

McLoughlin Karen
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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 *
 McLoughlin Karen

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP [CTSH]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 02/28/2012

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Chief Financial Officer

COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP., 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD.

(Street)

4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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

TEANECK, NJ 07666

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
| | | | | (A) or (D) | Code V Amount (D) Price | | |

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) | 8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|---|
| Restricted Stock Units | (1) (2) | 02/28/2012 | | A | 4,700 | (1)(2) (1)(2) | Class A Common Stock | 4,700 \$ 0 |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|-------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| McLoughlin Karen COGNIZANT TECHNOLOGY SOLUTIONS CORP. 500 FRANK W. BURR BLVD. TEANECK, NJ 07666 | | | Chief Financial Officer | |

Signatures

/s/ Steven Schwartz on behalf of Karen McLoughlin, by Power of Attorney 03/01/2012

__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).
- Represents the total number of performance-based restricted stock units which vested based upon attainment by the Company of certain performance milestones, as determined by the Company's compensation committee on February 28, 2012 based upon the audited financials for the 2011 fiscal year. The performance-based restricted stock units were granted on March 21, 2011 under the Cognizant Technology Solutions 2009 Incentive Compensation Plan. In accordance with the performance-based restricted stock unit award, 50% of the vested performance-based restricted stock units shall be issued on June 1, 2012, provided the reporting person remains in the Company's service through such anniversary date. (Continued in the next footnote.)
- (1) (Continued from the previous footnote.) The remaining 50% of the vested performance-based restricted stock units shall be issued on December 2, 2013, provided that the grantee remains in the Company's service through such anniversary date. Each performance-based restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the Company's Class A Common Stock. The reporting person will disclose the receipt of shares of the Company's Class A Common Stock underlying the performance-based restricted stock units on Table I of Form 4, if and when such reporting person satisfies the aforementioned service-based conditions.
- (3) Excludes previously granted restricted stock units for an aggregate of 12,876 shares of Class A Common Stock, which have different vesting schedules.

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