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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington D. C. 20549

**FORM 10-Q**

(Mark One)

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

For the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012

**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: 0-30983

**ADVANT-E CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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**DELAWARE**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**88-0339012**  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**2434 Esquire Dr.**

**Beavercreek, Ohio 45431**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**(937) 429-4288**

(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 past 12 months (or for such shorter period that the registrant was required to file such reports), and (2) has been subject to such filing requirements for the past 90 days. Yes  No

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

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of large accelerated filer, accelerated filer and smaller reporting company in Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act.

Large accelerated filer  Accelerated filer   
Non-accelerated filer  (Do not check if a smaller reporting company) Smaller reporting company   
Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a shell company (as defined by Rule 12b-2 of the Exchange Act). Yes  No

As of May 15, 2012 the issuer had 66,722,590 outstanding shares of Common Stock, \$.001 Par Value.

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**PART I. FINANCIAL INFORMATION**
**ITEM 1. Financial Statements****ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES****CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF INCOME (Unaudited)**

|   | <b>Three Months Ended</b> |             |
|---|---------------------------|-------------|
|   | <b>March 31,</b>          |             |
|   | <b>2012</b>               | <b>2011</b> |
| Revenue   | \$ 2,465,438              | 2,300,420   |
| Cost of revenue                                       | 1,023,737                 | 917,892     |
| Gross margin  | 1,441,701                 | 1,382,528   |
| Marketing, general and administrative expenses        | 854,972                   | 799,457     |
| Operating income                                      | 586,729                   | 583,071     |
| Other income, net                                     | 810                       | 1,127       |
| Income before income taxes                            | 587,539                   | 584,198     |
| Income tax expense                                    | 200,332                   | 199,111     |
| Net income  | \$ 387,207                | 385,087     |
| Earnings per share basic and diluted                  | \$ 0.006                  | 0.006       |
| Weighted average shares outstanding basic and diluted | 66,722,590                | 66,722,590  |

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

**ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**  
**CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED BALANCE SHEETS**

|   | March 31,<br>2012<br>(Unaudited) | December 31,<br>2011 |
|---|----------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Assets</b>   |                                  |                      |
| Current Assets:   |                                  |                      |
| Cash and cash equivalents   | \$ 4,230,826                     | 3,459,402            |
| Accounts receivable, net  | 828,102                          | 784,239              |
| Prepaid software maintenance costs  | 209,462                          | 190,429              |
| Prepaid expenses and deposits   | 104,094                          | 107,871              |
| Prepaid income taxes  |                                  | 1,910                |
| Deferred income taxes   | 222,265                          | 207,336              |
| <b>Total current assets</b>   | <b>5,594,749</b>                 | <b>4,751,187</b>     |
| Software development costs, net   | 232,979                          | 262,102              |
| Property and equipment, net   | 155,498                          | 171,199              |
| Goodwill  | 1,474,615                        | 1,474,615            |
| Other intangible assets, net  | 138,618                          | 159,796              |
| <b>Total assets</b>   | <b>\$ 7,596,459</b>              | <b>6,818,899</b>     |
| <b>Liabilities and Shareholders' Equity</b>   |                                  |                      |
| Current liabilities:  |                                  |                      |
| Accounts payable  | \$ 121,135                       | 112,402              |
| Income taxes payable  | 224,959                          |                      |
| Accrued salaries and other expenses   | 294,250                          | 205,334              |
| Deferred revenue  | 838,181                          | 748,828              |
| <b>Total current liabilities</b>  | <b>1,478,525</b>                 | <b>1,066,564</b>     |
| Deferred income taxes   | 176,848                          | 198,456              |
| <b>Total liabilities</b>  | <b>1,655,373</b>                 | <b>1,265,020</b>     |
| Shareholders' equity:   |                                  |                      |
| Common stock, \$.001 par value; 100,000,000 shares authorized; 66,722,590 shares issued and outstanding | 66,723                           | 66,723               |
| Paid-in capital   | 1,936,257                        | 1,936,257            |
| Retained earnings   | 3,938,106                        | 3,550,899            |
| <b>Total shareholders' equity</b>   | <b>5,941,086</b>                 | <b>5,553,879</b>     |
| <b>Total liabilities and shareholders' equity</b>   | <b>\$ 7,596,459</b>              | <b>6,818,899</b>     |

