

SERVICEMASTER CO  
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**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
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**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
ASCOLESE RICHARD A

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
SERVICEMASTER CO [SVM]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)  
3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)  
03/29/2006

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below) \_\_\_\_\_ Other (specify below)  
CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

(Street)

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

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting Person

DOWNERS  
GROVE, IL 60515-1700

(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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common stock \$.01 par value	03/29/2006		M		17,500	A	\$ 8.75
Common stock \$.01 par value					2,260	I	
Common stock \$.01 par value					1,476	I	

by 401(k) Plan

Deferred Comp

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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)
1997 Option Plan (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.2222					02/13/1998 02/12/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
1998 Non-Qual. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 8.75	03/29/2006		M	17,500	08/08/2001 08/07/2007	Common stock \$.01 par value
1998 Non-Qual. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 11.4125					04/03/2001 04/02/2010	Common stock \$.01 par value
1998 Non-Qual. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.075					01/29/2000 01/28/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value
1998 Non-Qual. Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 18.2583					02/16/1999 02/15/2008	Common stock \$.01 par value
2000 Emplée Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 9.88					03/18/2004 03/17/2013	Common stock \$.01 par value
2000 Emplée Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.3					12/18/2003 12/17/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value

2000 Empl Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 10.52	03/16/2002	03/15/2008	Common stock \$.01 par value
2000 Empl Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.83	02/08/2003	02/07/2009	Common stock \$.01 par value
WSH Empl Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 13.87	05/04/2001	05/03/2006	Common stock \$.01 par value
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 10.73	02/13/2005	02/12/2014	Common stock \$.01 par value
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 12.45	02/14/2007	02/13/2016	Common stock \$.01 par value
2003 EIP Stock Appreciation Right	\$ 13.44	02/11/2006	02/10/2015	Common stock \$.01 par value
2003 EIP Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	\$ 12.78	11/01/2005	10/31/2014	Common stock \$.01 par value

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
ASCOLESE RICHARD A 3250 LACEY ROAD, SUITE 600 DOWNS GROVE, IL 60515-1700			CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER	

## Signatures

Sandra L. Groman by Power of Attorney  
03/31/2006

\_\_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).

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