

Cleveland Bradley A.  
Form 4  
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**FORM 4** UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
Cleveland Bradley A.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
09/10/2012

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

President and CEO

(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

MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

(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) |
|---------------------------------|--------------------------------------|--|--------------------------------|---|---|--|---|
| Common Stock                    | 09/10/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,500 D   | \$ 32.6138 (2)  | 106,000 I  | By KEC Irrevocable Gift Trust (3)                     |
| Common Stock                    | 09/11/2012                           |  | S <sup>(1)</sup>               | 4,500 D   | \$ 32.4776 (4)  | 106,000 I  | By JMC Irrevocable Gift Trust (3)                     |
| Common Stock                    |                                      |  |                                |   |   | 1,226,182 I  | By Bradley A. Cleveland Declaration                   |

Trust

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. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5) | 9. Number of Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction (Instr. 6) |
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## Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address  | Relationships |           |                   |       |
|---|---------------|-----------|-------------------|-------|
|   | Director      | 10% Owner | Officer           | Other |
| Cleveland Bradley A.<br>5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE<br>MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359 | X             |           | President and CEO |       |

## Signatures

/s/ Julie M. Regnier, Attorney-in-Fact for Bradley A.  
Cleveland

09/12/2012

\_\_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) Sales effected pursuant to a Rule 10b5-1 trading plan adopted by the reporting person on August 3, 2012.  
Reflects the weighted average price of 4,500 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on September 10, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$32.41 to \$32.80 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.
  - (2)
  - (3) The reporting person has no voting rights over the shares and disclaims beneficial ownership.

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- (4) Reflects the weighted average price of 4,500 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on September 11, 2012 with sale prices ranging from \$32.31 to \$32.75 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

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