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

## ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES

## CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED STATEMENTS OF CASH FLOWS (Unaudited)

|  | Three Months Ended<br>March 31, |                 |
|--|---------------------------------|-----------------|
|  | 2012                            | 2011            |
| Cash flows from operating activities:  |                                 |                 |
| Net income   | \$ 387,207                      | 385,087         |
| Adjustments to reconcile net income to net cash flows from operating activities:                 |                                 |                 |
| Depreciation   | 27,274                          | 42,078          |
| Amortization of software development costs   | 29,123                          |                 |
| Amortization of other intangible assets  | 21,178                          | 21,178          |
| Deferred income taxes  | (36,537)                        | (20,386)        |
| Increase (decrease) in cash and cash equivalents arising from changes in assets and liabilities: |                                 |                 |
| Accounts receivable  | (43,863)                        | (46,006)        |
| Prepaid software maintenance costs   | (19,033)                        | (27,727)        |
| Prepaid expenses and deposits  | 3,777                           | 8,700           |
| Prepaid income taxes   | 1,910                           |                 |
| Accounts payable   | 8,733                           | 55,650          |
| Income taxes payable   | 224,959                         | 169,497         |
| Accrued salaries and other expenses  | 88,916                          | 93,332          |
| Deferred revenue   | 89,353                          | 59,895          |
| <b>Net cash flows from operating activities</b>  | <b>782,997</b>                  | <b>741,298</b>  |
| Cash flows from investing activities:  |                                 |                 |
| Purchases of property and equipment  | (11,573)                        | (6,236)         |
| Software development costs   |                                 | (40,636)        |
| <b>Net cash flows from investing activities</b>  | <b>(11,573)</b>                 | <b>(46,872)</b> |
| Net increase in cash and cash equivalents  | 771,424                         | 694,426         |
| Cash and cash equivalents, beginning of period   | 3,459,402                       | 2,963,172       |
| Cash and cash equivalents, end of period   | \$ 4,230,826                    | 3,657,598       |
| Supplemental disclosures of cash flow items:   |                                 |                 |
| Income taxes paid  | \$ 10,000                       | 50,000          |
| The accompanying notes are an integral part of the consolidated condensed financial statements.  |                                 |                 |

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**ADVANT-E CORPORATION AND SUBSIDIARIES**

**NOTES TO CONSOLIDATED CONDENSED FINANCIAL STATEMENTS (Unaudited)**

**March 31, 2012**

**Note 1: Basis of Presentation, Organization and Other Matters**

The accompanying unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements as of March 31, 2012 and for the three month period ended March 31, 2012 and 2011, together with the accompanying consolidated condensed balance sheet as of December 31, 2011, which has been derived from audited financial statements, have been prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles for interim financial information and the rules and regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission. Certain information and note disclosures normally included in annual financial statements prepared in accordance with U.S. generally accepted accounting principles have been condensed or omitted pursuant to those rules and regulations, although management believes that the disclosures made are adequate to make the information not misleading. In the opinion of management, the unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements include all adjustments, which were normal and recurring in nature, considered necessary for a fair presentation of financial position, results of operations, and cash flows for the interim periods.

Results of operations for the three months ended March 31, 2012 are not necessarily indicative of the results to be expected for the full year ending December 31, 2012. These unaudited interim consolidated condensed financial statements should be read in conjunction with the consolidated financial statements, accounting policies, and financial notes thereto included in Advant-e Corporation's 2011 Form 10-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

