VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY INC Form 10-Q/A July 28, 2006

UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

x QUARTERLY REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934
For the Quarterly Period Ended March 31, 2006.

OR

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

For the Transition Period from _______ to ______.

Commission File Number 000-21559

VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of

04-3320515 (I.R.S. Employer

incorporation or organization)

Identification No.)

296 Concord Road, Third Floor, Billerica, MA (Address of principal executive offices)

01821 (Zip Code)

(978) 932-2200

Registrant s telephone number, including area code

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

Indicate by a check mark whether the Registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, or a non-accelerated filer. See definition of accelerated filer and large accelerated filer in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large Accelerated Filer "

Accelerated Filer x

Non-Accelerated Filer "

Indicate by a check mark whether the Registrant is a shell company (as defined in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act) "Yes x No

Indicate the number of shares outstanding of each of the registrant s classes of common stock, as of the latest practicable date.

Class

Outstanding at May 16, 2006 29,074,156

Common stock, \$.001 par value

EXPLANATORY NOTE

In accordance with Rule 12b-15 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, we are filing this Amendment No. 1 on Form 10-Q/A in response to comments received from the staff of the Securities and Exchange Commission in connection with their review of our joint proxy statement/prospectus contained in our Registration Statement on Form S-4.

In this filing we have specifically amended and restated Item 2 of Part I in response to the Staff s comments.

This report speaks as of the original filing date of our Form 10-Q (May 17, 2006) and has not been updated to reflect events occurring subsequent to that date. All information contained in this and our previous filings is subject to updating and supplementing as provided in our periodic reports filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

VIISAGE TECHNOLOGY, INC.

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

The following discussion and analysis should be read in conjunction with the financial statements and accompanying notes contained in our 2005 Annual Report on Form 10-K and in this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q.

COMPANY BACKGROUND

Viisage Technology, Inc. provides advanced technology identity solutions that enable governments, law enforcement agencies and businesses to enhance security, reduce identity theft, and protect personal privacy. Our solutions are specifically designed for the identification of people and include secure credentialing, biometrics, automated document authentication, real-time identity databases, automated testing of identity and identity information, and biometrically-enabled background checks, as well as systems design, development, integration and support services. These identity solutions enable our customers to manage the entire life cycle of an individual sidentity for a variety of applications including civil identification, criminal identification and border management. Our customers use these solutions to help solve the following three critical problems in identity verification and management:

assurance that an identification document is authentic and has been issued to the correct person;

confidence that the person holding the identification is uniquely tied to and authorized to use the document; and

verification of the privileges the individual is entitled to at a particular point in time.

We generate revenue through the sale and licensing of products and services for verifying and managing identities. Our revenues increased to approximately \$23.4 million for the three months ended March 31, 2006 from \$16.8 million for the three months ended April 3, 2005. Our net loss for the three months ended March 31, 2006 increased to \$2.2 million from \$1.6 million for the three months ended April 3, 2005. The net loss for the three month period ended March 31, 2006 included \$626,000 of stock-based compensation expense related to the adoption of SFAS 123R effective January 1, 2006.

Our solutions ensure the production of secure credentials, enable automated background checks and help prevent and detect identity theft and fraud. Annually, our solutions produce more than 30 million secure government-issued credentials at more than 2,000 locations. We are the second largest provider of U.S. drivers licenses with a 30% market share, and we are the sole source provider of passport production capability to the U.S. Department of State. We also are a recognized leader in biometrics in the fields of face recognition, iris identification and fingerprinting products, services and solutions. In addition, we are the leader in document authentication technology with approximately 3,000 installations in 17 countries. Our customers include governments, law enforcement agencies and businesses around the world.

The market for identity solutions has continued to develop at a rapid pace over the past 24 months. In particular, consumers of identity solutions are demanding end-to-end solutions with increased functionality that can solve their spectrum of needs across the identity life cycle. Our objective is to meet those growing needs by continuing to broaden our product and solution offerings to meet our customer needs, leveraging our existing customer base to provide additional products and services, expanding our customer base both domestically and abroad, and augmenting our competitive position through strategic acquisitions and alliances. We evaluate our business through financial metrics such as efforts to increase revenues and improve gross margin, as well as operational metrics such as new products introduced to market, new customers added and new technologies acquired. As an expanding company, we believe that our greatest challenge is choosing the right markets and best opportunities to pursue that will enable us to successfully grow our business.

