

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP

Form 8-K

March 25, 2013

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

**Washington, D.C. 20549**

**FORM 8-K**

**CURRENT REPORT**

**Pursuant to Section 13 or 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):      March 20, 2013

**ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

**000-26068**

**95-4405754**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**500 Newport Center Drive**

**92660**

**Newport Beach, California**

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:      **(949) 480-8300**

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

Unified Messaging Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, and Charter Communications, Inc. have entered into a Release Agreement which resolves all disputes between the parties currently pending in the United Stated District Court for the Northern District of Illinois, Case No. 12C6286.

**SIGNATURE**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

ACACIA RESEARCH  
CORPORATION

Date: March 25, 2013 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan  
Name: Paul R. Ryan  
Title: Chief Executive Officer