

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
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**FORM 4**

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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 \*  
**CROOM MARSHALL A**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD

(Street)

MOORESVILLE, NC 28117

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

**LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]**

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

03/13/2012

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 & Chief Risk Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)

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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
|                                 |                                      |  | Code                           | V   | Amount  | (D)  | Price   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/13/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 12,666  | A  | \$ 15.84  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 86,836.3342   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/13/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 12,666  | D  | \$ 30.2173  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 74,170.3342   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <u>(1)</u>  |
| Common Stock                    | 03/13/2012                           |  | M                              |   | 23,000  | A  | \$ 23.97  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 97,170.3342   |
| Common Stock                    | 03/13/2012                           |  | S                              |   | 23,000  | D  | \$ 30.2173  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 74,170.3342   |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | <u>(1)</u>  |
|                                 | 03/14/2012                           |  | G                              | V   | 4,118   | D  | \$ 0  |
|                                 |                                      |  |                                |   |   |  | 70,052.3342   |

Common  
Stock

Common Stock 7,290.733 I By 401k Plan

Common Stock 839.902 I by IRA

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4) |       |                |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|-------|----------------|
|  |  |                                      |  | Code                           | V (A) (D)   | Date Exercisable   | Expiration Date   | Title | Am or Num of S |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 15.84   | 03/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 12,666  | <u>(2)</u> 03/01/2016                                    | Common Stock  | 12    |                |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)  | \$ 23.97   | 03/13/2012                           |  | M                              | 23,000  | 03/01/2011 03/01/2015                                    | Common Stock  | 23    |                |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address                                     | Relationships |           |                          |       |
|--|---------------|-----------|--------------------------|-------|
|  | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer                  | Other |
| CROOM MARSHALL A<br>1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD<br>MOORESVILLE, NC 28117 |               |           | SVP & Chief Risk Officer |       |

## Signatures

By: /s/ Sandra Felton by power of attorney For: Marshall A. Croom 03/15/2012

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 \$30.21 to \$30.23. The price reported above reflects the weighted  
(1) average sale price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.  
(2) The option vests in three annual installments beginning on March 1, 2010.

### Remarks:

The information provided for the shares held by the 401k Plan in this report are based on a plan statement dated as of February

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