Sources of Revenues

In our advanced technology identification solutions segment, we generate product revenues principally from sales of biometrics solutions which typically consist of our proprietary software together with commercial off-the-shelf cameras and workstations; document authentication solutions which typically consist of our proprietary document authentication system bundled with our proprietary software; and our secure printing solutions which typically consist of specialized printers and related consumables. In that segment, we generate services revenues from the design, customization and installation of secure credential issuance systems and customized biometrics solutions. We generate maintenance revenues from maintenance contracts that are typically included with the sale of our solutions and on the renewals of those contracts. In our fingerprint products and services segment, we generate revenue through the sale of background screening products and services. In our SecuriMetrics segment, we generate revenue through the development, customization and sale of biometrics solutions which typically consist of proprietary biometrics capture devices bundled together with our proprietary software. We measure the performance of our segments primarily based on revenues and operating income.

We market our solutions primarily to U.S. and foreign federal, state and local government agencies and law enforcement agencies. We also are working to expand the use of our solutions in commercial markets, particularly financial services and transportation. In a typical contract with a government entity for an identity solution, we agree to design the system, supply and install equipment and software and integrate the solution within the entity sexisting network infrastructure. These contracts may be structured as fixed price contracts with payments made upon completion of agreed milestones or deliveries and with each milestone or delivery typically having a value specified in the contract. Alternatively, these contracts may be paid at a fixed price per credential issued as is typical in the drivers—license market, or per fingerprint delivered in the case of our fingerprinting products and services segment. Our customers usually impose specific performance and acceptance criteria that must be satisfied prior to acceptance of the system and corresponding payment.

Our growth in revenues since the fourth quarter of 2003 is due principally to increased demand for our solutions corresponding to heightened emphasis on secure credential issuance, document authentication and biometrics, as well as growth due to acquisitions. We anticipate that the U.S. Department of State will continue to be one of our major customers for the foreseeable future due to the continuing increase in the number of passports issued each year. We also anticipate steadily increasing funding for major government programs such as US VISIT, TWIC, HSPD-12, REAL ID and e-passport. Any delay or other changes in the rollout of these programs could cause our revenues to fall short of our expectations. We intend to continue our acquisition strategy to complement and expand our existing products, services and solutions.

We also expect to experience increased demand from a number of other governments as they deploy identity solutions, particularly document authentication, at points of entry and exit, including borders, seaports and airports, and in connection with national identification programs. Notwithstanding our expectations regarding demand for these solutions, the quantity and timing of orders from both U.S. and foreign government entities depends on a number of factors outside of our control, such as the level and timing of budget appropriations. Government contracts for identity solutions at points of entry and exit and in connection with national identification programs are typically awarded in open competitive bidding processes. Therefore, our future level of sales of our solutions for these deployments may vary substantially, and will depend on our ability to successfully compete for this business.

STRATEGIC INITIATIVES

The market for identity solutions has continued to develop at a rapid pace over the past 24 months. In particular, consumers of identity solutions are demanding end-to-end solutions with increased functionality that can solve their spectrum of needs across the identity life cycle. Building on the three acquisitions we completed in 2004, we have continued to address our customers requirements through multiple initiatives, including:

the proposed merger with Identix Incorporated, which is expected to close mid-year 2006, whose multi-biometric technology provides a broad range of fingerprint and facial recognition technology offerings to identify individuals who wish to gain access to information or facilities, conduct transactions and obtain identifications, which we believe will expand and better serve the addressable market and result in greater long-term growth opportunities than either company will achieve operating alone;

the February 2006 acquisition of SecuriMetrics, Inc., a provider of the world s only full-function handheld iris recognition and multi-modal biometric devices, enabling us to now offer multiple and multi-modal biometric capabilities that include finger, face and iris, to better position both companies to vie for an even greater share of the biometrics market;

the December 2005 \$100 million investment in us by Aston Capital Partners, L.P., and the appointment of Robert LaPenta, founder and Chief Executive Officer of L-1 Investment Partners, LLC, as Chairman of our Board of Directors;

the December 2005 acquisition of Integrated Biometric Technology, Inc., a provider of proprietary fingerprint technology and background screening solutions, an important multi-modal recognition capability, which added to our identity software and services portfolio allowing us to offer end-to-end protection and security of personal identities; and

the December 2005 acquisition of the AutoTest Division of Openshaw Media Group, a provider of automated web-based applicant testing technologies for state departments of motor vehicles and other credential issuing agencies, further expanding our vision to provide end-to-end protection and security of personal identities by further strengthening the ability to proof identities before issuing credentials.

