

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**NIBLOCK ROBERT A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
**1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD**  
  
(Street)

**MOORESVILLE, NC 28117**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
**LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
**03/01/2012**

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
**Chairman, President & CEO**

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	03/01/2012		F		100,323 (1) \$ 28.38	D	
Common Stock	03/01/2012		A		97,000 (2) \$ 0	D	
Common Stock					22,991.786	I	By 401k Plan
Common Stock					800	I	Managed IRA-Spouse
Common Stock					800	I	by Managed IRA Acct.

Common Stock	10,659	I	by Son-1
Common Stock	10,659	I	by Son-2
Common Stock	93,882.798	I	by Spouse

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	5. Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
				Code V (A) (D)		Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Am Num Sha
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 28.38	03/01/2012		A	447,000	(3) 03/01/2019	Common Stock 44

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NIBLOCK ROBERT A 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	X		Chairman, President & CEO	

## Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Felton by power of attorney For: Robert A. Niblock 03/05/2012

\*\*Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).
- \*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. See 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Reflects shares delivered by reporting person to satisfy withholding taxes due upon vesting of restricted shares granted on March 1, 2009.

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- (2) Restricted stock granted pursuant to 2006 Long-Term Incentive Plan. The shares will fully vest on March 1, 2015.
- (3) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2013.

**Remarks:**

The information provided for the shares held by the 401k Plan in this report are based on a plan statement dated as of February

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