# FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person*  FARWELL DAVID L                        |  |  |  |                                   | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/ [ ABM ] |   |  |  |                  |               |   |       |                                    | Check                              | all app<br>Direc   | licable)<br>tor   |  | Owner  |   |  |
|--|--|--|--|-----------------------------------|---|---|--|--|------------------|---------------|---|-------|------------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|---|--|--|---|--|
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 551 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 300                               |  |  |  |                                   |   | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) 08/06/2012 |  |  |                  |               |   |       |                                    |                                    | X Officer (give title Other (specify below)  Senior Vice President   |   |  |  |   |  |
| (Street) NEW YORK NY 10176  (City) (State) (Zip)                                 |  |  |  |                                   |   |   | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) |  |                  |               |   |       |                                    |                                    | Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)     X Form filed by One Reporting Person     Form filed by More than One Reporting Person |   |  |  |   |  |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned |  |  |  |                                   |   |   |  |  |                  |               |   |       |                                    |                                    |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)  2. Transac Date (Month/Date)                    |  |  |  |                                   |   | Execution   |  | n Date,  | Code (Insti      |               |   |       |                                    |                                    | 4 and Secu<br>Bene   |   | cially<br>I Following  | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4)  | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |  |
|  |  |  |  |                                   |   |   | v  | Amount   | (                | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   |       | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |                                    |  | (111341.4)  |  |  |   |  |
| Common Stock 08/0  |  |  |  | 08/06                             | 06/2012   |   |  |  | A                |               | 48(1)   |       | A                                  | \$18.88                            |  | 88 15,362 <sup>(2)</sup>  |  | D  |   |  |
|  | Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities) |  |  |                                   |   |   |  |  |                  |               |   |       |                                    |                                    |  |   |  |  |   |  |
| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3)                              | erivative Conversion Date Execution Decurity or Exercise (Month/Day/Year) if any   |  |  | Date, Transaction<br>Code (Instr. |   |   |  | 6. Date Exercisable and<br>Expiration Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) |                  |               | 7. Title and<br>Amount of<br>Securities<br>Underlying<br>Derivative<br>Security (Instr.<br>and 4) |       |                                    | 8. Pri<br>Deriv<br>Secui<br>(Instr | ative de<br>ity Se<br>5) Be<br>Ov<br>Fo<br>Re  | 9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |   |  |
|  |  |  |  |                                   | Code V  |   | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisa |               | Expiration<br>Date  | Title | or<br>Nui<br>of                    | nber                               |  |   |  |  |   |  |

### **Explanation of Responses:**

- 1. Dividend equivalent rights (DERs) accrued on the restricted stock units granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan. DERs vest in the same manner as the restricted stock units to which they relate. Each DER is the economic equivalent of one share of ABM common stock.
- 2. Includes 4,846 RSUs and DERs relating to the RSUs, adjusted to reflect the cumulative effect of fractional shares, and 1,703 performance shares earned but not vested with respect to performance shares granted on 1/11/2010 and 1/11/2011, and DERs related thereto.

# Remarks:

By: Barbara L. Smithers, by power of attorney

08/07/2012

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

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

- \* 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).

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