

HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN

Form 4

August 02, 2012

**FORM 4****UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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See Instruction  
1(b).

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

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(Street)

SAN JOSE, CA 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol  
**ALTERA CORP [ALTR]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
07/31/2012

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 below) \_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
Sr VP, Research & Development

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
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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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M	3,125 A \$ 0	3,538	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M	2,500 A \$ 0	6,038	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		M	2,750 A \$ 0	8,788	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		F	1,147 (1) D \$ 35.45	7,641	D	
Common Stock	07/31/2012		F	917 (1) D \$ 35.45	6,724	D	

Common Stock	07/31/2012	F	1,009 (1)	D	\$ 35.45	5,715	D
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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)		8. Price or Value of Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)		
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Price or Value
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2012		M		3,125		(3)	(4)	Common Stock	3,125	\$
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2012		M		2,500		(5)	(4)	Common Stock	2,500	\$
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	(2)	07/31/2012		M		2,750		(6)	(4)	Common Stock	2,750	\$

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
HOWE BRADLEY STEVEN 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134			Sr VP, Research & Development	

## Signatures

STEVEN BRADLEY  
HOWE 08/02/2012

          \*\*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).

Shares of common stock were withheld at vesting to cover required tax withholding. The fair market value of Altera common stock used

(1) for purposes of calculating the number of shares to be withheld was the closing price of Altera common stock as reported on the NASDAQ Stock Market on such vesting date.

(2) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

(3) On July 27, 2009, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2010. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

(4) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.

(5) On August 2, 2010, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2011. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

(6) On July 18, 2011, the reporting person received a grant of RSUs that vest over a four-year period beginning on July 31, 2012. One fourth of the RSUs vested on July 31, 2012 and shares were delivered to the reporting person on that date.

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