

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
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 \*  
NIBLOCK ROBERT A

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
12/21/2010

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
Chairman and CEO

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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(City) (State) (Zip)

**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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2010                           |                                                    | G                              | V 520 D \$ 0                                                      | 942,927.6 <sup>(1)</sup>                                                                      | D                                                        |                                                       |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2010                           |                                                    | G                              | V 260 A \$ 0                                                      | 10,028                                                                                        | I                                                        | by Son-1                                              |
| Common Stock                    | 12/21/2010                           |                                                    | G                              | V 260 A \$ 0                                                      | 10,028                                                                                        | I                                                        | by Son-2                                              |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 22,372.487                                                                                    | I                                                        | By 401k Plan                                          |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |                                                    |                                |                                                                   | 800                                                                                           | I                                                        | Managed IRA-Spouse                                    |

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|--------------|------------|---|----------------------|
| Common Stock | 800        | I | by Managed IRA Acct. |
| Common Stock | 46,130.798 | 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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                  |       |
|--------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------|-----------|------------------|-------|
|                                                                    | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer          | Other |
| NIBLOCK ROBERT A<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 | X             |           | Chairman and CEO |       |

## Signatures

By: Sandra Felton For: Robert A. Niblock 12/22/2010

\_\_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) Direct holdings include 1,054 shares acquired under the Lowe's Employee Stock Purchase Plan.

**Remarks:**

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

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