

COTTLE KAREN O  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
ADOBE SYSTEMS  
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK  
AVENUE

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

\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

(Street)  
SAN JOSE, CA 95110

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
				Code	V	Amount	
Common Stock	03/21/2012		M <sup>(1)</sup>	41,251	A	\$ 32.42	115,356 D
Common Stock	03/21/2012		S <sup>(1)</sup>	41,251	D	\$ 33.3028	74,105 D
						<sup>(2)</sup>	

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 <sup>(1)</sup>	41,251	03/21/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 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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