

Seith Douglas J
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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

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|---|---------|--------------------------------------|---|--|
| 1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol | |
| Â Seith Douglas J | | (Month/Day/Year) | AtriCure, Inc. [ATRC] | |
| (Last) | (First) | (Middle) | 4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer | 5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year) |
| | | 01/14/2013 | | |
| 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE | | | (Check all applicable) | |
| (Street) | | | <input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below) SVP of Sales and Marketing | |
| WEST CHESTER,Â OHÂ 45069 | | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person <input type="checkbox"/> 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 | 52,648 ⁽¹⁾ | D | Â |

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly. SEC 1473 (7-02)

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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) | |
|---|---------------------------|------------|--------------|---------|----------|-------------------|---|
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | 03/01/2005 ⁽²⁾ | 03/01/2014 | Common Stock | 5,263 | \$ 1.52 | D | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | 04/06/2006 ⁽²⁾ | 04/06/2015 | Common Stock | 1,513 | \$ 11.63 | D | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | 08/05/2006 ⁽²⁾ | 08/05/2015 | Common Stock | 2,631 | \$ 12 | D | Â |
| Incentive Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/08/2007 ⁽³⁾ | 02/08/2016 | Common Stock | 5,000 | \$ 11.06 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 12/06/2007 ⁽³⁾ | 12/06/2016 | Common Stock | 250 | \$ 9.7 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 02/08/2008 ⁽³⁾ | 02/08/2017 | Common Stock | 200 | \$ 12.22 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 05/28/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 05/28/2018 | Common Stock | 1,500 | \$ 10.1 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 07/30/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 07/30/2018 | Common Stock | 10,000 | \$ 10.05 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/28/2009 ⁽³⁾ | 10/28/2018 | Common Stock | 512 | \$ 5.7 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 10/25/2013 ⁽³⁾ | 10/25/2022 | Common Stock | 21,100 | \$ 6.27 | D | Â |
| Non-Qualified Stock Option (right to buy) | 12/27/2013 ⁽³⁾ | 12/27/2022 | Common Stock | 100,000 | \$ 6.73 | D | Â |

Reporting Owners

| Reporting Owner Name / Address | Relationships | | | |
|---|---------------|-----------|------------------------------------|-------|
| | Director | 10% Owner | Officer | Other |
| Seith Douglas J 6217 CENTRE PARK DRIVE WEST CHESTER, OH 45069 | Â | Â | Â SVP of Sales and Marketing | Â |

Signatures

/s/ Douglas J. Seith 01/15/2013

**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) Includes 32,500 shares of unvested restricted stock awarded under the AtriCure, Inc. 2005 Equity Incentive Plan, which vest 25% annually over four years from date of grant.

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- (2) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares on the first four anniversaries of the grant date.
- (3) The option vests and is exercisable as to 25% of the shares one year from the date of grant and the remaining 75% thereafter vests and is exercisable in equal monthly installments on the same day of the month over the following three years.

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