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FORM 4

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

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Form 5

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

1(b).

(Last)

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Abts Doug

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Bridgepoint Education Inc [BPI]

Issuer

(Middle)

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year)

13500 EVENING CREEK DRIVE NORTH. SUITE 600

(First)

08/28/2012

Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify

(Check all applicable)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

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below) SVP, Strategy and Corp. Dev.

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

Applicable Line)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

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Person

SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

(City) (State) (Zip)

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

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)

2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

Execution Date, if

(Month/Day/Year)

3. 4. Securities TransactionAcquired (A) or Code Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5) (Instr. 8)

5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following

6. Ownership 7. Nature of Form: Direct Indirect (D) or Indirect Beneficial (I) Ownership (Instr. 4) (Instr. 4)

Reported (A) Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)

Code V Amount (D) Price

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

Conversion or Exercise

3. Transaction Date 3A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year)

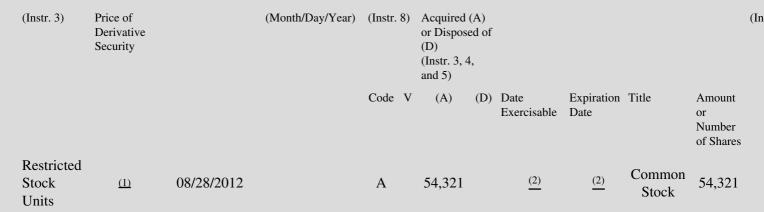
Execution Date, if any

4. 5. Number of **Transaction**Derivative Securities Code

6. Date Exercisable and **Expiration Date** (Month/Day/Year)

7. Title and Amount of 8. 1 **Underlying Securities** De (Instr. 3 and 4) Sec

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Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address

Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Abts Doug 13500 EVENING CREEK DRIVE NORTH SUITE 600 SAN DIEGO, CA 92128

SVP, Strategy and Corp. Dev.

Signatures

/s/ Diane L. Thompson, as Attorney-in-Fact

Date

08/30/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

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) Each restricted stock unit represents a contingent right to receive one share of the issuer's common stock.
- Fifty percent (50%) of the restricted stock units vest and will be delivered to the reporting person on August 28, 2013, and, thereafter, the remaining fifty percent (50%) of the restricted stock units vest and will be delivered to the reporting person on August 28, 2014, subject to the reporting person's continuing service through each such date.

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