

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person* <u>Laborde Jeffrey M</u>  (Last) (First) (Middle) <u>100 BENEFITFOCUS WAY</u>  (Street) <u>CHARLESTON SC 29492</u>  (City) (State) (Zip)	2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol <u>Benefitfocus, Inc. [ BNFT ]</u>	5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer (give title below) Other (specify below) <u>Chief Financial Officer</u>
	3. Date of Earliest Transaction (Month/Day/Year) <u>09/15/2016</u>	
4. If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year)		

**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 Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price			
Common Stock	09/15/2016		A		4,025 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	4,025	D	
Common Stock	09/15/2016		A		49,183 <sup>(1)</sup>	A	\$0.00	53,208	D	

**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 Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	8. Price of Derivative Security (Instr. 5)	9. Number of derivative Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 4)	10. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	11. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)	
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date						Title
Performance Restricted Stock Units	(2)	09/15/2016		A		9,836		(2)	12/31/2017	Common Stock	9,836	\$0.00	9,836	D	

**Explanation of Responses:**

- 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 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.

**Remarks:**

/s/ S. Halle Vakani, Attorney-in-Fact      09/19/2016

\*\* Signature of Reporting Person      Date

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

\* 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).

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