

DOTSON GEORGE S  
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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 \*  
DOTSON GEORGE S

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
ATWOOD OCEANICS INC [ATW]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
1918 EAST 30TH PL  
(Street)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
05/09/2011

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

TULSA, OK 74114  
(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 Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	05/09/2011	05/09/2011	M	8,000 A	\$ 10.678 67,086 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	
Common Stock	05/09/2011	05/09/2011	M	8,000 A	\$ 6.83 67,086 <sup>(1)</sup>	D	

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)**

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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)
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 10.678	05/09/2011	05/09/2011	M	8,000	(2) 03/09/2012	Common Stock 8,000
Nonqualified Stock Options	\$ 6.83	05/09/2011	05/09/2011	M	8,000	(3) 03/06/2013	Common Stock 8,000

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
DOTSON GEORGE S 1918 EAST 30TH PL TULSA, OK 74114	X			

## Signatures

George S.  
Dotson

05/10/2011

\*\*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 the total number of shares of Common Stock held by the reporting person subsequent to the transactions reported hereby and includes adjustments for prior transactions not properly reflected in total.
- (2) These options were granted on March 09, 2002 and vested 25% per year commencing at the end of year two with full vesting on March 09, 2007.
- (3) These options were granted on March 06, 2003 and vested 25% per year with full vesting on March 06, 2007.
- (4) Represents the total number of Nonqualified Stock Options held by the reporting person with the same exercise price and expiration date subsequent to the transaction reported hereby.

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