#### SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP

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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting 2. Date of Event Requiring 3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol Person \* Statement SYNOVUS FINANCIAL CORP [SNV] TOMLINSON PHILIP W (Month/Day/Year) 01/19/2005 (Last) (First) (Middle) 4. Relationship of Reporting 5. If Amendment, Date Original Person(s) to Issuer Filed(Month/Day/Year) P.O. BOX 120 (Check all applicable) (Street) 6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) Director 10% Owner \_X\_ Form filed by One Reporting Officer \_\_X\_\_ Other Person (give title below) (specify below) COLUMBUS, Â GAÂ 31902 Form filed by More than One Advisory Director Reporting Person (City) (State) (Zip) **Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned** 2. Amount of Securities 4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial 1. Title of Security Beneficially Owned Ownership (Instr. 4) Ownership (Instr. 4) Form: (Instr. 5) Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5) D Â common stock 55,296 Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially SEC 1473 (7-02) owned directly or indirectly. Persons who respond to the collection of information contained in this form are not required to respond unless the form displays a

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

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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		4. Conversion or Exercise	5. Ownership Form of	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership	
,			(Instr. 4)		Price of	Derivative	(Instr. 5)	
	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect		

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				Shares		(I) (Instr. 5)	
Employee stock option (right to buy)	07/01/1999	06/30/2007	common stock	85,715	\$ 18.38	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	01/13/2000	01/12/2008	common stock	75,600	\$ 20.83	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	06/02/2001	06/01/2006	common stock	150	\$ 22	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	02/09/2002	02/08/2009	common stock	64,787	\$ 22.88	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	07/20/2002	07/19/2007	common stock	150	\$ 19.19	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	01/20/2003	01/19/2010	common stock	35,543	\$ 18.06	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	01/17/2004	01/16/2011	common stock	29,872	\$ 26.44	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	05/10/2008(1)	05/09/2011	common stock	500,000	\$ 28.99	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	04/29/2005	04/28/2012	common stock	38,208	\$ 26.5	D	Â
Employee stock option (right to buy)	01/21/2006	01/20/2014	common stock	58,189	\$ 25.7	D	Â

## **Reporting Owners**

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships				
• 0	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	
TOMLINSON PHILIP W P. O. BOX 120	â	â	Â	Advisory Director	
COLUMBUS Â GAÂ 31902	A	А	A	Advisory Director	

## **Signatures**

Garilou Page, Attorney-in-Fact 01/25/2005

\*\*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) These options are subject to accelerated vesting of one-third (1/3) of the shares when the fair market value of the company's common stock equals or exceeds \$40.00, \$45.00, and \$50.00 per share, respectively.

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