

**TRUEBLUE, INC.**  
Reported by  
**DEFEBAUGH JAMES E**

**FORM 4**  
(Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership)

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# FORM 4

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## STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934  
or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

<b>1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *</b>  <b>DEFEBAUGH JAMES E</b> <small>(Last) (First) (Middle)</small>  <b>1015 A STREET, P.O. BOX 2910</b> <small>(Street)</small>  <b>TACOMA, WA 98402</b> <small>(City) (State) (Zip)</small>	<b>2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol</b>  <b>TrueBlue, Inc. [ TBI ]</b>  <b>3. Date of Earliest Transaction (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>  <b>2/25/2013</b>  <b>4. If Amendment, Date Original Filed (MM/DD/YYYY)</b>	<b>5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable)</b>  <input type="checkbox"/> Director <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner</span> <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <b>X</b> Officer (give title below) <span style="float:right"><input type="checkbox"/> Other (specify below)</span> <b>EVP, General Counsel &amp; Sec.</b>  <b>6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)</b>  <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Trans. Date	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	3. Trans. 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	2/25/2013		S		5000	D	\$18.96 <sup>(1)</sup>	49006 <sup>(2) (3)</sup>	D	
Common Stock								3777	I	TrueBlue, Inc. 401 (k) Plan

### Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned ( e.g. , puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivate Security (Instr. 3)	2. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	3. Trans. Date	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Trans. 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		7. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)		8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				Code	V		(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date				

#### Explanation of Responses:

- (1) This transaction was executed in multiple trades at prices ranging from \$18.95 to \$18.97. The price reported above reflects the weighted average sales price. The reporting person hereby undertakes to provide upon request to the SEC staff, the issuer or a security holder of the issuer the detailed information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
- (2) This total includes approximately 6,001 shares purchased pursuant to the TrueBlue, Inc. Employee Share Purchase Plan.
- (3) This total reflects nine fewer shares than were reported on the reporting person's previous Form 4 due to a recalculation of tax withholding.

#### Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DEFEBAUGH JAMES E 1015 A STREET P.O. BOX 2910 TACOMA, WA 98402			EVP, General Counsel & Sec.	

#### Signatures

**Todd N. Gilman, Attorney-in-fact**

**2/27/2013**

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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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