IMPACT OF PROPOSED MERGER WITH IDENTIX

Pending Merger with Identix

On January 11, 2006, we, through wholly-owned subsidiary, VIDS Acquisition Corp. (referred to as Merger Sub), entered into an Agreement and Plan of Reorganization (referred to as the Identix Merger Agreement) with Identix Incorporated, a Delaware corporation. Under the Identix Merger Agreement, Merger Sub will merge with and into Identix, and Identix will survive as our wholly-owned subsidiary. The merger is intended to be a tax-free reorganization for federal income tax purposes, and Identix stockholders will receive 0.473 of a share of our common stock for each share of Identix common stock they own (referred to as the Exchange Ratio). Based upon our closing price of \$17.69 on Wednesday, January 11, 2006, this represented a price of \$8.367 per Identix share. To the extent permitted by Identix—stock option plans, we will assume Identix—stock option plans and outstanding stock option plans and assumed outstanding warrants to purchase Identix common stock. The assumed stock option plans will be converted into our stock option plans and assumed outstanding options and warrants will be converted into the right to receive Viisage common stock based on the Exchange Ratio. We, as well as Identix, have made customary reciprocal representations, warranties and covenants in the Merger Agreement, including, among others, covenants (i) not to (A) solicit proposals relating to alternative business combination transactions or (B) subject to certain exceptions, enter into discussions concerning or to provide confidential information in connection with alternative business combination transactions, (ii) to cause stockholder meetings to be held to consider approval of the merger (in the case of Identix) and approval of the stock issuance in connection with the merger, along with certain charter amendments (in the case of Viisage), and (iii) subject to certain exceptions, for the board of directors of Identix, to recommend adoption by its

stockholders of the Merger Agreement and for our board of directors to recommend approval of the stock issuance and charter amendments. Consummation of the merger is subject to reciprocal closing conditions, including stockholder approvals, antitrust approvals, absence of governmental restraints, effectiveness of a Form S-4 registration statement, accuracy of representations, and receipt of tax opinions. The Identix Merger Agreement contains certain termination rights for both us and Identix, and further provides that, upon termination of the agreement under specified circumstances, the terminating party must pay a termination fee of \$20 million.

In accordance with the provisions of Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 141, we intend to account for the merger as a purchase transaction for financial reporting purposes under accounting principles generally accepted in the United States. After the merger, the results of operations of Identix will be included in our consolidated financial statements. The cost of the acquisition, which is equal to the aggregate merger consideration, including the fair value of vested stock options of Identix assumed by us and transaction costs, will be allocated based on the fair values of the Identix assets acquired and the Identix liabilities assumed. These allocations will be based upon valuations and other studies that have not yet been finalized.

The proposed merger with Identix along with the acquisitions of IBT and SecuriMetrics are expected to have a material effect on the Company s operations including but not limited to:

Expected synergies resulting from providing a comprehensive product line to current and future customers.

Expected future growth in revenues and profits from expanded markets for identity solutions.

Enhancing of technical capabilities resulting from combining the intellectual capital of the combined entity

Consolidation of marketing resources and facilities.

Consolidation of corporate functions of the separate entities in Stamford, Connecticut.

Rationalizing technology costs and research and development activities

Realigning business units to complement each unit s unique capabilities.

It is likely that in connection with the merger, costs will be incurred to realize the benefits of the merger including facilities restructuring, organizational restructurings and asset impairments. These costs and their timing have not yet been determined and are likely to be material.

SEGMENTS AND GEOGRAPHIC INFORMATION

SFAS No. 131 Disclosures about Segments of a Business Enterprise and Related Information establishes standards for reporting information about operating segments. Operating segments are defined as components of a company about which the chief operating decision maker evaluates regularly in deciding how to allocate resources and to assess performance. Effective with the acquisition of IBT in December 2005, the Company s business began operating in two business segments, the advanced technology identity solutions segment and the fingerprint products and services segment. Effective with the acquisition of SecuriMetrics, the Company began operating in a third segment. The Company categorizes product and service revenues into three main categories identified by the markets which it serves: State and Local, Federal, and Commercial/Emerging Markets. The Company s advanced technology identity solutions segment enables governments, law enforcement agencies and businesses to enhance security, reduce identity theft and protect personal privacy utilizing secure credential provisioning and authentication systems, biometric technology and the creation, enhancement and/or utilization of identity databases. The Company s fingerprint products and services segment provides solutions to government, civil, and commercial customers that require criminal background checks and screening, and its SecuriMetrics segment provides full-function handheld iris recognition and multi-modal biometric devices, software applications and services.

