

VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC.

Form 4

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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 *
AYLWARD GEORGE R

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC., 100 PEARL STREET

(Street)

HARTFORD, CT 06103

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. [VRTS]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year)
05/07/2012

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, CEO and Director

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
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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 Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share	05/07/2012		M	(A) or (D) Code V Amount Price 2,361 A \$ 44.59	103,190.709 (2)	D	
Common Stock, par value \$0.01 per share					70.031	I	By 401(k)

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 (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
Employee Stock Option (right to buy)	\$ 44.59	05/07/2012		M	2,361 (1)	06/25/2005 06/25/2012	Common Stock	2,361

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
AYLWARD GEORGE R C/O VIRTUS INVESTMENT PARTNERS, INC. 100 PEARL STREET HARTFORD, CT 06103	X		President, CEO and Director	

Signatures

/s/Mark S. Flynn,
Attorney-in-Fact

05/09/2012

**Signature of Reporting Person

Date

Explanation of Responses:

* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, see Instruction 4(b)(v).

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(1) Acquisition of common stock upon exercise of employee stock option. Option exercise price and applicable withholding taxes were paid in cash by holder.

(2) This number includes (i) 939,196 shares acquired in connection with the Issuer's Employee Stock Purchase Plan; (ii) 13,496 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2013; (iii) 21,204 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2014 and (iv) 2,438 RSUs that are scheduled to cliff vest on March 15, 2015. RSUs will be settled for shares of common stock on a one-for-one basis upon vesting.

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