

SolarWinds, Inc.
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UNITED STATES
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Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 19, 2011**

SOLARWINDS, INC.

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3711 SOUTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY, BUILDING TWO AUSTIN, TX 78746

ATTN: CORPORATE SECRETARY

Investor Address Line 1
Investor Address Line 2
Investor Address Line 3
Investor Address Line 4
Investor Address Line 5
John Sample
1234 ANYWHERE STREET
ANY CITY, ON A1A 1A1

Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual Meeting

For holders as of: March 21, 2011

Date: March 19, 2011 **Time:** 8:30 AM CDT

Location: Four Seasons Hotel
98 San Jacinto Boulevard

Austin, TX 78701

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This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at www.proxyvote.com or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

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See the reverse side of this notice to obtain proxy materials and voting instructions.

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Before You Vote

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1. Notice & Proxy Statement 2. Annual Report

How to View Online:

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How To Vote

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

Vote In Person: Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

Vote By Internet: To vote now by Internet, go to www.proxyvote.com. Have the information that is printed in the box marked by the arrow available and follow the instructions.

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Voting items

The Board of Directors recommends you vote

FOR the following:

1. Election of Directors

Nominees

- | | | | | | |
|----|-------------|----|---------------------|----|----------------|
| 01 | Mark Bonham | 02 | Steven M. Cakebread | 03 | Roger J. Sippl |
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The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2 and 3.

2. Ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2011.
3. Approve, by non-binding vote, the Company's overall executive compensation program, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the related narratives and other materials in the Proxy Statement.

The Board of Directors recommends you vote 3 YEARS on the following proposal:

4. To recommend, by non-binding vote, the frequency of executive compensation votes.

NOTE: And to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.

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