

SAMBATARO JOSEPH P JR  
 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 \*  
 SAMBATARO JOSEPH P JR

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 LABOR READY INC [LRW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 1015 A STREET, P.O. BOX 2910

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 12/28/2004

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

(Street)  
 TACOMA, WA 98401

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|-----------------------------------|
|                                 |                                      |  |                                | (A) or (D)  | Amount  |  |                                   |
| Common stock                    | 12/28/2004                           |  | M                              | V   | 13,100  | A  | \$ 3.05                           |
| Common stock                    | 12/28/2004                           |  | S                              |   | 13,100 (1)  | D  | \$ 17 92,507 (2)                  |

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) |
|--|--|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|--|---|
| Options (Right to buy)                     | \$ 3.05  | 12/28/2004                           |  | M                              | 13,100  | 10/02/2001 <sup>(3)</sup> 10/02/2006                     | Common stock 13,100   |

## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |         |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| SAMBATARO JOSEPH P JR<br>1015 A STREET<br>P.O. BOX 2910<br>TACOMA, WA 98401 | X             |           | CEO     |       |

## Signatures

Matthew S. Topham,  
Attorney-in-Fact

12/28/2004

\_\_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) Sales effected pursuant to preplanned trading program designed to meet the requirements of Rule 10b5-1.

(2) As of December 1, 2004, Mr. Sambataro also indirectly owned 10,166 Labor Ready Stock Units (Labor Ready 401(k) Plan.) Each Unit consists of Labor Ready common stock and a cash component.

(3) Twenty-five percent of the options subject to this grant vested immediately upon grant, with the remaining seventy-five percent vesting over a 3-year period in equal annual installments.

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