

KERN R. FRANKLIN III
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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 *
 KERN R. FRANKLIN III

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP [IBM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
 10/25/2010

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 Senior Vice President

IBM CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE

(Street)

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

ARMONK, NY 10504

(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 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 | (D) | Price |

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 | 2. Conversion | 3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed Execution Date, if | 4. Transaction | 5. Number of Derivative | 6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date | 7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities |
|------------------------|---------------|--------------------------------------|-------------------------------|----------------|-------------------------|---|--|
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| Security (Instr. 3) | or Exercise Price of Derivative Security | any (Month/Day/Year) | Code (Instr. 8) | Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5) | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | | | |
|---------------------|--|----------------------|------------------|---|------------------|------------------|-----------------|--------------|----------------------------|--|
| | | | Code V | (A) | (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amount or Number of Shares | |
| Rst. Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽¹⁾ | 10/25/2010 | M ⁽²⁾ | | 12,196 | ⁽¹⁾ | ⁽¹⁾ | Common Stock | 12,196 | |
| Rst. Stock Unit | \$ 0 ⁽³⁾ | 10/25/2010 | A ⁽³⁾ | 12,196 | | ⁽³⁾ | ⁽³⁾ | Common Stock | 12,196 | |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|-----------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| KERN R. FRANKLIN III IBM CORPORATION ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE ARMONK, NY 10504 | | | Senior Vice President | |

Signatures

D. Cummins on behalf of R. F. Kern III
 10/26/2010
 ___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) These units were payable in cash or the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions on the transaction date shown.
- (2) Release of restricted stock units.
- (3) These units have been deferred and are payable in the company's common stock upon the lapse of the restrictions after retirement.

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