Benefitfocus,Inc. Form 4 September 19, 2016

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obligations

may continue.

See Instruction

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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

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> 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

1(b).

(Print or Type Responses)

Laborde Jeffrey M

(Last)

(City)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * 2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol

Benefitfocus, Inc. [BNFT]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction

(Month/Day/Year) 09/15/2016

(Street) 4. If Amendment, Date Original

(Middle)

(Zip)

Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to

Issuer

(Check all applicable)

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Director 10% Owner Other (specify X_ Officer (give title below)

Chief Financial Officer

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check

Applicable Line)

X Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting

Person

CHARLESTON	N, SC	29492

100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY

(First)

(State)

(City)	(State)	Zip) Table	e I - Non-D	erivative S	Securit	ies Acq	quired, Disposed o	of, or Beneficial	lly Owned
1.Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date 2A. Deemed (Month/Day/Year) Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)		3. 4. Securities Acquired Transaction(A) or Disposed of Code (D) (Instr. 8) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)			Securities Form: Direct Beneficially (D) or Owned Indirect (I)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership		
			Code V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price	Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	(Instr. 4)	(Instr. 4)
Common Stock	09/15/2016		A	4,025 (1)	A	\$ 0	4,025	D	
Common Stock	09/15/2016		A	49,183 (1)	A	\$0	53,208	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. Transacti Code (Instr. 8)	Securities		Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		tion Derivative Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4,		6. Date Exerc Expiration D (Month/Day/	ate	7. Title and A Underlying S (Instr. 3 and	Securities
				Code V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares				
Performance Restricted Stock Units	<u>(2)</u>	09/15/2016		A	9,836		(2)	12/31/2017	Common Stock	9,836				

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address Relationships

Director 10% Owner Officer Other

Laborde Jeffrey M 100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY CHARLESTON, SC 29492

Chief Financial Officer

Signatures

/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorney-in-Fact

09/19/2016

Date

**Signature of Reporting Person

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 restricted stock units which vest in four equal annual installments beginning on August 7, 2017, subject to continued employment. Vesting will also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer.
 - Each performance restricted stock unit ("PRSU") represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer common stock. PRSUs vest upon the achievement of adjusted EBITDA and compounded annual revenue growth rate goals for the two year period ending December
- (2) 31, 2017. Vesting of the PRSUs will accelerate upon death or disability in an amount equal to the proportion of days in the performance period worked. Vesting will also accelerate in certain circumstances if there is a change in control of the Issuer during the performance period.

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