

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* (Last, First, Middle) Steele, William, W. 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Labor Ready, Inc. (LRW) 3. I.R.S. Identification Number of Reporting Person, if an entity (voluntary) 4. Statement for Month/Day/Year 12/18/02 5. If Amendment, Date of Original (Month/Day/Year) 6. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) [X] Director, 10% Owner, Officer, Other 7. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) [X] Form filed by One Reporting Person, Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

Table I — Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Table with 7 columns: Title of Security, Transaction Date, Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Code, Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), Amount, Price, Ownership Form, Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership. Row 1: Common stock, 12/18/02, M, 1,000, A, \$5.56, 1,000, D.

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

Table with 6 columns: Title of Derivative Security, Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security, Transaction Date, Deemed Execution Date, Transaction Code, Number of Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D), Date Exercisable and Expiration Date. Row 1: Options (Right to Buy), \$5.56, 12/18/02, M, 1,000, 7/2/02, 1/2/12.

7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
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Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s)	Ownership Form of Derivative Securities: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
Common stock	1,000	4,000	D	

Explanation of Responses:

/s/ Gary Kocher

12/19/02

**Signature of Reporting Person
Gary Kocher, Attorney in fact for William W. Steele

Date

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

* 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).

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