During the three months ended April 3, 2005, the Company operated in a single segment, the advanced technology identity solutions segment, and thus all revenues and the operating loss was generated from that segment. The Company measures segments based on revenues, operating income/(loss) and total assets. Operating results by segment for the three months ended March 31, 2006 are as follows (in thousands):

	Revenue	perating ome (Loss)	Total Assets
Segment:			
Advanced technology identity solutions(*)	\$ 17,051	\$ (1,705)	\$ 201,597
Fingerprint products and services	5,588	(34)	68,645
SecuriMetrics	799	(536)	31,421
Totals	\$ 23,438	\$ (2,275)	\$ 301,663

Goodwill for the advanced technology identity solutions segment was \$94,475 and for the fingerprint products and services segment was \$58,710, and the SecuriMetrics segment was \$22,265 as of March 31, 2006.

	Three Mon	ths Ended
	March 31, 2006	April 3, 2005
State and Local	\$ 17,561	\$ 8,983
Federal	5,670	7,627
Commercial/Emerging Markets	207	200
	\$ 23,438	\$ 16,810

^(*) includes corporate general and administrative expenses. Revenues by market for the three months ended March 31, 2006 and April 3, 2005 were as follows (in thousands):

Viisage s operations outside the United States include a wholly-owned subsidiary in Bochum, Germany. Revenues are attributed to each region based on the location of the customer. The following is a summary of revenues by geographic region (in thousands):

	Three M	Three Months Ended	
	March 31, 2006	April 3, 2005	
United States	\$ 21,259	\$ 15,801	
Rest of World	2,179	1,009	
	\$ 23,438	\$ 16,810	

Of the total revenue for the three month periods ended March 31, 2006 and April 3, 2005, approximately \$1.8 million and \$1 million were earned from export sales, respectively. The Company did not have significant international sales to individual countries for the periods presented.

DEPENDENCE ON SIGNIFICANT CUSTOMERS

For the near future, we believe that we will continue to derive a significant portion of our revenues from a limited number of large contracts. For the three-month period ended March 31, 2006, two customers, U.S. Transportation Security Administration and the Department of State accounted for 19% and 18% of our revenues, respectively. For the three-month periods ended April 3, 2005, one customer, U.S. Department of State, accounted for 29% of our revenues. As of March 31, 2006 and December 31, 2005, the U.S. Department of State was the only customer that had a balance of greater than 10% of total accounts receivable, which was approximately \$2.9 million and \$3.3 million, respectively.

CRITICAL ACCOUNTING POLICIES AND SIGNIFICANT ESTIMATES

We prepare our financial statements in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States, or U.S. GAAP. Consistent with U.S. GAAP, we have adopted accounting policies that we believe are most appropriate given the facts and circumstances of our business. The application of these policies has a significant impact on our reported results. In addition, some of these policies require management to make assumptions and estimates. These assumptions and estimates, which are based on historical experience and analysis of current conditions, have a significant impact on our reported results and the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements. The most significant assumptions and estimates relate to the allocation of the purchase price of the acquired businesses, valuation of goodwill and other intangible assets, revenue recognition, income taxes, litigation and valuation of other financial instruments, including warrants and stock options. If actual results differ significantly from these estimates, there could be a material effect on our financial statements.

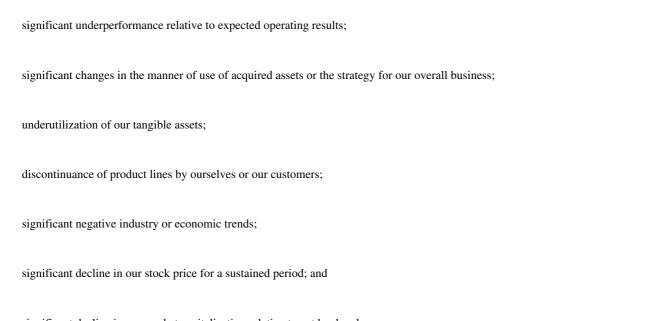
Valuation of Goodwill and Other Long-Lived and Intangible Assets

Our long-lived assets include property, plant and equipment, other intangible assets and goodwill. As of March 31, 2006, the balances of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill, all net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, were \$19.5 million, \$31.6 million and \$175.5 million, respectively. As of December 31, 2005, the balances of property, plant and equipment, intangible assets and goodwill, all net of accumulated depreciation and amortization, were \$19.5 million, \$27.3 million and \$152.2 million, respectively.

