

CISCO SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
July 15, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

Washington, D.C. 20549

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT**

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

Date of report (Date of earliest event reported): July 14, 2005

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**CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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California

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**0-18225**  
(Commission File Number)

**77-0059951**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**170 West Tasman Drive, San Jose, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**95134-1706**  
(Zip Code)

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(408) 526-4000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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))
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**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On July 14, 2005 at a regularly scheduled Board meeting, the Board of Directors of Cisco Systems, Inc. ( Cisco ), upon recommendation of the Nomination and Governance Committee, adopted a policy that no individual will be eligible to be nominated or renominated for election to the Board of Directors after his or her 70<sup>th</sup> birthday, provided that in the case of John P. Morgridge, the current Chairman of the Board, this policy shall take effect for nominations for the 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.

Based on the new policy the following directors will not be eligible to be renominated for election at Cisco s Annual Meeting of Shareholders in November, 2005: Donald T. Valentine (Vice Chairman); and James F. Gibbons, Ph.D. (Director). Both directors intend to remain on the Board through the date of the Annual Meeting, and Cisco expects to reduce the number of authorized directors from 13 to 11 as of the date of the Annual Meeting.

**SIGNATURES**

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.

**CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.**

Dated: July 14, 2005

By:           /s/ Dennis D. Powell          

Name: Dennis D. Powell  
Title: Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer