

NORTH GARY WILLIAM
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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 *
 NORTH GARY WILLIAM

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 1015 A. STREET, P.O. BOX 2910
 (Street)

TACOMA, WA 98401

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 LABOR READY INC [LRW]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/23/2004

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
 Vice President

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price			
Common stock	12/23/2004		M	100 A \$ 4.813	21,626	D	
Common stock	12/23/2004		S	100 ⁽¹⁾ D \$ 17	21,526 ⁽²⁾	D	

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.813	12/23/2004		M	100	08/01/2001 ⁽³⁾ 08/01/2005	Common stock	100

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NORTH GARY WILLIAM 1015 A. STREET P.O. BOX 2910 TACOMA, WA 98401			Vice President	

Signatures

Matthew S. Topham, 12/27/2004
Attorney-in-Fact

__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) Sales effected pursuant to preplanned trading program designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) 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.
- (3) Options subject to this grant vest over a 4 year period in equal annual installments.

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