

NELSON MARK JON

Form 3

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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF 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 *

Â NELSON MARK JON
(Last) (First) (Middle)

101 INNOVATION DRIVE

(Street)

SAN JOSE,Â CAÂ 95134

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Date of Event Requiring
Statement

(Month/Day/Year)
08/01/2012

3. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading Symbol
ALTERA CORP [ALTR]

4. Relationship of Reporting
Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

___ Director ___ 10% Owner
X Officer ___ Other
(give title below) (specify below)
Sr VP, Worldwide Sales

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

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

Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned

1. Title of Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Amount of Securities
Beneficially Owned
(Instr. 4)

3. Ownership
Form:
Direct (D)
or Indirect
(I)
(Instr. 5)

4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial
Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Common Stock

7,122

D Â

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

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

2. Date Exercisable and
Expiration Date
(Month/Day/Year)

3. Title and Amount of
Securities Underlying
Derivative Security
(Instr. 4)

4. Conversion
or Exercise
Price of
Derivative
Security

5. Ownership
Form of
Derivative
Security:
Direct (D)
or Indirect

6. Nature of Indirect
Beneficial Ownership
(Instr. 5)

Date
Exercisable

Expiration
Date

Title

Amount or
Number of

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (1)	Â (2)	Common Stock	11,155	\$ 33.31 (3)	D	Â
Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy)	Â (4)	Â (2)	Common Stock	11,171	\$ 35.21 (3)	D	Â
Restricted Stock Unit (RSU)	Â (5)	Â (2)	Common Stock	39,720	\$ (6)	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
NELSON MARK JON 101 INNOVATION DRIVE SAN JOSE, CA 95134	Â	Â	Â Sr VP, Worldwide Sales	Â

Signatures

MARK JON
NELSON

08/02/2012

**Signature of
Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(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) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on May 14, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (2) The grant shall expire ten years from the date of grant.
- (3) The per share exercise price for the shares to be issued pursuant to exercise of an option shall be no less than 100% of the fair market value per share on the date of grant.
- (4) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of stock option agreement, the options shall commence vesting on July 31, 2013 at a rate of 25% annually.
- (5) Subject to the Reporting Person's continuing employment and the provisions in the Altera's standard form of RSU award agreement, the shares shall vest at a rate of 25% annually. Shares will be delivered to the reporting person on such vest date.
- (6) Each Restricted Stock Unit ("RSU") represents a contingent right to receive at settlement one share of Altera common stock at no cost.

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