LABOR READY INC

Form 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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response...

See Instruction 1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person ** NORTH GARY WILLIAM	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol LABOR READY INC [LRW]	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)		
(Last) (First) (Middle)	3. Date of Earliest Transaction			
1015 A. STREET, P.O. BOX 2910	(Month/Day/Year) 12/22/2004	Director 10% Owner Officer (give title Other (specify below)		
(Street)	4. If Amendment, Date Original	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check		
TACOMA, WA 98401	Filed(Month/Day/Year)	Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person		

(City)	(State)	(Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative	Secur	ities Acq	uired, Disposed of	f, or Beneficial	ly 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. Securi on(A) or D (Instr. 3,	ispose	d of (D)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)		
Common stock	12/22/2004		M	4,400	A	\$ 4.813	25,926	D	
Common stock	12/22/2004		S	4,400 (1)	D	\$ 17	21,526 <u>(2)</u>	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)			6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	
			Code V	ŕ	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Options (Right to buy)	\$ 4.813	12/22/2004	M	4,400	08/01/2001(3)	08/01/2005	Common stock	4,400

Reporting Owners

Panenting Owner Name / Address	Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

NORTH GARY WILLIAM 1015 A. STREET P.O. BOX 2910 TACOMA, WA 98401

Vice President

Signatures

Matthew S. Topham, Attorney-in-Fact

**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).
- (1) Sales effected pursuant to preplanned trading program designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1.
- (2) As of December 15, 2004, Mr. North also indirectly owned 888 Labor Ready Stock Units (Labor Ready 401(k) Plan). Each Unit consists of Labor Ready common stock and a cash component.
- (3) Options subject to this grant vest over a 4 year period in equal annual installments.

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