FORM 3

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF **SECURITIES**

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| Name and Address of Reporting Person* Festa Stephen V | | | 2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year) 08/25/2013 | | 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Employers Holdings, Inc. [EIG] | | | | | |
| (Last) (First) (Middle) 10375 PROFESSIONAL CIRCLE | | Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issue (Check all applicable) Director 10% Owner | | | (Month/Day/Year) | | | | | |
| 105/5 PROFESSIONAL CIRCLE | | | | | X Officer (give title below) | Other (spe | | 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing (Check Applicable Line) | | |
| (Street) | | | | | EVP, Chief Operat | ing Officer | | Form filed b | y One Reporting Person | |
| RENO NV 89521 | | | | 2 vi, cinci opciai | ang Omeer | | Form filed by More than One Reporting Person | | | |
| (City) | (State) | (Zip) | | | | | | | | |
| Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned | | | | | | | | | | |
| 1. Title of Security (Instr. 4) | | | | | 2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4) | 3. Ownersh Form: Direct or Indirect (Instr. 5) | ct (D) (Instr. 5) | | Beneficial Ownership | |
| Common Stock, par value \$0.01 | | | | | 20,184(1) | 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) | | 3. Title and Amount of Secu Underlying Derivative Secu | | 4. Conversion or Exercise | se Form: | 6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5) | |
| | | | Date Exercisable | Expiratio Date | n Title | Amount or Number of Shares | Price of Derivative Security | Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | | (2) | 05/28/201 | Common Stock, par valu \$0.01 | 11,144 | 11.84 | D | | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | | (3) | 03/30/201 | Common Stock, par valu \$0.01 | 11,700 | 15.31 | D | | | |
| Employee S | Stock Option (ri | ght to buy) | (4) | 03/16/201 | Common Stock, par valu \$0.01 | 9,647 | 19.81 | D | | |
| Employee Stock Option (right to buy) | | (5) | 03/16/201 | Common Stock, par valu \$0.01 | e 6,500 | 17.02 | D | | | |
| Employee S | Stock Option (ri | ght to buy) | (6) | 03/19/2020 | Common Stock, par valu \$0.01 | ue 4,500 | 22.23 | D | | |

Explanation of Responses:

1. Includes (i) 975 restricted stock units that vest on March 16, 2014 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such date); (ii) 1,725 restricted stock units that vest in two equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2014 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates); (iii) 1,575 restricted stock units that vest in three equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2014 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates); and (iv) 1,900 restricted stock units that vest in four equal annual installments beginning on March 19, 2014 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).

- 2. The option is fully vested and immediately exercisable.
- 3. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 30, 2011 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).
- 4. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2012 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).
- 5. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 16, 2013 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).
- 6. The option vests in four equal annual installments beginning on March 19, 2014 (subject to the reporting person's continued employment on such dates).

Remarks:

08/30/2013 /s/ Stephen V. Festa

** 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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