

AVID TECHNOLOGY INC
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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 *
 Estes Gregory A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
 AVID TECHNOLOGY INC [AVID]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer
 (Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
 18757 ASPESI DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
 (Month/Day/Year)
 12/20/2006

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
 VP and Chief Marketing Officer

SARATOGA, CA 95070
 (City) (State) (Zip)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Security	2. Conversion or Exercise	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if any	4. Transaction Code	5. Number of Derivative Securities	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	7. Title and Underlying Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
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(Instr. 3)	Price of Derivative Security	(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8)	Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title
Incentive Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.33	12/20/2006	A	10,712					06/20/2007 ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2016	Common Stock
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 37.33	12/20/2006	A	9,288					06/20/2007 ⁽¹⁾	12/20/2016	Common Stock

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Estes Gregory A 18757 ASPESI DRIVE SARATOGA, CA 95070			VP and Chief Marketing Officer	

Signatures

John LaMountain,
Attorney-in-Fact
12/20/2006

**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) 12.5% of the shares underlying the option become exercisable on the date listed in the "Date Exercisable" column; the remaining 87.5% of the shares underlying the option become exercisable in 42 equal monthly installments thereafter.

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