

KERN R. FRANKLIN III
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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)
IBM CORPORATION, ONE NORTH CASTLE DRIVE
 (Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/06/2011

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

ARMONK, NY 10504

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (A) or (D) Price			
Common Stock	05/08/2011		M	2,243 A \$ 0	3,198	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2011		M	2,632 A \$ 0	5,830	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2011		F	1,008 D \$ 169.21	4,822	D	
Common Stock	05/08/2011		F	1,183 D \$ 169.21	3,639	D	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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- (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) Phantom stock units convert to the cash value of the company's common stock on a one-for-one basis.
- (4) Acquisition of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan.
- (5) Distribution of phantom stock units under the IBM Excess 401(k) Plus Plan is deferred until separation from the company. The reporting person may transfer these phantom stock units into an alternative investment account under such plan.

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