We depreciate property, plant and equipment and intangible assets that have finite lives, and amortize those assets over their estimated useful lives. For purposes of determining whether there are any impairment losses, as further discussed below, our management has evaluated the carrying amounts of our identifiable long-lived

tangible and intangible assets, including their estimated useful lives when indicators of impairment are present. For all long-lived tangible and intangible assets, if an impairment loss were identified based on the fair value of the asset, as compared to the carrying amounts of the asset, such loss would be charged to expense in the period we identify the impairment. Furthermore, based on our review of the carrying amounts of the long-lived tangible and intangible assets with finite lives, we may determine that shorter estimated useful lives are more appropriate. In that event, we would record depreciation and amortization over fewer future periods, which would reduce our earnings.

Factors we generally consider important which could trigger an impairment review of the carrying value of other long-lived tangible and intangible assets include the following:



significant decline in our market capitalization relative to net book value.

Although we believe that the carrying values of our long-lived tangible and intangible assets were realizable as of March 31, 2006, future events could cause us to conclude otherwise.

In the fourth quarter of 2004, we recorded an impairment charge of \$2.0 million related to a write-down of certain system assets associated with our contract to produce drivers licenses in the state of Georgia. This impairment was the result of a Georgia court s grant of summary judgment, during that quarter, in favor of Georgia s Department of Motor Vehicle Safety, or DMVS, in connection with litigation brought by one of our competitors in March 2003 alleging that the DMVS did not comply with its own bid process when it selected Viisage as the vendor for its new digital drivers license program. The summary judgment negated a prior settlement between us and the state that would have provided us with a payment of \$2.0 million upon the cancellation of its contract. Due to the uncertainty of the cash settlement as a result of the judge s ruling and the uncertainty of future cash flows from this contract to support the book value of certain system assets installed, we have identified \$2.2 million of assets deployed within the state that we deemed to have no alternative use. We reduced the recorded amounts of these assets from approximately \$2.2 million to their estimated fair value of approximately \$200,000 based on our estimate of realizable value from liquidation of these assets, which resulted in a \$2.0 million charge in the fourth quarter of 2004. We also have evaluated for impairment the remaining \$2.9 million in assets retained by us from the Georgia contract. These consist of approximately \$1.1 million of assets that we anticipate using in Georgia if we win the contract based on the new request for proposals, approximately \$150,000 of assets that we anticipate could either be used in Georgia under a new contract or used in other projects, and approximately \$1.6 million of assets constituting our central production facility in Georgia. Based upon our current probability-weighted estimate of cash flows, we have determined that these assets are not currently impaired. While we believe we can utilize these assets either in Georgia, if we win the new contract, or on alternative projects, to the extent that we are unable to utilize these assets or realize value through a sale of these assets or reach a new settlement with DMVS regarding these assets, we would be required to record a further charge to earnings.

Due to our acquisitions dating back to 2004, goodwill and other intangible assets were recorded as a result of the purchase price allocation of the acquired businesses. The amounts recorded for goodwill and other intangible assets represent estimates of fair values which are based on current valuation methodologies. With respect to the

2006 acquisition, the valuation is preliminary and subject to adjustment based on additional analyses of values as additional information is obtained. Management believes that any differences between the preliminary and final allocations will not be material.

Valuations of acquired businesses require us to provide significant estimates and assumptions, which are derived from information obtained from the management of the acquired businesses, and our business plans for the acquired businesses or intellectual property and other sources. Critical estimates and assumptions used in the initial valuation of goodwill and other intangible assets include, but are not limited to:

future expected cash flows from product sales, customer contracts and acquired developed technologies and patents;

expected costs to complete any in-process research and development projects and commercialize viable products and estimated cash flows from sales of such products;

the acquired companies brand awareness and market position;

assumptions about the period of time over which we will continue to use the acquired brand and intangible assets; and

discount rates.

These estimates and assumptions may not materialize because unanticipated events and circumstances may occur. If estimates and assumptions used to initially value goodwill and intangible assets prove to be different from actual results, ongoing reviews of the carrying values of such goodwill and intangible assets may indicate impairment which will require us to record an impairment charge in the period in which it is identified. The estimated fair value of the reporting unit used to evaluate the carrying amount of goodwill pursuant to SFAS 141 decreased by \$53 million, or 16%, from 2004 to 2005 was as a result of changes in lower projected revenues and profitability during the projected period.

