

PATTERSON WILLIAM J  
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**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
SPO ADVISORY CORP

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
PROQUEST CO [PQE]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer  
(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY,  
SUITE 3215

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
11/22/2005

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

(Street)  
MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

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

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

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock	11/22/2005		F		1,150	A	\$ 26.5
					3,526,676	I	(1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

see footnotes (1) (2) (3) (4) (5)

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)	Amount or Number of Shares
Director stock option ( exercised )	\$ 26.5	11/22/2005		X	1,150	06/01/1996 12/01/2005	Common Stock	1,150

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
SPO ADVISORY CORP 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
OBERNDORF WILLIAM E 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941	X	X		
SPO ADVISORY PARTNERS LP 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
SF ADVISORY PARTNERS LP 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY , SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
SPO PARTNERS II LP 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
SAN FRANCISCO PARTNERS II LP 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
SCULLY JOHN H 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215 MILL VALLEY, CA 94941		X		
PATTERSON WILLIAM J 591 REDWOOD HIGHWAY, SUITE 3215		X		

MILL VALLEY, CA 94941

## Signatures

Kim M. Silva Attorney  
in Fact

11/25/2005

\_\_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) These 1,150 shares were obtained from exercising the underlying options owned directly by William E. Oberndorf ("WEO") and, through transfer, will then be owned by the William and Susan Oberndorf Trust, dated 10/15/98 ("Oberndorf Trust") and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO.  
  
Additionally, 2,740,000 shares of the issuer's common stock are owned directly by SPO Partners II, L.P. ("SPO Partners"), and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by (i) SPO Advisory Partners, L.P. ("SPO Advisory"), the sole general partner of SPO Partners, (ii) SPO Advisory Corp. ("SPO Corp"), the sole general partner of SPO Advisory and (iii) John H. Scully ("JHS"), WEO and William J. Patterson ("WJP"), the three controlling persons of SPO Corp.
  - (2) Additionally, 332,500 shares of the issuer's common stock are owned directly by San Francisco Partners II, L.P. ("SF Partners"), and may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by (i) SF Advisory Partners, L.P. ("SF Advisory"), the sole general partner of SF Partners, (ii) SPO Corp., the sole general partner of SF Advisory, and (iii) JHS, WEO and WJP, the three controlling persons of SPO Corp.
  - (3) Additionally, (i) 360,658 shares of the issuer's common stock may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as a trustee for the Oberndorf Trust, and (ii) 54,190 shares may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as a controlling person of the Oberndorf Foundation, a family foundation, and (iii) 20,000 shares may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as trustee for the Oberndorf Trust the sole general partner of Oberndorf Family Partners, a family partnership, and (iv) 2,000 shares may be deemed to be indirectly beneficially owned by WEO solely in his capacity as father of his children who share his household.
  - (4) Additionally, WEO directly owns 16,178 stock options to purchase an equal number of shares of the issuer's common stock.
  - (5)

### Remarks:

The individuals listed in Notes (1) through (5) above (each a "Reporting Person") may be deemed to form a "group", as such to

For purposes of Box 5 "Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer", WEO is director and 10% holder of the issuer.

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