

Abbott Paul
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FORM 4

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STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *
Abbott Paul

2. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol
GSE SYSTEMS INC [GVP]

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer

(Check all applicable)

(Last) (First) (Middle)
C/O GSE SYSTEMS, INC., 1332
LONDONTOWN BLVD

3. Date of Earliest Transaction
(Month/Day/Year)
11/15/2017

____ Director _____ 10% Owner
 Officer (give title below) _____ Other (specify below)
President, NITC Division

(Street)
SYKESVILLE, MD 21784

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

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

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 Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V	Amount	(A) or (D)	Price
Common Stock	11/15/2017		A		100,000 (1)	A	\$ 0 (2)
					141,002	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)

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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 Security (Instr. 3 and 4)	Amount of Shares
Performance Rights	(3)	11/15/2017		A	100,000	(3) 11/15/2022	Common Stock	100,000

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Abbott Paul C/O GSE SYSTEMS, INC. 1332 LONDONTOWN BLVD SYKESVILLE, MD 21784			President, NITC Division	

Signatures

/s/ Paul Abbott 11/16/2017
 **Signature of Date
 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) These shares of common stock represent restricted share units granted pursuant to a Restricted Share Unit Agreement between Mr. Abbott and the Issuer and are subject to forfeiture. The restricted share units awarded vest in eleven installments of 8,333 shares on each of the following dates: March 31, 2018, June 30, 2018, September 30, 2018, December 31, 2018, March 31, 2019, June 30, 2019, September 30, 2019, December 31, 2019, March 31, 2020, June 30, 2020, and September 30, 2020; and one installment of 8,337 shares on December 31, 2020.
- (2) These restricted share units were granted to Mr. Abbott for assuming the position of President, Nuclear Industry Training and Consulting Division of the Issuer.
- (3) The performance rights were granted to Mr. Abbott for his assuming the position of President, Nuclear Industry Training and Consulting Division of the Issuer. Each performance right represents a contingent right to receive one share of Issuer Common Stock. The performance rights vest as follows: 50,000 performance rights will vest in their entirety if the Volume Weighted Average Price of the Issuer's Common Stock as quoted on the NYSE American exceeds \$4.25 for a 30 consecutive trading day period, and 50,000 performance rights will vest in their entirety if the Volume Weighted Average Price of the Issuer's Common Stock as quoted on the NYSE American exceeds \$6.00 for a 30 consecutive trading day period.

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