***Nature of Operations***

Advant-e Corporation through its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Edict Systems, Inc. and Merkur Group, Inc. (collectively, the Company), develops, markets, resells, and hosts software and provides services that enable its customers to send and receive business documents electronically in standard and proprietary formats. Edict Systems, Inc. specializes in providing hosted Electronic Data Interchange solutions that utilize the Internet as the primary communications method. Customers use Edict Systems, Inc. solutions to connect with business partners, integrate data with internal systems, expand and manage electronic trading communities, and validate data via a hosted business rule service. Merkur Group, Inc. develops and resells software, provides professional services, and provides technical maintenance and support that enables customers to automate delivery and receipt of business documents. Merkur Group, Inc. provides proprietary software that integrates and connects large Supply Chain Management (SCM), Customer Relationship Management (CRM), and Enterprise Resource Planning (ERP) systems with third party software that provides multiple delivery and document capture options. Customers consist of businesses across a number of industries primarily throughout the United States, and to a much lesser extent some foreign locations, principally Canada, and to a lesser extent Mexico, Europe and Puerto Rico.

***Principles of Consolidation***

The consolidated condensed financial statements include the accounts of Advant-e Corporation and its wholly-owned subsidiaries, Edict Systems, Inc., and Merkur Group, Inc. Inter-company accounts and transactions are eliminated in consolidation. Management evaluates related party relationships for variable interest entity considerations.

***Use of Estimates***

The preparation of financial statements in conformity with U. S. generally accepted accounting principles requires management to make estimates and assumptions that affect the reported amounts of assets and liabilities and disclosure of contingent assets and liabilities at the date of the financial statements, and the reported amounts of revenues and expenses during the reporting period. Actual results could differ from those estimates. Significant estimates used in preparing these financial statements include those considered in the assessment of recoverability of capitalized software development costs, the assessment of potential impairment of goodwill, the assessment of the collectability of accounts receivable and the recording of prepaid software maintenance costs and deferred revenue. A reasonable possibility exists that estimates used will change within the next year.

**Note 2: Software Development costs**

Software development costs at March 31, 2012 and the changes during the three months then ended are summarized as follows:

|                          | Cost         | Accumulated<br>Amortization | Net     |
|--------------------------|--------------|-----------------------------|---------|
| Balance, January 1, 2012 | \$ 1,862,203 | 1,600,101                   | 262,102 |
| Amortization             |              | 29,123                      | 29,123  |
| Balance, March 31, 2012  | 1,862,203    | 1,629,224                   | 232,979 |

Software development costs are for internal use software and for website development and related enhancements. The balance consists primarily of development costs related to the latest version of the Company's Web EDI service. The majority of the enhancements related to this upgrade have been completed.

**Note 3: Line of Credit**

At March 31, 2012, the Company has a \$1,500,000 bank line of credit. Borrowings under the line of credit accrue interest at the bank's prime commercial rate, are collateralized by substantially all of the assets of the Company's subsidiaries, and are payable in full when the line of credit expires on May 25, 2013. Interest is payable monthly. Borrowings under the line of credit are guaranteed by the Company's Chief Executive Officer. No borrowings were outstanding as of March 31, 2012 or during the three months then ended.

**Note 4: Income taxes**

Income tax expense consists of the following:

|                          | Three Months Ended<br>March 31,<br>2012 | 2011     |
|--------------------------|---|----------|
| Current expense          | \$ 236,869                              | 219,497  |
| Deferred benefit         | (36,537)                                | (20,386) |
| Total income tax expense | \$ 200,332                              | 199,111  |

**Note 5: Operating Segment Information**

The Company has two reportable segments: Internet-based electronic commerce document processing (Edict Systems, Inc.) and software-based electronic commerce document processing (Merkur Group, Inc.). The Company evaluates the performance of each reportable segment on income before income taxes excluding the effects of acquisition-related amortization of other intangible assets and related income taxes. The accounting policies of the segments are the same as those for the Company. The Company's reportable segments are managed as separate business units.

