

Bolton Edward E.
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FORM 4

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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 *
Bolton Edward E.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/27/2013

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)

Vice President, Culture

(Street)
MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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(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)	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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock	02/27/2013		M		10,500	A	\$ 16
Common Stock	02/27/2013		S		10,710	D	\$ 46.1257

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. 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)
				Code	V (A) (D)	Date Exercisable Expiration Date	Title Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 16	02/27/2013		M	10,500	⁽²⁾ 02/23/2022	Common Stock 10,500

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Bolton Edward E. 5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359			Vice President, Culture	

Signatures

/s/ Julie M. Regnier, Attorney-in-Fact for Edward E. Bolton
 03/01/2013
 **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).
 Reflects the weighted average price of 10,710 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on February 27, 2013 with sale prices ranging from \$46.00 to \$46.31 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (1)
- (2) The option vests as to 25% of the shares in four annual installments beginning on February 23, 2013.

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