

BENEFICIALLY 6 3,485,500
OWNED BY
EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING 7 None
PERSON
WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
3,485,500

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
3,485,500

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*
Not Applicable

11 PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9
8.1%

12 TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*
IA

* SEE INSTRUCTION BEFORE FILLING OUT!

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1 NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
Wanger Asset Management, Ltd.

2 CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*
Not Applicable (a)
(b)

3 SEC USE ONLY

4 CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION
Delaware

5 SOLE VOTING POWER
NUMBER OF 5 None
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY 6 SHARED VOTING POWER
OWNED 6 3,485,500
EACH 7 SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER
REPORTING 7 None
PERSON
WITH 8 SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER
3,485,500

9 AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON
3,485,500

10 CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

Not Applicable

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

11 8.1%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

12 CO

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NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

1 S.S. or I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

Acorn Investment Trust

CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*

2 (a) []
(b) []

Not Applicable

SEC USE ONLY

3

CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION

4 Massachusetts

SOLE VOTING POWER

5 NUMBER OF SHARES None

SHARED VOTING POWER

6 BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY 2,710,000

SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER

7 EACH REPORTING PERSON None

SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER

8 WITH 2,710,000

AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON

9 2,710,000

CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*

10 Not Applicable []

PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW 9

11 6.3%

TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*

12 IV

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Item 1(a) Name of Issuer:

Labor Ready, Inc.

Item 1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices:

1016 S. 28th Street
Seattle, WA 98409

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing:

Wanger Asset Management, L.P. ("WAM")
Wanger Asset Management Ltd., the general partner of WAM ("WAM LTD.")
Acorn Investment Trust ("Acorn")

Item 2(b) Address of Principal Business Office:

WAM, WAM LTD., and Acorn are all located at:
227 West Monroe Street, Suite 3000
Chicago, Illinois 60606

Item 2(c) Citizenship:

WAM is a Delaware limited partnership; WAM LTD. is a Delaware corporation; and Acorn is a Massachusetts business trust.

Item 2(d) Title of Class of Securities:

Common Stock

Item 2(e) CUSIP Number:

505401208

Item 3 Type of Person:

(d) Acorn is an Investment Company under section 8 of the Investment Company Act.

(e) WAM is an Investment Adviser registered under section 203 of the Investment Advisers Act of 1940; WAM LTD. is the General Partner of the Investment Adviser.

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Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 1999):

(a) Amount owned "beneficially" within the meaning of rule 13d-3:

3,485,500

(b) Percent of class:

8.1%

(c) Number of shares as to which such person has:

(i) sole power to vote or to direct the vote:
none

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:
3,485,500

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition of:
none

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct disposition of:
3,485,500

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class:

Not Applicable

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

The shares reported herein have been acquired on behalf of discretionary clients of WAM, including Acorn. Persons other than WAM and WAM LTD. are entitled to receive all dividends from, and proceeds from the sale of, those shares. Acorn is the only such person known to be entitled to all dividends from, and all proceeds from the sale of, shares reported herein to the extent of more than 5% of the class.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary Which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group:

Not Applicable

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group:

Not Applicable

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Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired and are held in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired and are not held for the purpose of or with the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of the securities and were not acquired and are not held in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having that purpose or effect.

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Signature

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Date: February 11, 2000

The undersigned corporation, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, LTD.
for itself and as general partner of
WANGER ASSET MANAGEMENT, L.P.

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer
Vice President

The undersigned, on the date above written, agrees and consents to the joint filing on its behalf of this Schedule 13G in connection with its beneficial ownership of the security reported herein.

ACORN INVESTMENT TRUST

By: /s/ Bruce H. Lauer

Bruce H. Lauer
Vice President and Treasurer

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