The following segment information is for the three months ended March 31, 2012 and 2011:

|                              | Three Months Ended March 31, 2012 |          |                          |                       |
|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|                              | Internet-based                    | Software | Reconciling<br>Items (a) | Total<br>Consolidated |
| Revenue                      | \$ 2,109,466                      | 355,972  |                          | 2,465,438             |
| Income before income taxes   | 510,534                           | 98,183   | (21,178)                 | 587,539               |
| Income tax expense (benefit) | 174,144                           | 33,389   | (7,201)                  | 200,332               |
| Net income                   | 336,390                           | 64,794   | (13,977)                 | 387,207               |

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|                                  |           |           |           |           |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| Segment assets at March 31, 2012 | 3,991,397 | 1,992,451 | 1,612,611 | 7,596,459 |
|----------------------------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|

|                                  | Three Months Ended March 31, 2011 |           |                          |                       |
|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|-----------|--------------------------|-----------------------|
|                                  | Internet-based                    | Software  | Reconciling<br>Items (a) | Total<br>Consolidated |
| Revenue                          | \$ 1,944,440                      | 355,980   |                          | 2,300,420             |
| Income before income taxes       | 523,392                           | 81,984    | (21,178)                 | 584,198               |
| Income tax expense (benefit)     | 178,429                           | 27,883    | (7,201)                  | 199,111               |
| Net income                       | 344,963                           | 54,101    | (13,977)                 | 385,087               |
| Segment assets at March 31, 2011 | 3,710,704                         | 1,741,557 | 1,696,937                | 7,149,198             |

- (a) Reconciling items consist of goodwill, other intangible assets and related amortization in connection with the Merkur Group, Inc. acquisition.



Although the Company has no facilities or operations in foreign locations, the Company derived approximately 4.1% of revenue in the first quarter of 2012 and 3.3% of revenue in the first quarter of 2011 from customers located in areas outside the United States, principally in Canada and to a lesser extent in Mexico, Europe, and Puerto Rico.

**Note 6: Related Party Lease**

The Company leases its corporate and administrative offices, effective November 1, 2011, from an entity owned by the Company's CEO and majority shareholder. Payments in the first quarter of 2012 in connection with this lease include base rent of \$57,000 and taxes, insurance, maintenance and other operating expense payments of \$29,383.

**Note 7: Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

In September 2011, the FASB issued ASU No. 2011-08, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other: Testing Goodwill for Impairment. This standard was issued to address concerns about the cost and complexity of performing the first step of the two-step goodwill impairment test required under Topic 350, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other. The objective of this Update is to simplify how entities, both public and nonpublic, test goodwill for impairment. The amendments in the Update permit an entity to first assess qualitative factors to determine whether it is more likely than not that the fair value of a reporting unit is less than its carrying amount as a basis for determining whether it is necessary to perform the two-step goodwill impairment test described in Topic 350. The more-likely-than-not threshold is defined as having a likelihood of more than 50 percent. Under the amendments in this Update, an entity is not required to calculate the fair value of a reporting unit unless the entity determines that it is more likely than not that its fair value is less than its carrying amount. The guidance is effective for impairment tests for fiscal years beginning after December 15, 2011. The adoption of this guidance had no material impact on the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements.

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

### Forward Looking Statements

This Form 10-Q contains forward-looking statements, including statements regarding the expectations of future operations. For this purpose, any statements contained in this Form 10-Q that are not statements of historical fact may be deemed to be forward-looking statements. Without limiting the foregoing, words such as may, will, expect, believe, anticipate, estimate, continue or comparable terminology are intended to identify forward-looking statements. These statements by their nature involve substantial risks and uncertainties, and actual results may differ materially depending on a variety of factors, many of which are not within the Company's control. These factors include, but are not limited to, economic conditions generally and in the industries in which the Company may participate, competition within the chosen industry, including competition from much larger competitors, technological advances, and the failure to successfully develop business relationships. In light of these risks and uncertainties, you are cautioned not to place undue reliance on these forward-looking statements. This item should be read in conjunction with Item 1. Financial Statements and other items contained elsewhere in this report.

### Products and services

See Nature of Operations in Note 1 to the Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements.

### Critical Accounting Policies and Estimates

#### *Revenue recognition*

The Company recognizes revenues when, in addition to other criteria, delivery has occurred or services have been rendered.

Revenue from Internet-based products and services are comprised of four components account activation and trading partner set-up fees, monthly subscription fees, usage-based transactional fees and customer payments for the Company's development of applications designed to meet specific customer specifications.

