

ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/  
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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 \*  
CHAVEZ LINDA

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/  
[ABM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
551 FIFTH AVENUE, SUITE 300  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/19/2008

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

NEW YORK, NY 10176

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

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

(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) Code V Amount Price			
Common Stock	09/19/2008		M	6,000 A \$ 9.719	11,934	D	
Common Stock	09/19/2008		S	6,000 D \$ 23	5,934 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)	8. Amount or Number of Shares
Stock Options <u>(2)</u>	\$ 9.719	09/19/2008		M	6,000	06/17/2008 <sup>(3)</sup> <u>(4)</u>	Common Stock	6,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
CHAVEZ LINDA 551 FIFTH AVENUE SUITE 300 NEW YORK, NY 10176	X			

## Signatures

By: Barbara L. Smithers, by power of attorney 09/23/2008

        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 5,052 RSUs.

(2) Non-employee director stock options.

(3) 50% on director's 61st birthday (6/17/2008), and 50% on director's 64th birthday (6/17/2011).

(4) The options issued under the Executive Stock Option Plan (aka Age-Vested Career Stock Option Plan), as amended and restated as of September 4, 2007, terminate one year after a director ceases to be a director of the company.

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