

COTTLE KAREN O
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FORM 4

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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 *
COTTLE KAREN O

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADOBE SYSTEMS
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK
AVENUE

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95110

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
ADOBE SYSTEMS INC [ADBE]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/21/2012

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)
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 | 03/21/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 41,251 A \$ 32.42 | 115,356 | D | |
| Common Stock | 03/21/2012 | | S ⁽¹⁾ | 41,251 D \$ 33.3028 | 74,105 | D | |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | Amount or Number of Shares |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|----------------------------|
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 32.42 | 03/21/2012 | | M ⁽¹⁾ | 41,251 | 03/21/2012 ⁽³⁾ 05/24/2012 | Common Stock | 41,251 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| COTTLE KAREN O ADOBE SYSTEMS INCORPORATED 345 PARK AVENUE SAN JOSE, CA 95110 | | | SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary | |

Signatures

/s/ Justin Judd, as attorney-in-fact
03/22/2012
**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) The option exercise and sale reported in this Form 4 were effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person January 31, 2012.
This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$33.10 to \$33.42. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request by the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price within the range.
- (3) Vests at a rate of 25% of the original grant of 110,000 shares on the one-year anniversary of the May 24, 2005 grant date, 2.08% of the original grant per month for the following 12 months, and 4.17% of the original grant per month for the remaining 12 months.

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