

Stanfill John L  
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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 \*  
 Stanfill John L

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331  
 L STREET, NW

(Street)

WASHINGTON, DC 20005

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
 (Month/Day/Year)  
 02/21/2012

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)  
 Sr. VP-Sales, Customer Service

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
 Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

**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)
			Code	V	Amount	(D)	Price
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	02/21/2012		A		38,800 (1)	A	\$ 0
					89,934 (2)	D	

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
Option to Acquire Common Stock	\$ 58.95	02/21/2012		A	11,600	(3) 02/20/2022	Common Stock 11,600

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stanfill John L C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC. 1331 L STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005			Sr. VP-Sales, Customer Service	

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Coleman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

02/23/2012

\*\*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) Includes a grant of 8,200 shares of restricted common stock that vest in three equal installments on February 21, 2013, February 21, 2014, and February 21, 2015, and a grant of 30,600 shares of restricted common stock that vest upon CoStar Group, Inc.'s achievement of \$90 million of cumulative earnings before interest depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) over a period of four consecutive calendar quarters by March 31, 2017.
- (2) Represents all shares of common stock owned, consisting of 8,200 shares of Common Stock and 81,734 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested restricted common stock grants.
- (3) The option vests in three equal installments on February 21, 2013, February 21, 2014, and February 21, 2015.

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