

United Stationers Inc. and Subsidiaries
Reconciliations of Non-GAAP Financial Measures
(unaudited)

Net Capital Spending
(in thousands)

	For the Three Months Ended June 30,		For the Six Months Ended June 30,		Forecast Year Ending
	2004	2003	2004	2003	2004
Capital expenditures	\$ 3,940	\$ 4,235	\$ 6,298	\$ 5,322	\$ 16,000
Proceeds from the disposition of property, plant and equipment	<u>(5,265)</u>	<u>(3,583)</u>	<u>(9,967)</u>	<u>(3,609)</u>	<u>(10,000)</u>
Net cash (provided by) used in investing activities	(1,325)	652	(3,669)	1,713	6,000
Capitalized software	<u>937</u>	<u>892</u>	<u>1,623</u>	<u>1,286</u>	<u>6,000</u>
Net capital spending	<u>\$ (388)</u>	<u>\$ 1,544</u>	<u>\$ (2,046)</u>	<u>\$ 2,999</u>	<u>\$ 12,000</u>

Note: Net capital spending is provided as an additional measure of investing activities. The company's accounting policy is to include capitalized software in "Other Assets." GAAP requires that changes in "Other Assets" be included on the cash flow statements under the caption "Net Cash Provided by Operating Activities." The company internally measures its capital spending by including capitalized software. The company believes that it is helpful to provide readers of its financial statements with this same information.