render audit or non-audit services, the engagement is approved by the Audit Committee. Our Audit Committee has the sole authority to approve the scope of the audit and any audit-related services as well as all audit fees and terms. Our Audit Committee must pre-approve any audit and non-audit related services by our independent registered public accounting firm. During our fiscal year ended September 30, 2020, no services were provided to us by our independent registered public accounting firm other than in accordance with the pre-approval procedures described herein.

PART IV

Item 15. Exhibits and Financial Statement Schedules.

(a) Documents Filed as Part of this Form 10-K

- 1. Financial Statements (included in Item 8 of this report on Form 10-K):
- Reports of Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm
- Consolidated Balance Sheets as of September 30, 2020 and 2019
- Consolidated Statements of Operations for the years ending September 30, 2020 and 2019
- Consolidated Statements of Comprehensive Income/(Loss) for the years ending September 30, 2020 and 2019
- Consolidated Statements of Shareholders' Equity for the years ending September 30, 2020 and 2019
- Consolidated Statements of Cash Flows for the years ending September 30, 2020 and 2019
 Notes to Consolidated Financial Statements
- 2. Financial Statement Schedules
- Not applicable

(b) Exhibits

Documents listed below, except for documents followed by a parenthetical, are being filed as exhibits. Documents followed by a parenthetical are not being filed herewith and, pursuant to Rule 12b-32 of the General Rules and Regulations promulgated by the SEC under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (the Act), reference is made to such documents as previously filed as exhibits with the SEC.

Exhibit	Incorporated by Reference			by Reference	e Filed	
No.	Exhibit	Form	Filing Date	Exhibit No.	Herewith	
1.1	Underwriting Agreement by and between Bridgeline Digital, Inc. and ThinkEquity, dated October 16, 2018	8-K	October 19, 2018	1.1		
2.1		10.0	M 15 2012	2.1		
3.1	Amended and Restated Certificate of Incorporation, as amended	10-Q	May 15, 2013	3.1		
3.2	Certificate of Designations of the Series A Convertible Preferred Stock	8-K	November 4, 2014	3.1		
3.3	Amended and Restated By-Laws	10-Q	February 17, 2015	3.2		
3.4	Certificate of Designations of the Series B Convertible Preferred Stock	8-K	October 19, 2018	3.1		
3.5	Amended and Restated By-Laws	8-K	December 14, 2018	3.1		
	Amended and Restated By-Laws					
10.1	Amended and Restated Stock Incentive Plan, as amended	DEF 14 A	July 14, 2014	С		
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No.	<u>Exhibit</u>	Form	Filing Date	Exhibit No.	Herewith	
10.2	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant Issued to Placement Agent	8-K	November 4, 2014	10.2		
10.3	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant Issued by Company to Michael Taglich dated January 7, 2015	8-K	January 9, 2015	10.2		
10.4	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant Issued by Company to Michael Taglich dated February 17, 2015	10-Q	February 17, 2015	10.2		
10.5	Form of Restricted Stock Agreement	10-Q	May 15, 2015	10.6		
10.6	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant Issued by Company to Michael Taglich dated May 12, 2015	10-Q	May 15, 2015	10.9		
10.7	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant Issued by Company to Michael Taglich dated July 21, 2015	8-K	July 24, 2015	10.2		
10.8		DEF 14	March 22, 2016	Appendix B		
	Bridgeline Digital Inc. 2016 Stock Incentive Plan	A				
10.9	Form of Common Stock Purchase Warrant issued to Placement Agent	8-K	May 17, 2016	10.3		
10.10	Placement Agreement between Bridgeline Digital, Inc and Taglich Brothers, Inc dated March 31, 2016	8-K	June 15, 2016	10.3		
10.11	Form of Securities Purchase Agreement dated November 3, 2016	8-K	November 4, 2016	10.1		
10.12	Form of Purchaser Warrant	8-K	November 4, 2016	10.2		
10.13		8-K		10.3		
	Form of Registration Rights Agreement dated November 3, 2016		November 4, 2016			
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(c) Financial Statement Schedules

Not applicable

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.

BRIDGELINE DIGITAL, INC.

a Delaware corporation

By: /s/ Roger Kahn

Name: Roger Kahn

December 23, 2020

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

Signature	Title	Date	
/s/ Roger Kahn	President and Chief Executive Officer, Director (Principal Executive Officer)	December 23, 2020	
/s/ Mark G. Downey Mark G. Downey	Chief Financial Officer (Principal Financial Officer)	December 23, 2020	
/s/Kenneth Galaznik Kenneth Galaznik	Director	December 23, 2020	
/s/ Joni Kahn Joni Kahn	Director	December 23, 2020	
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