Revenue earned from account activation and trading partner set-up fees are recognized after the Company performs consultative work required in order to establish an electronic trading partnership between the customer and their desired trading partners. Trading partnerships, once established, require no ongoing effort on the part of the Company and customers are able to utilize the electronic trading partnerships either directly with their customers or via a service provider other than the Company.

Revenue from monthly subscription fees is recognized over the period to which the subscription applies.

Revenue from usage based transaction fees is recognized in the period in which the transactions are processed.

Revenue from customer payments for the Company's development of applications designed to meet specific customer specifications is recognized over the contract period, generally twelve months.

Revenue from the sale of software and related products contains multiple element arrangements, and is recognized in accordance with the provisions of ASC Topic 985-605, Software Industry Revenue Recognition. The multiple elements include the sale of software, hardware, professional services and software maintenance contracts. The relative selling price of each element is based on vendor-specific objective evidence, and the elements in the arrangements qualify as separate units of accounting. Revenue from the sale of software and hardware is recognized when title and risk of loss are transferred, which generally occurs upon delivery. Revenue from the sale of professional services is recognized when the services are completed, which is generally soon after the delivery of the software and hardware. Even though customers have a 30-day period in which they can return the software, historically returns have not been significant. Revenue from maintenance contracts is recognized over the life of the maintenance and support contract period, generally twelve months. Revenue from the sale of software and related products are recorded at gross, and any related purchases are included in cost of revenue.

#### *Software Development Costs*

The Company accounts for the costs of computer software that it develops for internal use and costs associated with operation of its web sites in accordance with the Accounting Standards Codification (ASC) Topic 350, Intangibles-Goodwill and Other by capitalizing those costs. Such capitalized costs represent solely the salaries and benefits of employees working on the graphics and content development stages, or adding functionality or features. In accordance with ASC Topic 350, overhead, general and administrative and training costs are not capitalized. The Company accounts for the costs of computer software that it sells, leases and markets as a separate product in accordance with ASC Topic 985,

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Software . Capitalized costs are amortized by the straight-line method over the remaining estimated economic lives of the software application, generally three years, and are reported at the lower of unamortized cost or net realizable value.

The ongoing assessment of recoverability of capitalized software development costs requires considerable judgment by management with respect to certain external factors, including, but not limited to, anticipated future revenues, estimated economic life and changes in software and hardware technologies. Impairment of asset value is considered whenever events or changes in circumstances indicate that the carrying amount of an asset may not be recoverable.

### *Software Maintenance Costs*

Prepaid software maintenance costs represent amounts paid to the primary software supplier of Merkur Group, Inc. for providing program upgrades and software modifications to remediate programming errors during the lives of the related customer maintenance and support contracts. These costs are charged to expense over the lives of the maintenance and support contract periods, generally twelve months.

### *Goodwill and Other Intangible Assets*

Goodwill represents the excess of the Company's purchase price over the fair value of the net identifiable assets of Merkur Group, Inc., acquired on July 2, 2007.

Other intangible assets, which arose from the acquisition of Merkur Group, Inc., consist of contractual vendor relationships, customer relationships, and proprietary computer software, and were initially recorded at fair values using the income or cost approach. Other intangible assets are amortized on a straight-line basis over their estimated useful lives of five to seven years.

Management assesses goodwill for impairment on an annual basis at year-end, and between annual tests if an event occurs or circumstances change that may more likely than not reduce the fair value of the reporting unit below its carrying value. Significant management judgment is required in assessing the impairment of goodwill, including the assignment of assets and liabilities and determination of fair value. Management uses the discounted cash flow method, which requires significant judgments and assumptions for estimates of future cash flows, growth rate, and useful life of the cash flows, and determination of the cost of capital. Changes in these estimates and assumptions could materially affect the determination of fair value and goodwill impairment, if any.

**Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements**

For a description of recently issued accounting pronouncements, including the expected dates of adoption and estimated effects, if any, on the Company's consolidated condensed financial statements, see Note 7: Recently Issued Accounting Pronouncements in the Notes to Consolidated Condensed Financial Statements of this Form 10-Q.

