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SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

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EXPLANATORY NOTE

Aceto Corporation, a New York corporation (the "Company"), is filing the materials contained in this Schedule 14A with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission on November 14, 2002 in connection with the solicitation of proxies for the Company's 2002 annual meeting of shareholders.

THE FOLLOWING LETTER WAS MAILED TO THE COMPANY'S  
SHAREHOLDERS ON NOVEMBER 14, 2002

ACETO CORPORATION  
One Hollow Lane  
Lake Success, New York 11042  
Tel: (516) 627-6000  
Fax: (516) 627-6093  
www.aceto.com

November 14, 2002

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

I am writing to you today regarding an issue of great importance to our Company, Aceto Corporation.

As I am sure you are aware, the Company's Board of Directors is soliciting your proxy in connection with the Company's annual meeting of shareholders scheduled for December 5, 2002 in favor of the ratification of the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan (the "Plan"). We would like to provide you with some additional information regarding the Plan so that you can make an informed decision and cast your vote accordingly.

First, the Board believes that the Plan is a conventional stock option plan that is in the best interests of the Company. The Plan's purposes are to attract, retain and motivate the Company's employees, directors and consultants through the grant of options to purchase the Company's common stock, restricted shares of the Company's common stock and other stock-based awards.

In furtherance of these purposes, the Plan gives the Board the right to grant options with vesting schedules based on the Company's publicly traded

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share price exceeding predetermined levels for designated periods of time and/or the passage of time. In other words, if the Plan is approved by the Company's shareholders, the Board intends that future stock options will only become exercisable when the Company's stock price achieves certain targets and/or a certain period of time has passed.

The Board intends that future stock options will not vest at all until the passage of twelve months from the date of grant, and that after twelve months, such options will only vest if our Company's stock price reaches predetermined levels for designated periods of time.

Second, it is important to note that the Plan expressly prohibits the repricing of any options issued under the Plan without first obtaining shareholder approval. You should be aware that the Company has never repriced its options, and the Board has no intention of doing so in the future.

As you can see from my comments, the Board believes it is very important that the Plan be approved for the well being of the Company, its shareholders, employees and other stakeholders, and we respectively request an affirmative vote ratifying the adoption of the Company's 2002 Stock Option Plan. In order to do so, please vote "FOR" Proposal 2 on the proxy card earlier sent to you.

As always, should you wish to discuss this issue with me personally, please feel free to call me at the above number.

Thank you for your continued support.

Very truly yours,

/s/ Leonard S. Schwartz

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Leonard S. Schwartz  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

\*\*\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\*\*\*

ACETO CORPORATION HAS FILED A DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT WITH THE UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION RELATING TO THE SOLICITATION OF PROXIES FROM THE SHAREHOLDERS OF ACETO CORPORATION FOR USE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING OF SHAREHOLDERS. ACETO CORPORATION STRONGLY ADVISES ALL ACETO CORPORATION SHAREHOLDERS TO READ THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT BECAUSE IT CONTAINS IMPORTANT INFORMATION. THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT IS AVAILABLE AT NO CHARGE ON THE SEC'S WEBSITE AT [HTTP://WWW.SEC.GOV](http://www.sec.gov). INFORMATION RELATING TO THE PARTICIPANTS IN ACETO CORPORATION'S PROXY SOLICITATION IS CONTAINED IN THE DEFINITIVE PROXY STATEMENT FILED ON OCTOBER 25, 2002.