

Schlonsky Michael Allen  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Â Schlonsky Michael Allen (Last) (First) (Middle)  300 PHILLIPI ROAD (Street)  COLUMBUS,Â OHÂ 43228 (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/23/2012	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol BIG LOTS INC [BIG]	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  (Check all applicable) <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) Senior Vice President	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
Common Stock	7,971	D	Â
Common Stock	3,146	I	By 401(k) Plan <sup>(1)</sup>

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Security	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Stock Purchase Option	Â (2)	03/06/2016	Common Stock	3,750	\$ 17.47	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â (3)	03/05/2017	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 35.92	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â (4)	03/07/2018	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 41.12	D	Â
Stock Purchase Option	Â (5)	03/06/2019	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 43.85	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Schlonsky Michael Allen 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228	Â	Â	Â Senior Vice President	Â

## Signatures

Joseph Y. Heuer, Attorney-in-fact for Michael Allen Schlonsky 08/30/2012

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Common stock held under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401 (k) Plan"). This information is based on a 401 (k) Plan report dated August 30, 2012.
- (2) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2010.
- (3) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 5, 2011.
- (4) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 7, 2012.
- (5) The Stock Purchase Option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 6, 2013.

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