**Results of Operations****Revenue**

Revenue for the Company in first quarter of 2012 increased 7% compared to the first quarter of 2011. Revenue for Edict Systems increased 8% and revenue for Merkur Group was level with first quarter 2011.

|               | Q1 2012      |            | Q1 2011      |            | Increase<br>(Decrease) |   |
|---------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|---|
|               | Amount       | % of Total | Amount       | % of Total | Amount                 | % |
| Edict Systems | \$ 2,109,466 | 86         | \$ 1,944,440 | 85         | \$ 165,026             | 8 |
| Merkur Group  | 355,972      | 14         | 355,980      | 15         | (8)                    |   |
| Revenue       | \$ 2,465,438 | 100        | \$ 2,300,420 | 100        | \$ 165,018             | 7 |

**Edict Systems Revenue**

Revenue from the sale of Internet-based Electronic Data Interchange (EDI) products and services sold by Edict Systems in the first quarter of 2012 and 2011 are summarized below:

|                             | Q1 2012      |            | Q1 2011      |            | Increase<br>(Decrease) |      |
|-----------------------------|--------------|------------|--------------|------------|------------------------|------|
|                             | Amount       | % of Total | Amount       | % of Total | Amount                 | %    |
| Web EDI                     |              |            |              |            |                        |      |
| GroceryEC                   | \$ 1,431,169 | 68         | \$ 1,346,196 | 69         | \$ 84,973              | 6    |
| AutomotiveEC                | 197,926      | 9          | 160,903      | 8          | 37,023                 | 23   |
| Other Web EDI               | 38,872       | 2          | 48,209       | 3          | (9,337)                | (19) |
| EnterpriseEC                | 412,635      | 20         | 359,182      | 18         | 53,453                 | 15   |
| Other products and services | 28,864       | 1          | 29,950       | 2          | (1,086)                | (4)  |
| Total                       | \$ 2,109,466 | 100        | \$ 1,944,440 | 100        | \$ 165,026             | 8    |

Revenue from GroceryEC increased by 6% due to an increase in the volume of transactions processed.

Revenue from AutomotiveEC increased by 23% due to an increase in the volume of transactions processed from both existing customers and from new customers who are suppliers of a Canadian automotive company.

Revenue from EnterpriseEC, the Company's value added network (VAN), increased by 15% due to increased volume of EDI transactions processed for large grocery companies and increased recurring revenue from the Company's integration solutions. Despite this increase, pricing pressures and the availability of alternate connectivity options continue to adversely affect revenue growth for EnterpriseEC.

**Merkur Group Revenue**

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Revenue from the sale of software-based products and services sold by Merkur Group in the first quarter of 2012 and 2011 are summarized below:

|                       | Q1 2012    |            | Q1 2011    |            | Increase<br>(Decrease) |      |
|-----------------------|------------|------------|------------|------------|------------------------|------|
|                       | Amount     | % of Total | Amount     | % of Total | Amount                 | %    |
| Software              | \$ 48,411  | 13         | \$ 45,954  | 13         | \$ 2,457               | 5    |
| Hardware              | 14,588     | 4          | 24,980     | 7          | (10,392)               | (42) |
| Professional services | 36,900     | 11         | 54,900     | 15         | (18,000)               | (33) |
|                       | 99,899     | 28         | 125,834    | 35         | (25,935)               | (21) |
| Maintenance contracts | 236,529    | 67         | 222,061    | 63         | 14,468                 | 7    |
| On demand             | 15,921     | 4          | 4,750      | 1          | 11,171                 | 235  |
| Other                 | 3,623      | 1          | 3,335      | 1          | 288                    | 9    |
| Total revenue         | \$ 355,972 | 100        | \$ 355,980 | 100        | \$ (8)                 |      |

Revenue from the sale of software, hardware, and professional services, totaled \$99,899 in the first quarter of 2012, a 21% decline from \$125,834 in the first quarter of 2011, as sales of Merkur's software and related products continued to stagnate. Total revenue, however, remained comparable to the first quarter of 2011 due to increased recurring maintenance contract revenue and increased revenue from Merkur's on-demand solutions.

