

ECHOLS LEJDON E
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**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 *
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(Street)

DALLAS, TX 75201

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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
CENTEX CORP [CTX]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/12/2005

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)
EVP and CFO

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

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) Amount (D) Price			
Common Stock ⁽¹⁾	05/12/2005		A	40,052 A 11	78,972	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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Date Exercisable	9. Expiration Date	10. Title	11. Amount or Number of Shares
Non-Qualified Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 57.36	05/12/2005		A	75,000	(2)	05/12/2012			Common Stock Par Value \$0.25	75,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ECHOLS LELEDON E CENTEX CORPORATION 2728 N. HARWOOD DALLAS, TX 75201			EVP and CFO	

Signatures

/s/ James R. Peacock III as attorney-in-fact for Leldon E. Echols 05/16/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) This award will vest at the rate of 8.25% per quarter in fiscal year 2006, 8.25% per quarter in fiscal year 2007 and 8.50% per quarter in fiscal year 2008 (Centex's fiscal year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31). Restricted shares granted under Centex Corporation 2003 Equity Incentive Plan.

(2) This award will vest at the rate of 8.25% per quarter in fiscal year 2006, 8.25% per quarter in fiscal year 2007 and 8.50% per quarter in fiscal year 2008 (Centex's fiscal year begins on April 1 and ends on March 31).

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