

FARWELL DAVID L  
 Form 4  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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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 \*  
 FARWELL DAVID L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/ [ABM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 551 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 300  
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/08/2010

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 SVP/Chief of Staff/Treasurer

NEW YORK, NY 10176

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount (A) or (D) Price		
Common Stock	09/08/2010		A		1,869 (1) \$ 0	12,322 (2)	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)**

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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. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)
Stock Options (3)	\$ 21.49	09/08/2010		A	6,356	(4) 09/08/2017	Common Stock	6,356

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
FARWELL DAVID L 551 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 300 NEW YORK, NY 10176			SVP/Chief of Staff/Treasurer	

## Signatures

By: Barbara L. Smithers, by power of attorney 09/10/2010

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) Restricted stock units (RSUs) granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, representing a contingent right to receive shares of common stock. Units vest 50% on the second anniversary of the grant date and 50% on the fourth anniversary of the grant date, and will settle in shares of common stock. Dividend equivalent rights (DERs) will accrue.
- (2) Includes 5,439 RSUs and DERs relating to the RSUs, adjusted to reflect the cumulative effect of fractional shares, and 2,650 performance shares earned but not vested with respect to performance shares granted on 1/12/2009 and DERs related thereto.
- (3) Stock option grant under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan.
- (4) 25% exercisable on 9/8/2011, and 25% on the anniversary date of each of the following 3 years.

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