

BANTA CORP  
 Form 3  
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**FORM 3 UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
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**INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES**

Filed pursuant to Section 16(a) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934,  
 Section 17(a) of the Public Utility Holding Company Act of 1935 or Section  
 30(h) of the Investment Company Act of 1940

(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person *		2. Date of Event Requiring Statement	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol	
Allen Edward P		(Month/Day/Year)	BANTA CORP [BN]	
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	05/25/2005	
225 MAIN STREET, P. O.		4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer		5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)
BOX 8003		(Check all applicable)		
(Street)		<input type="checkbox"/> Director <input type="checkbox"/> 10% Owner <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Officer <input type="checkbox"/> Other (give title below) (specify below)		6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line)
MENASHA, WI 54952-8003		Pres., Banta Global Turnkey		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Form filed by One Reporting Person
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	<input type="checkbox"/> Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 4)	2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)	3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
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Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	4. Conversion or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	5. Ownership Form of Derivative Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I)	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares	

(Instr. 5)

Stock Option	10/25/2004 <sup>(1)</sup>	10/25/2014	Common Stock	2,000	\$ 38.18	D	Â
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## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
Allen Edward P 225 MAIN STREET P. O. BOX 8003 MENASHA, WI 54952-8003	Â	Â	Â Pres., Banta Global Turnkey	Â

## Signatures

Ronald D. Kneezel, Attorney-in-fact	05/27/2005
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    \*\*Signature of Reporting Person

    Date

## Explanation of Responses:

- \* 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).
- (1) The option vests as to 33-1/3% of the shares subject thereto on the first anniversary of the grant date, an additional 33-1/3% on the second anniversary of the grant date, and the final 33-1/3% on the third anniversary of the grant date.

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