

ARI NETWORK SERVICES INC /WI
Form 8-K
October 20, 2006

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): **October 19, 2006**

ARI NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

0-19608
(Commission
File Number)

39-1388360
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

11425 West Lake Park Drive, Suite 900

Milwaukee, Wisconsin

(Address of principal executive offices)

53224

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(414) 973-4300**

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

Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On October 19, 2006, the Board of Directors of ARI Network Services, Inc. approved the fiscal year 2007 current year and long-term bonus arrangements for the Company's executive officers.

The fiscal 2007 current year bonus amounts will be based on four, equally-weighted performance goals: (1) revenue, (2) operating income, (3) cash and (4) individual performance objectives (MBOs). The quantitative performance objectives are tied to the Company's budget and are measured and paid on a quarterly basis, split 20% for each of the first three quarters and 40% for the fourth quarter.

The long-term bonus arrangements consist of a series of three one-year performance periods commencing with fiscal 2008. The amount of the payout is adjusted on a sliding scale based upon the extent to which the Company's revenue plan is achieved for each of the three years, ranging from a floor of 75% of the target award if the Company's revenue objectives are not met to a cap of 200% of the target award if revenue equals or exceeds 150% of plan. The award is paid in three annual installments following fiscal years 2008, 2009 and 2010, provided the executive is then employed by the Company. One-half of the floor amount is paid in ARI stock, valued at the time of payment, and the remainder is paid in cash.

On October 19, 2006, the Board of Directors also set fiscal 2007 Board compensation the same as it was in fiscal 2006.

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.

Dated: October 20, 2006

ARI NETWORK SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Brian E. Dearing_____

Brian E. Dearing

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer