

FARWELL DAVID L  
 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 \*  
 FARWELL DAVID L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/ [ABM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 551 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/06/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Senior Vice President

NEW YORK, NY 10176

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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Price   |  |   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,250   | A \$ 16.825   | 18,612   | D   |
| Common Stock                    | 09/07/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,250   | A \$ 16.825   | 21,862 <sup>(1)</sup>                                    | 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 |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------------------------------|
| Stock Options <sup>(2)</sup>               | \$ 16.825  | 09/06/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,250   | <sup>(3)</sup> 09/09/2012                                | Common Stock  | 3,250                         |
| Stock Options (Common Stock)               | \$ 16.825  | 09/07/2012                           |  | M                              | 3,250   | <sup>(3)</sup> 09/09/2012                                | Common Stock  | 3,250                         |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address   | Relationships |           |                       |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer               | Other |
| FARWELL DAVID L<br>551 FIFTH AVENUE<br>SUITE 300<br>NEW YORK, NY 10176 |               |           | Senior Vice President |       |

## Signatures

By: Barbara L. Smithers, by power of attorney 09/10/2012

\_\_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) Includes 4,846 RSUs and DERs relating to the RSUs, adjusted to reflect the cumulative effect of fractional shares, and 1,703 performance shares earned but not vested with respect to performance shares granted on 1/11/2010 and 1/11/2011 and DERs related thereto.
- (2) Stock options granted under the 2002 Price-Vested Plan.
- (3) Exercisable over the first four years in percentages tied to the price of ABM common stock and after eight years from the date of grant, if not previously vested.

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