We follow Statement of Financial Accounting Standards No. 142, or SFAS No. 142, *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*. SFAS No. 142 requires us to test goodwill for impairment on an annual basis, and between annual tests in certain circumstances, and to write down goodwill when impaired. These events or circumstances generally would include the incurrence of operating losses or a significant decline in earnings associated with the asset. We evaluate goodwill for impairment using the two-step process as prescribed in SFAS No. 142. The first step is to compare the fair value of the reporting unit to the carrying amount of the reporting unit. If the carrying amount exceeds the fair value, a second step must be followed to calculate impairment. Otherwise, if the fair value of the reporting unit exceeds the carrying amount, the goodwill is not considered to be impaired as of the measurement date. We performed the initial step by comparing the fair value of our reporting units as determined by considering a number of factors, including an independent valuation that assessed the fair value of Viisage based on a comparison of us to comparable companies using the guideline company method and comparable transaction method. We also considered future discounted cash flows as compared to the carrying amount to assess the recoverability of the goodwill asset. Based upon these tests, we determined that the fair value exceeded the carrying amount.

As of March 31, 2006, we have recorded goodwill of \$175.5 million. We perform impairment reviews on the carrying values of goodwill arising from the aforementioned acquisitions at least annually. Future cash flows and operating results used in the impairment review are based on management s projections and assumptions. Actual results could differ from such projections used to originally value the acquisitions, which could result in significant impairment charges in the future.

Revenue Recognition

Historically, revenue consisted primarily of sales from the delivery of personal identification solutions to federal and state government customers, some of which are fulfilled through the delivery of hardware and software licenses, as well as providing software maintenance, technical support, training, installation and consulting services. Revenue is recognized in accordance with Statement of Position (SOP) No. 97-2, Software Revenue Recognition, and Staff Accounting Bulletin (SAB) No. 104, Revenue Recognition, and related interpretations. When a customer arrangement does not require significant production, modification or customization of software or does not contain services considered to be essential to the functionality of the software, revenue is recognized when the following four criteria are met:

Persuasive evidence of an arrangement exists We require evidence of an agreement with a customer specifying the terms and conditions of the products or services to be delivered typically in the form of a signed contract or purchase order.

Delivery has occurred For Product Sales, delivery generally takes place when title to the products, which in certain instances includes hardware and software licenses, are shipped to or accepted by the customer. For services, delivery takes place as the services are provided.

The fee is fixed or determinable Fees are fixed or determinable if they are not subject to a refund or cancellation and do not have payment terms that exceed our standard payment terms. Typical payment terms are net 30 days.

Collection is probable We perform a credit review of all customers with significant transactions to determine whether a customer is creditworthy and collection is probable.

Transactions which typically do not involve significant production, modification or customization of software, or do not include services considered to be essential to the functionality of the software, include:

Document issuance solutions, primarily to federal and state government customers;

Printing system components and consumables including printers, secure coating, ribbon, film, and other parts, primarily to federal government customers;

Licenses of off-the-shelf versions of face recognition software;

Services and software to scan, collect, and transmit fingerprints for identity and background verification; and

Document authentication products and services, which typically include sales of hardware, software, maintenance and support. Revenue on these transactions is generally recognized upon passage of title for product sales, and delivery of services, provided the four revenue criteria listed above are met at that time. In certain cases, customer acceptance is required, in which case revenue is deferred until customer acceptance is obtained. If the fee due from the customer is not fixed or determinable, revenue is recognized as payments become due from the customer. If collection is not considered probable, revenue is recognized when the fee is collected. Consulting, training and other similar services are typically recognized as the services are performed. Software maintenance, hardware replacement, and technical support for such products, are typically recognized ratably over the contract term, which approximates the timing of the services rendered. Revenue for time and material arrangements is recognized as the services are rendered. Expenses on all services are recognized when the costs are incurred. Revenue from the collection of fingerprints for identity and background verification is recognized when the fingerprint is transmitted to applicable background vetting agency, and is recognized on a gross basis where we are the prime contractor, and on a net basis where we are the subcontractor.

