

Stanfill John L  
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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 \*  
 Stanfill John L

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
 COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
 C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 1331 L STREET, NW

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
 09/04/2012

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
 Sr. VP-Sales, Customer Service

(Street)  
 WASHINGTON, DC 20005

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
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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, par value \$0.01 per share	09/04/2012		F		15,470	D	\$ 82.45
					65,223	(1)	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/06/2012		M		15,000	A	\$ 55.07
					80,223	(2)	D
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	09/06/2012		S		34,530	D	\$ 81.84
					45,693	(4)	D
						(3)	

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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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Acquire Common Stock	\$ 55.07	09/06/2012		M	15,000	<u>(5)</u> 09/03/2018	Common Stock	15,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Stanfill John L C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC. 1331 L STREET, NW WASHINGTON, DC 20005			Sr. VP-Sales, Customer Service	

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Coleman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

09/06/2012

\_\_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) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 22,122 shares of Common Stock and 43,101 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (2) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 37,122 shares of Common Stock and 43,101 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (3) Average based on sales prices ranging from \$81.34 to \$82.56.

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- (4) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 2,592 shares of Common Stock and 43,101 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (5) The option vested in three equal installments on September 4, 2009, September 4, 2010 and September 4, 2011.

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