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FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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See Instruction

| 1. Name and A HOVDE ER | ddress of Report | ing Person * | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) | | | |
|---------------------------|------------------|--------------|--|---|--|--|--|
| | | | EPLUS INC [PLUS] | | | | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction | | | | |
| | | | (Month/Day/Year) | X DirectorX 10% Owner | | | |
| 122 W. WA | SHINGTON A | AVENUE, | 10/01/2013 | Officer (give title Other (specify | | | |
| SUITE 730 | | | | below) below) | | | |
| | (Street) | | 4. If Amendment, Date Original | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check | | | |
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| | | | Filed(Month/Day/Year) | Applicable Line) | | | |
| | | | | _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| MADISON, | WI 53703 | | | | | | |
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| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acc | quired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned | | | |
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| (City) | (State) (2 | Table | : I - Non-De | erivative S | ecurit | ties Ac | quired, Disposed (| of, or Beneficia | lly Owned |
|------------------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--------------------|--------------|------------|-------------|--|----------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1.Title of Security | 2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 2A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 3. Transactio | 4. Securit | | r | 5. Amount of Securities | 6. Ownership Form: Direct | 7. Nature of Indirect |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | Disposed | of (D) |) | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) Code V | (Instr. 3, 4 | (A) or (D) | 5) Price | Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4) | Indirect (I) (Instr. 4) | Ownership (Instr. 4) |
| Common Stock | 10/01/2013 | | A | 362 (1) | A | \$0 | 232,440 | D | |
| Common Stock | | | | | | | 936,716 (2) | Ι | Footnote (3) |

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 | f 2. | 3. Transaction Date | 3A. Deemed | 4. | 5. | 6. Date Exerc | cisable and | 7. Title | e and | 8. Price of | 9. Nu |
|-------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------|------------|------------|---------------|-------------|----------|--------------|-------------|--------|
| Derivativ | e Conversion | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transacti | orNumber | Expiration D | ate | Amou | nt of | Derivative | Deriv |
| Security | or Exercise | | any | Code | of | (Month/Day/ | Year) | Under | lying | Security | Secui |
| (Instr. 3) | Price of | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | Derivative | e | | Securi | ties | (Instr. 5) | Bene |
| | Derivative | | | | Securities | | | (Instr. | 3 and 4) | | Owne |
| | Security | | | | Acquired | | | | | | Follo |
| | | | | | (A) or | | | | | | Repo |
| | | | | | Disposed | | | | | | Trans |
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| | | | | | 4, and 5) | | | | | | |
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| | | | | | | Date | Expiration | | or Number | | |
| | | | | | | Exercisable | Date | | of | | |
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |
| | | | | Code v | (A) (D) | | | | Shares | | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|--|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| coporting of the Francisco | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| HOVDE ERIC D 122 W. WASHINGTON AVENUE, SUITE 730 MADISON, WI 53703 | X | X | | | | | |

Signatures

Reporting Person

/s/ Eric D. 10/03/2013 Hovde **Signature of 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).

On October 1, 2013, Mr. Hovde was awarded 362 restricted shares of the common stock of the Company (the "Restricted Shares"). The Restricted Shares were issued pursuant to Mr. Hovde's election to receive shares in lieu of cash compensation as permitted under the Company's 2008 Non-Employee Director Long Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Restricted Shares are subject to a restriction period described in the Plan; under certain circumstances the restrictions may lapse. The direct ownership of 232,440 shares includes 3,007 shares (including the Restricted Shares) that are restricted and have not yet vested as of October 3, 2013; however, Mr. Hovde has the right to vote such shares that are restricted prior to vesting.

As of the date hereof, Mr. Hovde may be deemed the indirect beneficial owner (within the meaning of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended) of 936,716 shares of the Company ("Shares"). The beneficial ownership of these Shares is more fully (2) set out in the following Footnote 3. Mr. Hovde disclaims beneficial ownership of these Shares except to the extent of his pecuniary interest therein, and this report shall not be deemed an admission of beneficial ownership of such Shares for purposes of Section 16 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or for any other purpose.

Mr. Hovde is the managing member of: (a) Hovde Capital I, LLC, the general partner to Financial Institution Partners, L.P., which owns 626,097 Shares; and (b) Hovde Capital, Ltd., the general partner to Financial Institution Partners III, L.P., which owns 288,775 Shares.

(3) Mr. Hovde is a trustee of (x) the Hovde Private Equity Advisors LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, which owns 15 Shares; (y) the Hovde Capital Advisors LLC 401(k) Profit Sharing Plan and Trust, which owns 564 Shares; and (z) The Eric D. and Steven D. hovde Foundation, which owns 21,265 Shares.

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