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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF

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1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Cole Andrew Issuer Symbol A123 SYSTEMS, INC. [AONE] (Check all applicable) (First) (Middle) (Last) 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) Director 10% Owner X_ Officer (give title Other (specify C/O A123 SYSTEMS, INC., 200 12/19/2011 below) **WEST STREET** VP or HR and Organiz. Develop. (Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Filed(Month/Day/Year) Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person

WALTHAM, MA 02451

(State)

(Zip)

(City)

(City)	(State) (Z	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative Securi	ties Acc	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	ly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if any	Code	4. Securities Acquired n(A) or Disposed of (D)		5. Amount of Securities Beneficially	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or	Indirect Beneficial
		(Month/Day/Year)	(Instr. 8) Code V	(Instr. 3, 4 and (A) or Amount (D)	,	Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock	12/19/2011		A	59,361 (1) (2) A	\$ 0	111,726 <u>(3)</u>	D	

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	2.	3. Transaction Date	3A. Deemed	4.	5.	6. Date Exer	cisable and	7. Title	and	8. Price of	9. Nu
Derivative	Conversion	(Month/Day/Year)	Execution Date, if	Transaction	orNumber	Expiration D	ate	Amour	nt of	Derivative	Deriv
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				~					of		
				Code V	(A) (D)				Shares		

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Cole Andrew C/O A123 SYSTEMS, INC. 200 WEST STREET WALTHAM, MA 02451

VP or HR and Organiz. Develop.

Signatures

/s/ Eric J. Pyenson, Attorney-in-Fact for Andrew Cole

12/21/2011

**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) Restricted stock units ("RSUs"). Upon vesting thereof, the Reporting Person is entitled to receive one (1) share of common stock for each one (1) RSU.
- (2) 25% of the RSUs will vest on December 19, 2012, and 6.25% of the total number of RSUs will vest at the end of each three-month period thereafter, so that 100% of the RSUs will be fully vested on December 19, 2015.
- (3) Includes 111,726 RSUs.

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