

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

Check this box if no longer subject to Section 16. Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * <u>NORTH GARY WILLIAM</u> (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>1015 A. STREET</u> <u>P.O. BOX 2910</u> (Street) <u>TACOMA WA 98401</u> (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>LABOR READY INC [LRW]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) X <u>Vice President</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>12/22/2004</u>	
	4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)	

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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common stock	12/22/2004		M		4,400	A	\$4.813	25,926	D	
Common stock	12/22/2004		S		4,400 ⁽¹⁾	D	\$17	21,526 ⁽²⁾	D	

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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (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: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Options (Right to buy)	\$4.813	12/22/2004		M			4,400	08/01/2001 ⁽³⁾	08/01/2005	Common stock	4,400	\$4.813	100	D	

Explanation of Responses:

- Sales effected pursuant to preplanned trading program designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1.
- As of December 15, 2004, Mr. North also indirectly owned 888 Labor Ready Stock Units (Labor Ready 401(k) Plan). Each Unit consists of Labor Ready common stock and a cash component.
- Options subject to this grant vest over a 4 year period in equal annual installments.

Matthew S. Topham, Attorney-in-Fact 12/23/2004

** Signature of Reporting Person 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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