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# FORM 4

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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### STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP

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| 1 Indific and Address of Reporting Leson |                |          | 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/</u> [ ABM ] | 5. Rela<br>(Check | n(s) to Issuer                      |                       |
|--|----------------|----------|--|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------|
|  |                |          |  |                   | Director                            |                       |
| (Last)<br>551 FIFTH AVE                  | (First)<br>NUE | (Middle) | 3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)<br>10/01/2008                     |                   | Officer (give title<br>below)       | Other (specify below) |
| SUITE 300                                |                |          | 4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)                           | 6. Indiv<br>Line) | idual or Joint/Group Filing (       | Check Applicable      |
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### Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned

| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 3) | 2. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | Execution Date, Tra |      | ction<br>Instr. |        |               |         | Securities<br>Beneficially         | 6. Ownership<br>Form: Direct<br>(D) or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 7. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---------------------------------|--|---------------------|------|-----------------|--------|---------------|---------|------------------------------------|---|---|
|                                 |  |                     | Code | v               | Amount | (A) or<br>(D) | Price   | Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 3 and 4) |   | (11311.4)   |
| Common Stock <sup>(1)</sup>     | 10/01/2008                                 |                     | Α    |                 | 1,357  | Α             | \$21.49 | 1,357 <sup>(2)</sup>               | D   |   |

#### Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

| 1. Title of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 3) | 2.<br>Conversion<br>or Exercise<br>Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security | 3. Transaction<br>Date<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 3A. Deemed<br>Execution Date,<br>if any<br>(Month/Day/Year) | 4.<br>Transa<br>Code (<br>8) |   | 5. Nu<br>of<br>Deriv<br>Secu<br>Acqu<br>(A) of<br>Dispo<br>of (D)<br>(Instr<br>and 5 | rative<br>rities<br>ired<br>r<br>osed<br>)<br>. 3, 4 | 6. Date Exerc<br>Expiration Da<br>(Month/Day/Y | ate                | 7. Title<br>Amour<br>Securi<br>Under<br>Deriva<br>Securi<br>and 4) | nt of<br>ties<br>lying<br>tive<br>ty (Instr. 3 | 8. Price of<br>Derivative<br>Security<br>(Instr. 5) | 9. Number of<br>derivative<br>Securities<br>Beneficially<br>Owned<br>Following<br>Reported<br>Transaction(s)<br>(Instr. 4) | 10.<br>Ownership<br>Form:<br>Direct (D)<br>or Indirect<br>(I) (Instr. 4) | 11. Nature<br>of Indirect<br>Beneficial<br>Ownership<br>(Instr. 4) |
|---|---|--|---|------------------------------|---|--|--|--|--------------------|--|--|---|--|--|--|
|   |   |  |   | Code                         | v | (A)  | (D)  | Date<br>Exercisable                            | Expiration<br>Date | Title  | Amount<br>or<br>Number<br>of<br>Shares         |   |  |  |  |

#### Explanation of Responses:

1. Annual grant of restricted stock units (RSUs) to non-employee directors granted under the 2006 Equity Incentive Plan, representing a contingent right to receive shares of common stock. Grant is prorated to reflect five rather than twelve months of service as director. RSUs vest one-third each on the dates of the Annual Meeting of Shareholders for the three years following the date of grant. Units will be settled in shares of common stock upon the date of vesting, or if deferred by Reporting Person, upon the settlement date determined in accordance with the Director Deferred Compensation Plan. Dividend equivalent rights will accrue.

## 2. Includes 1,357 RSUs

**Remarks:** 

#### By: Barbara L. Smithers, by power of attorney

10/02/2008

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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

\* 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).

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#### **POWER OF ATTORNEY**

The undersigned hereby constitutes and appoints Sarah H. McConnell or in her absence, Barbara L. Smithers, his or her true and lawful attorney-in-fact to:

- execute and file for and on behalf of the undersigned, in the undersigned's capacity as an officer, director, and/or person who holds more than 10% of the stock of ABM Industries Incorporated (the "<u>Company</u>") Forms 3, Forms 4, and Forms 5 in accordance with Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "<u>Exchange Act</u>"), and the rules thereunder;
- (2) do and perform any and all acts for and on behalf of the undersigned which may be necessary or desirable to complete and execute any such Forms 3, Forms 4, or Forms 5 and timely file such forms with the United States Securities and Exchange Commission and any other authority; and
- (3) take any other action of any type whatsoever in connection with the foregoing which, in the opinion of such attorney-in-fact, may be of benefit to, in the best interest of, or legally required by, the undersigned, it being understood that the documents executed by such attorney-in-fact on behalf of the undersigned, pursuant to this Power of Attorney shall be in such form and shall contain such terms and conditions as such attorney-in-fact may approve in his or her discretion.

The undersigned hereby grants to such attorney-in-fact full power and authority to do and perform any and every act and thing whatsoever requisite, necessary or proper to be done in the exercise of any of the rights and powers herein granted, as fully to all intents and purposes as the undersigned might or could do if personally present, with full power of substitution or revocation, hereby ratifying and confirming all that such attorney-in-fact, or his or her substitute or substitutes, shall lawfully do or cause to be done pursuant to this power of attorney. The undersigned acknowledges that the foregoing attorney-in-fact, in serving in such capacity at the request of the undersigned, is not assuming, nor is the Company assuming, any of the undersigned's responsibilities to comply with Section 16 of the Exchange Act.

This Power of Attorney revokes any previously granted Power of Attorney relating to the subject matter hereof and shall remain in full force and effect until the undersigned is no longer required to file Forms 3, Forms 4, and Forms 5 with respect to the undersigned's holdings of and transactions in securities issued by the Company, unless earlier revoked by the undersigned in a signed writing delivered to the attorney-in-fact.

The undersigned has caused the Power of Attorney to be executed as of this 2nd day of October, 2008.

/s/ Dan T. Bane

Dan T. Bane