

FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES INC /DE/

Form 4

March 28, 2005

FORM 4**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
BELSKY JOEL A

(Last) (First) (Middle)

C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT
STORES, INC., 7 WEST SEVENTH
STREET

(Street)

CINCINNATI, OH 45202

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading
Symbol
FEDERATED DEPARTMENT
STORES INC /DE/ [FD]

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
03/25/2005

4. If Amendment, Date Original
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

____ Director ____ 10% Owner
____X____ Officer (give title ____ Other (specify
below) below)
Vice President and Controller

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check
Applicable Line)
____X____ Form filed by One Reporting Person
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Person

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			Code	V Amount (D) Price	1,193 ⁽¹⁾	I	By 401(K) Plan

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)**

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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 Underlying Securities (Instr. 3 and 4)	8.
				Code	V	(A)	(D)	Amount or Number of Shares
Option to Purchase Common Stock	\$ 61.07	03/25/2005		A		8,000	<u>(2)</u> 03/25/2015	Common Stock 8,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships
	Director 10% Owner Officer Other
BELSKY JOEL A C/O FEDERATED DEPARTMENT STORES, INC. 7 WEST SEVENTH STREET CINCINNATI, OH 45202	Vice President and Controller

Signatures

/s/Padma Tatta Cariappa, as attorney-in-fact for Joel A. Belsky pursuant to a Power of Attorney 03/28/2005

__Signature of Reporting Person

Date

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) Reflects matching contributions under the Issuer's 401(K) plan, derived by dividing the value of the undivided interest of the reporting person in the applicable investment fund as of March 24, 2005 by \$61.07, the stock price of such date.
Grant to reporting person of options to purchase 8,000 shares of common stock under the Issuer's 1995 Executive Equity Incentive Plan.
- (2) The options become exercisable in 25 percent increments on March 25, 2006, March 25, 2007, March 25, 2008 and March 25, 2009, respectively.

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