

SolarWinds, Inc.  
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April 05, 2012

**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

**Proxy Statement Pursuant to Section 14(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

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**SOLARWINDS, INC.**

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**Important Notice Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the  
Shareholder Meeting to Be Held on May 17, 2012**

*SOLARWINDS, INC.*

**Meeting Information**

**Meeting Type:** Annual Meeting  
**For holders as of:** March 19, 2012

**Date:** May 17, 2012      **Time:** 8:30 AM CDT

**Location:** Four Seasons Hotel  
98 San Jacinto Boulevard  
Austin, TX 78701

*SOLARWINDS, INC.*

*3711 SOUTH MOPAC EXPRESSWAY*

*BUILDING TWO*

*AUSTIN, TX 78746*

*ATTN: CORPORATE SECRETARY*

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above named company.

This is not a ballot. You cannot use this notice to vote these shares. This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. You may view the proxy materials online at [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com) or easily request a paper copy (see reverse side).

We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.

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**Before You Vote**

How to Access the Proxy Materials

**Proxy Materials Available to VIEW or RECEIVE:**

1. Notice & Proxy Statement    2. Shareholder Letter    3. Form 10-K

**How to View Online:**

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- 1) *BY INTERNET:*        [www.proxyvote.com](http://www.proxyvote.com)
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**How To Vote**

Please Choose One of the Following Voting Methods

**Vote In Person:** Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.

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**Vote By Mail:** You can vote by mail by requesting a paper copy of the materials, which will include a proxy card.

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**Voting items**

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR the following:**

**1. Election of Directors**

**Nominees**

01 Ellen F. Siminoff                      02 Lloyd G. Waterhouse

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote FOR proposals 2. and 3.**

2. Ratify the selection of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the Company's independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2012.
3. Approve, by non-binding basis, the Company's overall executive compensation program, as described in the Compensation Discussion and Analysis, the compensation tables and the related narratives and other materials in the Proxy Statement.

**The Board of Directors recommends you vote AGAINST the following proposal:**

4. Approval of a stockholder proposal to request the Board of Directors to initiate an appropriate process to amend the Company's certificate of incorporation and/or bylaws to provide that director nominees shall be elected by the affirmative vote of the majority of votes cast at an annual meeting of stockholders, with a plurality vote standard retained for contested director elections.

**NOTE:** And to transact such other business as may properly come before the meeting or any adjournments or postponements thereof.  
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