

COTTLE KAREN O  
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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

(Last) (First) (Middle)

ADOBE SYSTEMS  
INCORPORATED, 345 PARK  
AVENUE

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95110

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
01/27/2012

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)  
SVP, Gen. Counsel & Secretary

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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)		
				Code	V	Amount				(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	01/27/2012		M			4,125	A	\$ 19.93	108,230	D	
Common Stock	01/27/2012		S			4,125	D	\$ 31.0022	104,105	D	
Common Stock	01/30/2012		S			30,000	D	\$ 31.0086	74,105	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)
Stock Options (right to buy)	\$ 19.93	01/27/2012		M	4,125	01/27/2012 <sup>(3)</sup> 01/26/2016	Common Stock 4,125

## 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 01/31/2012

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 \$31.00 to \$31.04. 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.

This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$31.00 to \$31.08. 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.

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(3) Vests monthly at a rate of 2.08% of the original grants of 99,000 shares for 48 months from the original grant date of January 26, 2009.

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