Many of our arrangements include multiple elements for which we apply the provisions of EITF 00-21, *Accounting for Revenue Arrangements with Multiple Deliverables*. Such elements typically include one or more

of the following: hardware, software licenses, rights to additional software products, software maintenance, hardware replacement, technical support services, training, installation and consulting services. For multiple-element arrangements including software, which do not involve significant modification or customization of the software or services that are considered essential to the functionality of the software, we allocate value to each element based on its relative fair value, if sufficient vendor-specific objective evidence (VSOE) of fair value exists for each element of the arrangement. VSOE of fair value is determined based on the price charged when each element is sold separately. If sufficient VSOE exists for all undelivered elements, but does not exist for the delivered element, then the residual method is used to allocate value to each element. Under the residual method, each undelivered element is allocated value based on VSOE of fair value for that element, as described above, and the remainder of the total arrangement fee is allocated to the delivered element. If sufficient VSOE does not exist for all undelivered elements, revenue is deferred until such evidence does exist for any undelivered elements, generally maintenance and support, at which time revenue is recognized for all delivered elements. Revenue for maintenance and support is recognized ratably over the remaining term of any maintenance and support period.

In the case of multiple-element arrangements that involve significant production, modification or customization of the software, or involve services that are considered to be essential to the functionality of the software, contract accounting under SOP 97-2 and SOP 81-1, *Accounting for Performance of Construction-Type and Certain Production-Type Contracts*, is applied. When VSOE of fair value exists for software maintenance or technical support in arrangements requiring contract accounting, the consulting and license fees are combined and revenue is recognized on the percentage of completion basis, and the software maintenance or technical support are typically recognized ratably over the contract term.

In general, transactions which involve significant production, modification or customization of software, or services considered to be essential to the functionality of the software, include:

Contracts, generally with state governments for the production of drivers licenses and other identification credentials, for which we have determined that the contract has multiple elements and where the title to equipment installed to produce these credentials does not pass to the customer. Under these contracts, the first element consists of hardware, system design, implementation, training, consumables management, maintenance and support which is accounted for as equipment and related executory services under lease in accordance with Statement of Financial Accounting Standards (SFAS) No. 13, Accounting for Leases. The second element consists of customized software which is accounted for as a long-term contract in accordance with SOP 97-2 and SOP 81-1, for which revenue is recognized on the units-of-delivery method; and

Identity solutions contracts, typically providing for the development, customization and installation of face recognition systems for government agencies, law enforcement agencies and businesses. These contracts are generally fixed price, and include milestones and acceptance criteria for the various deliverables under the contract. These contracts are accounted for as long-term contracts in accordance with SOP 97-2 and SOP 81-1, and revenue is recognized on a percentage-of-completion using the cost-to-cost method. We use the percentage-of-completion methodology to account for revenue under these contracts because a high level of certainty exists regarding expected cash flows from these contracts, and a reliable basis exists for estimating the percentage of the contract that is completed at the end of the accounting period.

Consulting, training and other similar services for such products are generally recognized along with the product component under the percentage of completion method. Software maintenance, hardware replacement, and technical support for such products, are typically recognized ratably over the contract term, unless provided on a time and material basis, in which case revenue is recognized as the services are rendered. Expenses on all services are recognized when the costs are incurred.

For contracts for which revenue is recognized under the units-of-delivery method, costs related to the hardware element are capitalized and are depreciated over the lesser of the contract term or the useful life, beginning when the system goes into service. The delivery of these credentials typically requires us to customize, design, and install equipment and software at customer locations, as well as perform training, supply consumables, maintain the equipment and provide support services. Nonperformance of training, consumables management, maintenance and support services would prevent receipt of payment for the costs incurred in the customization, design and installation of the system. EITF 00-21 limits the amount of revenue allocable to the customization, design and installation of the system to the amount that is not contingent upon the production of credentials. Revenue on these contracts under EITF 00-21 is earned based on, and is contingent upon, the production of credentials from the system. Due to the contingent performance of credential production in secure credentials contracts, we defer revenue recognition for the system design and installation phase of such contracts, including customized software and equipment, and recognize revenue as credentials are produced. Costs related to the customized software used in drivers—license contracts are capitalized during the period in which we are designing and installing the system and are amortized over the contract term beginning when the system goes into service.

Our contracts related to the delivery of drivers licenses and identification credentials typically provide that the state department of transportation, or similar agency, will pay a fixed price per credential produced utilizing a system that we design, implement and support. Our fixed pricing includes charges for the use of the system, materials, and the data that is stored on the credentials. Prices under these contracts vary depending on, among other things:

Design and integration complexities;	
Nature and number of workstations and sites installed;	
Projected number of secure credentials to be produced;	
Size of the database;	
Level of post-installation involvement that will be required of us; and	

Competitive environment.

