

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/
Form 4
October 18, 2005

FORM 4

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

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1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELSKY JOEL A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT
STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH
STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT
STORES INC /DE/ [FD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
10/14/2005

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
__X__ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
__X__ Form filed by One Reporting Person
____ Form filed by More than One Reporting
Person

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	10/14/2005		M		1,750	A	\$ 32.4375	1,750	D
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		1,250	A	\$ 27.3125	3,000	D
Common Stock	10/14/2005		M		2,000	A	\$ 28.57	5,000	D
Common Stock	10/14/2005		S		5,000	D	\$ 63.1158	0	D
								1,281 ⁽¹⁾	I

Common
StockBy 401(k)
Plan

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. Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 32.4375	10/14/2005		M	1,750	03/24/2004 02/25/2010	Common Stock	1,750
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 27.3125	10/14/2005		M	1,250	08/25/2004 08/25/2010	Common Stock	1,250
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 28.57	10/14/2005		M	2,000	(2) 03/28/2013	Common Stock	2,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

BELSKY JOEL A
C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC.
7 WEST SEVENTH STREET
CINCINNATI, OH 45202

Vice President and Controller

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Joel A. Belsky pursuant to a Power of Attorney

10/18/2005

__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) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(k) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of October 14, 2005 by \$64.05, the stock price of such date.
- (2) The options became exercisable as follows: 1,000 on March 28, 2004 and 1,000 on March 28, 2005.

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