

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 3  
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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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30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name <b>and</b> Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Â Edwards William W		(Month/Day/Year)	LOWES COMPANIES INC [LOW]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer	5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD			(Check all applicable)	
(Street)			<input type="checkbox"/> Director	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner
MOORESVILLE,Â NCÂ 28117			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Other
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	(give title below)	(specify below)
			SVP Store Operations	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

**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	227	D	Â
Common Stock (401(k) Account)	8,260 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock (BRP)	660 <sup>(2)</sup>	D	Â
Common Stock (Restricted)	2,826	D	Â

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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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	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying	4. Conversion	5. Ownership	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
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	(Month/Day/Year)		Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares			
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2006	03/01/2010	Common Stock	2,544	\$ 39.3	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	03/01/2006	03/01/2010	Common Stock	72	\$ 39.3	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (3)	03/01/2011	Common Stock	2,865	\$ 56.75	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	03/01/2012	Common Stock	2,785	\$ 58.35	D	Â

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Edwards William W 1000 LOWE'S BOULEVARD MOORESVILLE, NC 28117	Â	Â	Â SVP Store Operations	Â

## Signatures

By: Ben Adams For: William W. Edwards  
Date: 07/11/2005

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) Shares acquired under Lowe's Companies, Inc. 401(k) Plan.
- (2) Shares acquired under Lowe's Benefit Restoration Plan (BRP).
- (3) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2005
- (4) The option vests in three equal annual installments beginning on March 1, 2006.

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