DOWDELL ROBERT E

Form 4

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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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2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * DOWDELL ROBERT E

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

Symbol

[CECO]

CAREER EDUCATION CORP

below)

(Check all applicable)

(Last)

(First)

(Street)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

_X__ Director Officer (give title

10% Owner _ Other (specify

(Month/Day/Year)

31625 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY 12/12/2007

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

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

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92651

(City)	(State)	(Zip) 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)	Code (Instr. 8)	(A) or			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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
Common Stock	12/12/2007		Code V D	Amount 900	(D)	Price \$ 28.56	134,006	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/12/2007		D	200	D	\$ 28.55	133,806	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/12/2007		D	300	D	\$ 28.54	133,506	I	See footnote (1)	
Common Stock	12/12/2007		D	700	D	\$ 28.52	132,806	I	See footnote	

Common Stock 12/12/2007 D 17,900 D \$ 28.5 114,906 I footnote (1)

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)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	4. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	5. orNumber of Derivativ Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	S	ate	7. Title Amoun Underly Securit (Instr. 3	nt of ying	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)
				Code V	(A) (D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title I	Amount or Number of Shares	

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

DOWDELL ROBERT E 31625 SOUTH COAST HIGHWAY X LAGUNA BEACH, CA 92651

Signatures

Robert E. 12/13/2007

**Signature of Date Reporting Person

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) Includes 38,377 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Dowdell, as Custodian for Brian M. Dowdell under the Uniform Transfers to Minors Act; 31,977 shares of Common Stock held by Mr. Dowdell, as Custodian for Sharon T. Dowdell under the Uniform Transfers to

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Minors Act; 44,552 shares of Common Stock held indirectly by the Robert E. and Grace Dowdell Living Trust dated July 11, 1991 for which Mr. Dowdell is co-trustee.

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