McGrath Mark G Form 4 April 30, 2012

FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

Form 4 or Form 5 obligations may continue. See Instruction 1(b).

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * McGrath Mark G

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading

Symbol

AWARE INC /MA/ [AWRE]

Officer (give title

(Last)

(City)

(First)

(Street)

(State)

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

C/O AWARE INC, 40 MIDDLESEX 04/26/2012 **TURNPIKE**

(Zip)

4. If Amendment, Date Original

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

below)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

(Check all applicable)

10% Owner Other (specify

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6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)

_X__ Director

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Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

Issuer

BEDFORD, MA 01730

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|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------|-------|------------|-------------------|-------------------------|------------|
| 1.Title of | 2. Transaction Date | | 3. | 4. Securit | | • | 5. Amount of | 6. Ownership | |
| Security | (Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, if | Transaction(A) or Disposed of (D) | | | Securities | Form: Direct | Indirect | |
| (Instr. 3) | | any | Code | (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) | | | Beneficially | (D) or | Beneficial |
| | | (Month/Day/Year) | (Instr. 8) | | | | Owned | Indirect (I) | Ownership |
| | | | | | | | Following | (Instr. 4) | (Instr. 4) |
| | | | | | (4) | | Reported | | |
| | | | | | (A) | | Transaction(s) | | |
| | | | | | or | | (Instr. 3 and 4) | | |
| | | | Code V | Amount | (D) | Price | () | | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2012 | | M | 20,000 | A | \$ 5.06 | 190,021 | D | |
| Common Stock | 04/26/2012 | | M | 36,700 | A | \$ 3.44 | 226,721 | 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)

| 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. Transactic Code (Instr. 8) | 5. Number of orDerivative 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 Underlying Securitie (Instr. 3 and 4) | |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|---|--|---|--|--------------------|---|----------------------------------|
| | | | | Code V | (A) (D) | Date Exercisable | Expiration Date | Title | Amour or Number of Shar |
| Stock Appreciation Right | \$ 2.52 | | | | | (2) | 05/20/2019 | Common Stock | 6,00 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 3.44 | 04/26/2012 | | M | 36,700 | (3) | 05/23/2018 | Common Stock | 36,70 |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.06 | 04/26/2012 | | M | 20,000 | <u>(4)</u> | 02/12/2017 | Common Stock | 20,00 (1) |
| Stock Option (right to buy) | \$ 5.3 | | | | | <u>(5)</u> | 09/07/2013 | Common Stock | 25,00 (1) |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|---------|-------|--|--|--|
| 1 8 | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other | | | |
| McGrath Mark G C/O AWARE INC 40 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE BEDFORD, MA 01730 | X | | | | | | |

Signatures

/s/ Mark G.
McGrath

**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) Option was amended on September 9, 2009; the holder shall now have the right to exercise this option within two years after the date of termination of services, but not later than the expiration date of the agreement.
- Vests in 8 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from June 30, 2009 through March 31, 2011 and is exercisable upon the date the reporting person ceases to serve on the board of directors of Aware, Inc. or expiration, whichever is sooner.
- (3) Vests in 8 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from June 30, 2008 through March 31, 2010.

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- (4) Vests in 16 equal quarterly installments on the last day of each quarter from March 31 2007 through December 31, 2010.
- (5) Options vest in 16 equal quarterly installments of 6.25%, beginning as of September 30, 2006, until fully vested.

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