Under the percentage-of-completion, we measure the percentage complete using either input measures (e.g. costs incurred) or output measures (e.g. contract milestones), whichever provides the most reliable and meaningful measure of performance. Milestones are specific events or deliverables clearly identified in the contract and can include delivering customized systems, installation and services as defined by the contract. When milestone measures are used, billings occur and revenue is recognized when performance milestones and customer acceptance criteria have been achieved. We recognize revenue based on the total milestone billable to the customer less revenue related to any future maintenance requirements. On contracts where milestones are not used, we generally recognize revenue on a cost-to-cost basis using direct labor dollars method. The cumulative impact of any revision in estimates to complete or recognition of losses on contracts is reflected in the period in which the changes or losses become known. We record costs and estimated earnings in excess of billings under these contracts as current assets.

Derivative Instruments and Hedging Activities

In 2005, Viisage began to utilize foreign currency forward contracts for specific purchase obligations denominated in foreign currencies. All gains and losses resulting from the change in fair value of the derivatives are recorded in earnings. None of the contracts were terminated prior to settlement. As of March 31, 2006, Viisage had committed to six foreign currency forward contracts to purchase approximately 142.8 million Japanese Yen for approximately \$1.2 million. The fair value of these contracts at March 31, 2006 was approximately \$1.2 million. All of these contracts have since been settled.

RESULTS OF OPERATIONS

The results of operations of the Company in the first quarter of 2006 have been materially impacted by the acquisitions of IBT, SecuriMetrics and the AutoTest product line as well as the adoption of SFAS No. 123(R) and increases in the Company s cash balance. The following schedule summarizes the most significant developments that affected the Company s results of operations for the quarter ended March 31, 2006 as compared to the same period in the prior year (in thousands):

	Net
	Income/ (Loss)
Quarter ended April 3, 2005	\$ (1,642)
Effect of:	
IBT Acquisition	(34)
SecuriMetrics Acquisition	(536)
AutoTest Acquisition	527
Adoption of SFAS No. 123(R)	(626)
Interest income from increased cash balances	640
Other	(487)
Total, quarter ended March 31, 2006	\$ (2,158)

Consolidated Results of Operations

The 2006 results of operations were significantly affected by the acquisitions of IBT, which comprises the entire fingerprint products and services segment, and SecuriMetrics. The following table summarizes the effects to the statement of operations:

				Change	
				due to	
	March 31,	April 3,	Net	acquired	Other
	2006	2005	Change	segments	Changes
Revenues	\$ 23,438	\$ 16,810	\$ 6,628	\$ 6,387	\$ 241
Cost of Revenues	17,039	11,399	5,640	5,432	208
Gross Margin	6,399	5,411	988	955	33
Operating Expenses	8,674	6,802	1,872	1,525	347
Operating Loss	\$ (2,275)	\$ (1,391)	\$ (884)	\$ (570)	\$ (314)

We are seeing increased levels of activity in terms of the size and number of contracts which are addressable by us, and we believe this trend will continue. Foreign, U.S., and State Government, and commercial programs include the Western Hemisphere Travel Initiative, U.S. VISIT, HSPD-12, REAL ID, TWIC and Registered Traveler, each of which represent significant business opportunities for us.

Revenues

	Three me	Three months ended	
	March 31, 2006	April 3, 2005	
Service revenues	\$ 15,213	\$ 10,061	
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Product revenues	8,225	6,749	
Total revenues	\$ 23,438	\$ 16,810	

Revenues increased by \$6.6 million of which approximately \$6.4 million related to acquisitions of IBT and SecuriMetrics. The remaining increases are related to the Advanced Technology Solutions discussed below. The SecuriMetrics revenues of \$0.8 million are included in product revenues and the IBT revenues of \$5.6 million are included in service revenues.

Costs of revenues and gross margin

	Three mor	Three months ended		
	March 31,	April 3,		
	2006	2005		
Costs of revenues	\$ 17,039	\$ 11,399		
Gross margin	27%	32%		

Cost of revenues increased by \$5.6 million of which \$5.4 million related to the acquisitions of IBT and SecuriMetrics. The remaining increase is related to the Advanced Technology Solutions segment discussed below. The SecuriMetrics cost of revenues are included in services. Gross margin as percentage of sales was adversely impacted by the results of operations of the acquired companies.

Sales and marketing expenses

	Three mor	nths ended
	March 31,	April 3,
	2006	2005
Sales and marketing expenses	\$ 2,369	\$ 2,109

Sales and marketing expenses increased by \$0.3 million. The acquisitions of IBT and SecuriMetrics accounted for substantially all of the increase. Sales and marketing expenses for the Advanced Technology Solutions segment are discussed below and reflect a charge of \$0.1 million for stock compensation expense.

Research and development expenses