**Revenue from customers in foreign locations**

Although the Company has no facilities or operations in foreign locations, the Company derived approximately 4.1% of revenue in the first quarter of 2012 and 3.3% of revenue in the first quarter of 2011 from customers located in areas outside the United States, principally in Canada, but to a lesser extent in Mexico, Europe and Puerto Rico.

**Net income**

Net income for the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011 is summarized below:

|  | Q1 2012    | Q1 2011  | Increase<br>(Decrease) |     |
|--|------------|----------|------------------------|-----|
|  |            |          | Amount                 | %   |
| Edict Systems  | \$ 336,390 | 344,963  | (8,573)                | (2) |
| Merkur Group   | 64,794     | 54,101   | 10,693                 | 20  |
| Amortization of intangible assets, net of income tax effects | (13,977)   | (13,977) |                        |     |
| Net Income   | \$ 387,207 | 385,087  | 2,120                  | 1   |

Net income increased by \$2,120 primarily as a result of the following:

Revenue increased by \$165,018, as described above, primarily due to revenue from the sale of Web EDI products and services sold by Edict Systems.

During the fourth quarter of last year, the Company moved to a new corporate office and headquarters and closed the Merkur Group office. As a result, rent and related expenses for taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. for the Company increased by \$32,667 in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the same quarter last year. In addition, the Company incurred \$14,409 of non-recurring move-in expenses in the first quarter of 2012. The move to a new office was dictated by the need for additional space, capacity for expansion, improved offices and working conditions, and other factors. Management expects these enhancements will improve employee efficiency, communication, morale and improve customer service. The closing of the Merkur Group office enabled its employees to work remotely from their home offices, and allowed for administrative consolidation in the new office building.

The Company completed development of its new version of its Web EDI service in the first quarter of 2011, when it capitalized \$40,636 to Software Development Costs. No such costs were capitalized in the first quarter of 2012. In the first quarter of 2012, the Company amortized \$29,123 of previously capitalized software development costs of the new version of its Web EDI service. No such amortization was incurred in the first quarter of 2011. As a result, wages and salaries and amortization expenses included in Cost of Revenue were \$69,759 higher in the first quarter of 2012 than in the first quarter of last year.

The Company incurred incremental technical consulting expenses of \$39,200 in the first quarter of 2012 for the ongoing process of implementing the new version of its Web EDI service.

**Gross margin and cost of revenue**

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The Company's gross margin, as a percent of revenue, decreased to 58% in the first quarter of 2012 from 60% in the first quarter of 2011. The decrease occurred despite the \$165,018 increase in revenue due to increased expenses for technical salaries and wages, amortization, and technical consulting described above.

**Marketing, general and administrative expenses**

Marketing, general and administrative expenses increased by \$55,515, or 7%, in the first quarter of 2012 compared to the first quarter of 2011, due primarily to the increase in base rent and related expenses for taxes, insurance, maintenance, etc. of \$32,667 and the incurrence of \$14,409 of non-recurring move-in expenses in the first quarter of 2012.

**Liquidity and Capital Resources**

The Company generated net cash flows from operating activities of \$782,997 and \$741,298 in the first quarter of 2012 and 2011, respectively. The amounts are substantially greater than net income primarily due to non-cash depreciation and amortization expenses, an increase in deferred revenue from customer payments for the development of applications designed to meet customer specifications, an increase in deferred revenue from the timing of maintenance contract billings, and from increased income taxes payable due to the timing of income tax payments.

Management believes that the Company will have sufficient financial resources to meet business requirements for the next 12 months and to fund growth and other business and financial initiatives.

**Changes in Consolidated Condensed Balance Sheet from December 31, 2011 to March 31, 2012**

Balance sheet changes that occurred in the first quarter of 2012 that are not described elsewhere in this Management's Discussion and Analysis of Financial Condition and Results of Operations are as follows:

Accounts receivable increased \$43,863 due primarily to maintenance contract billings for Merkur Group in the first quarter of 2012 that exceeded billings in the fourth quarter of 2011.

