### TOOHEY DAVID Form 3 April 19, 2012 FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549 OMB

### INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person <sup>*</sup>			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol ALERE INC. [ALR]			
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	04/13/2012	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
C/O ALERE	E INC., 5	1					1
SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200			(Ch	(Check	Check all applicable)		
(Street) WALTHAM, MA 02453				Director 10% Owner Officer Other (give title below) (specify below) President, Intl Bus. Operation		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - N	Non-Derivat	ive Securiti	es Be	neficially Owned
1.Title of Secu (Instr. 4)	rity		2. Amount of Beneficially (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nat Owne (Instr.	1
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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	4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership
		(Instr. 4)	Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)
		Title	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D)	

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	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date		Amount or Number of Shares		or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	09/30/2002	08/23/2012	Common Stock	151	\$ 15.55	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/17/2008	12/17/2014	Common Stock	25,000	\$ 24.25	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	02/28/2011	02/28/2017	Common Stock	15,000	\$ 42.26	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	12/31/2011	12/31/2017	Common Stock	40,000	\$ 56.18	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(1)	06/30/2019	Common Stock	14,444	\$ 35.58	D	Â
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)	(2)	10/31/2021	Common Stock	20,000	\$ 26.06	D	Â

# **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
TOOHEY DAVID C/O ALERE INC. 51 SAWYER ROAD, SUITE 200 WALTHAM, MA 02453	Â	Â	President, Intl Bus. Operation	Â	

## Signatures

/s/ David	04/18/2012		
Toohey	04/10/2012		
<u>**</u> 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) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 6/30/2010.
- (2) These options become exercisable in four equal annual installments beginning 10/31/2012.

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