

MCCORMACK ROBERT C
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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 *
 MCCORMACK ROBERT C

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 ILLINOIS TOOL WORKS INC
 [ITW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 05/24/2012

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

3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE

(Street)

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

GLENVIEW, IL 60026

(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		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)
			Code	V	Amount	Price			
Common Stock	05/24/2012		S		D	55.39 (1)	4,426,268	I	Trusts (2)
Common Stock							3,515,470	I	Trusts (3)
Common Stock							878,867	I	Partnership (4)
Common Stock							12,785	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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	
						Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
						Code	V (A) (D)		
Phantom Stock Units	(5)					(5)	(5)	Common Stock	5,266

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
MCCORMACK ROBERT C 3600 WEST LAKE AVENUE GLENVIEW, IL 60026			X	

Signatures

Robert C. McCormack by Maria C. Green, Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Secretary, Attorney-In-Fact

05/29/2012

**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).

- This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$55.17 to \$55.65. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, Illinois Tool Works Inc. or a shareholder of Illinois Tool Works Inc. full information regarding the number of shares and prices at which the transaction was effected.
- (1) Shares held in trusts of which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee and in which a member of his immediate family (adult not living in his household) has a pecuniary interest. The Reporting Person disclaims beneficial ownership of these shares.
 - (2) Shares held in trusts of which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee and has a pecuniary interest.
 - (3) Shares held in trusts of which the Reporting Person is a co-trustee and has a pecuniary interest.

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(4) Shares held in Family Partnership.

Represents units of phantom stock under the Phantom Stock Plan for non-employee directors as of May 24, 2012. Each unit is equal in

(5) value to one share of common stock. The units are not transferable and have no voting rights. Additional units are credited in amounts equivalent to cash dividends paid on the common stock.

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