**ITEM 4. Controls and Procedures**

Attached as exhibits to the Form 10-Q are certifications of the Company's Chief Executive Officer (CEO) and Chief Financial Officer (CFO), which are required in accordance with Rule 13a-14 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act). These Controls and Procedures section includes information concerning the controls and controls evaluation referred to in the certifications, and it should be read in conjunction with the certifications for a more complete understanding of the topics presented.

The CEO and the CFO have conducted an evaluation of the effectiveness of the Company's disclosure controls and procedures as of the end of the period covered by this Form 10-Q. Disclosure controls and procedures are designed to reasonably assure that information required to be disclosed in our reports filed under the Exchange Act, is recorded, processed, summarized and reported within the time periods specified in the Securities and Exchange Commission's rules and forms. Disclosure controls and procedures are also designed to reasonably assure that such information is accumulated and communicated to our management, including the CEO and CFO, as appropriate to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosures.

Based upon the controls evaluation, our CEO and CFO have concluded that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective to ensure that information required to be disclosed in reports that the Company files or submits under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, is accumulated and communicated to the Company's management, including the Company's CEO and CFO, to allow timely decisions regarding required disclosure; and that the Company's disclosure controls and procedures were effective during the period covered by the Company's report on Form 10-Q for the quarterly period ended March 31, 2012.

During the period covered by this report, there were no changes in the Company's internal control over financial reporting that have materially affected, or are reasonably likely to materially affect, the Company's internal control over financial reporting.



**PART II. OTHER INFORMATION****ITEM 6. Exhibits.**

| <b>Exhibit</b> |  |                          |
|----------------|--|--------------------------|
| <b>Number</b>  | <b>Description</b>   | <b>Method of Filing</b>  |
| 3(i)           | Amended Certificate of Incorporation   | Previously filed (A)     |
| 3(ii)          | By-laws  | Previously filed (B)     |
| 4              | Instruments defining the rights of security holders including indentures           | Previously filed (C)     |
| 10.1           | Commercial Lease Agreement (Ohio) between Jon Asian, LLC and Edict Systems, Inc.   | Previously filed (D)     |
| 10.2           | Agreement between Jon Asian, LLC, Edict Systems, Inc., and<br>Advant-e Corporation | Previously filed (D)     |
| 31.1           | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification   | Filed herewith           |
| 31.2           | Rule 13a-14(a)/15d-14(a) Certification   | Filed herewith           |
| 32.1           | Section 1350 Certification   | Filed herewith           |
| 32.2           | Section 1350 Certification   | Filed herewith           |
| 101.INS*       | XBRL Instance Document   | Submitted electronically |
| 101.SCH*       | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Schema Document  | Submitted electronically |
| 101.CAL*       | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Calculation Linkbase Document                              | Submitted electronically |
| 101.DEF*       | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Definition Linkbase Document                               | Submitted electronically |
| 101.LAB*       | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Label Linkbase Document                                    | Submitted electronically |
| 101.PRE*       | XBRL Taxonomy Extension Presentation Linkbase Document                             | Submitted electronically |

(A) Filed with Form 10-K for the year ended December, 31, 2009 as filed March 30, 2010

(B) Filed with Amendment No. 1 to Form 10-SB filed as of July 17, 2000

(C) Form of Common Stock Certificate Filed with Amendment No. 2 to Form 10-SB filed as of October 13, 2000.

(D) Filed with Form 8-K on February 6, 2012.

\* In accordance with Regulation S-T, the XBRL-related information in Exhibit 101 to this Quarterly Report on Form 10-Q shall be deemed to be furnished and not filed.

**Signatures**

In accordance with the requirements 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.

Advant-e Corporation  
(Registrant)

May 15, 2012

By: /s/ Jason K. Wadzinski

Jason K. Wadzinski  
Chief Executive Officer  
Chairman of the Board of Directors

May 15, 2012

By: /s/ James E. Lesch

James E. Lesch  
Chief Financial Officer  
Principal Accounting Officer  
Member of the Board of Directors