

BIG LOTS INC
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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 *
COOPER JOE R

(Last) (First) (Middle)
300 PHILLIPI ROAD
(Street)

COLUMBUS, OH 43228

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
BIG LOTS INC [BLI]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
02/24/2006

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) ___ Other (specify below)
Senior Vice President & CFO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	02/24/2006		A		16,000	A	\$ 0
Common Stock	02/24/2006		A ⁽¹⁾		305	A	\$ 12.79
							(2)
							30,966
							1,863 ⁽³⁾

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
Phantom Stock	(4)	02/24/2006		A		263	(5)	(6)	(7)	Common Stock	263
Stock Purchase Option	\$ 12.66	02/24/2006		A		41,000		02/24/2007(8)	02/24/2013	Common Stock	41,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
COOPER JOE R 300 PHILLIPI ROAD COLUMBUS, OH 43228			Senior Vice President & CFO	

Signatures

Chadwick P. Reynolds, attorney in fact for Joe R. Cooper
02/28/2006

__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) The reported common stock was acquired under the Big Lots Savings Plan ("401(k) Plan") as a result of a matching contribution by the Issuer in the form of the Issuer's common stock, as contemplated by the terms of the 401(k) Plan.
- (2) Represents the market value per share of the Issuer's common stock at the matching contribution.
- (3) This information is based on a plan statement dated February 27, 2006.
- (4) One-for-one.
- (5) The reported phantom stock was acquired under the Big Lots Supplemental Savings Plan ("Supplemental Plan") as a result of the matching contribution by the Issuer in the form of the Issuer's common stock, as contemplated by the terms of the Supplemental Plan.
- (6) Immediately.
- (7) Not applicable.
- (8) The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on February 24, 2007.

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