

COSTAR GROUP INC  
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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 \*  
FLORANCE ANDREW C

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC., 2  
BETHESDA METRO CENTER,  
10TH FLOOR

(Street)

BETHESDA, MD 20814-5388

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol  
COSTAR GROUP INC [CSGP]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)  
03/12/2010

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

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

Director  10% Owner  
 Officer (give title below)  Other (specify below)  
President and CEO

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)  
 Form filed by One Reporting Person  
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**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)	
				(A) or (D)	Price			
				Code	V	Amount		
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	03/12/2010		A	20,600	A	\$ 0	224,529 <sup>(1)</sup>	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)

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 Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Acquire Common Stock	\$ 42.29	03/12/2010		A	45,900	<u>(2)</u> 03/11/2020	Common Stock	45,900

## Reporting Owners

**Reporting Owner Name / Address**

**Relationships**

Director    10% Owner    Officer    Other

FLORANCE ANDREW C  
C/O COSTAR GROUP, INC.  
2 BETHESDA METRO CENTER, 10TH FLOOR  
BETHESDA, MD 20814-5388

X

President and CEO

## Signatures

/s/ Jonathan Coleman,  
Attorney-in-Fact

03/15/2010

\*\*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) Represents all shares of Common Stock owned, consisting of 132,404 shares of Common Stock and 92,125 shares of Common Stock subject to unvested Restricted Stock Grants.
- (2) The option vests in three equal installments on March 12, 2011, March 12, 2012, and March 12, 2013.

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