

Dietrick William M.
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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Dietrick William M.

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
Proto Labs Inc [PRLB]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
5540 PIONEER CREEK DRIVE

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
01/16/2013

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

Vice President of Marketing

(Street)
MAPLE PLAIN, MN 55359

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
 Form filed by One Reporting Person
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(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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
				(A) or (D)	Price		
Common Stock	01/16/2013		M ⁽¹⁾	20,000 A	\$ 5	21,250 ⁽²⁾	D
Common Stock	01/16/2013		M ⁽¹⁾	12,000 A	\$ 7.86	33,250	D
Common Stock	01/16/2013		S ⁽¹⁾	32,000 D	\$ 42.3015 ⁽³⁾	1,250	D

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Reflects the weighted average price of 32,000 shares of common stock of Proto Labs, Inc. sold by the reporting person in multiple transactions on January 16, 2013 with sale prices ranging from \$42.00 to \$42.67 per share. The reporting person undertakes to provide upon request by the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission staff, the issuer, or a security holder of the issuer, full information regarding the number of shares sold at each separate price.

- (4) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on May 12, 2009.
- (5) The option vests as to 20% of the shares in five annual installments beginning on December 21, 2011.

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