FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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1. Name and Add		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 02/16/2012		3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol GENTEX CORP [GNTX]								
(Last) (First) (Middle) 6676 FOREST BEACH			02/10/2012		Relationship of Reporting Persor (Check all applicable) Director X Officer (give title below)		on(s) to Issuer 10% Owner Other (specify below)		If Amendment, Date of Original Filed (Month/Day/Year) Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line)			
(Street)					Vice President Human Resources X Form fi					Form filed by	One Reporting Person	
HOLLAND MI 49423				Form filed by More than One Reporting Person								
(City)	(State)	(Zip)										
			Table I - Nor	n-Deriva	tive S	ecurities Beneficiall	y Owned					
1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)					Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock						7,607	D					
Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)												
1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)			2. Date Exercisable an Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)		d 3. Title and Amount of Security Underlying Derivative Security			4. Conversion or Exercise		5. Ownership Form:	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)	
			Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	n Title		Amount Or Securification of Shares		ive	Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)		
Employee Sto	ck Option (Rig	tht to Buy)	12/27/2006 ⁽¹⁾	12/27/2013	2	Common Stock	9,000	19.5 ⁽²⁾		D		
Employee Sto	oloyee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		12/22/2007 ⁽¹⁾	12/22/2013	3	Common Stock	9,630	0 15.85(2)		D		
Employee Sto	ck Option (Rig	tht to Buy)	12/27/2008 ⁽¹⁾	12/27/2014	4	Common Stock	10,120	10,120 18.12		D		
Employee Sto	ck Option (Rig	tht to Buy)	12/24/2009 ⁽¹⁾	12/24/201	5	Common Stock	10,630	8.30	(2)	D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)		tht to Buy)	12/29/2010 ⁽¹⁾	12/29/2010	6 Common Stock		11,060	18.03(2)		D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)			12/28/2011 ⁽¹⁾	12/28/2013	7	Common Stock	11,620	11,620 29.46 ⁽²⁾ D		D		
Employee Stock Option (Right to Buy)			12/29/2012 ⁽¹⁾	12/29/2018	8	Common Stock	12,320	29.92	2(2)	D		

Explanation of Responses:

- 1. These shares become exercisable as to 20% one year after date of grant and an additional 20% at each ensuing anniversary date.
- $2.\ Options\ granted\ under\ the\ Gentex\ Corporation\ Employee\ Stock\ Option\ Plan\ which\ is\ a\ Rule\ 16B\ plan.$

Remarks:

<u>/s/ Bruce A. Los</u> <u>02/22/2012</u>

** 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 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).

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