

PROGRESS SOFTWARE CORP /MA

Form SC TO-C

December 20, 2005

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**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

**SCHEDULE TO  
(Rule 14d-100)  
Tender Offer Statement under Section 14(d)(1) or 13(e)(1)  
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

**Neon Systems, Inc.**

*(Name of Subject Company (Issuer))*

**Noble Acquisition Corp.**

*(Offeror)*

a wholly-owned first tier subsidiary of

**Progress Software Corporation**

*(Parent of Offeror)*

*(Names of Filing Persons)*

**Common Stock, Par Value \$0.01 Per Share**

*(Title of Class of Securities)*

**640509105**

*(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)*

**Joseph W. Alsop**

**Progress Software Corporation**

**14 Oak Park**

**Bedford, Massachusetts 01730**

**(781) 280-4000**

*(Name, address, and telephone numbers of person authorized  
to receive notices and communications on behalf of filing persons)*

*with copies to:*

**William R. Kolb, Esquire**

**Foley Hoag llp**

**155 Seaport Boulevard**

**Boston, Massachusetts 02210**

**Calculation of Filing Fee**

**Transaction valuation**

Not Applicable\*

**Amount of filing fee**

Not Applicable\*

\* A filing fee is not required in connection with this filing as it relates solely to preliminary communications made before the commencement of a tender offer.

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Check the appropriate boxes below to designate any transactions to which the statement relates:

third-party tender offer subject to Rule 14d-1.

issuer tender offer subject to Rule 13e-4.

going-private transaction subject to Rule 13e-3.

amendment to Schedule 13D under Rule 13d-2

Check the following box if the filing is a final amendment reporting the results of the tender offer.

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