

CERUS CORP  
Form 8-K  
July 29, 2004

## 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): **July 28, 2004**

### CERUS CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of jurisdiction)

**0-21937**  
(Commission File No.)

**68-0262011**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2411 Stanwell Drive**  
**Concord, California 94520**  
(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(925) 288-6000**

**Item 5. Other Events and Required FD Disclosure.**

On July 28, 2004, Cerus Corporation announced the appointment of William J. Dawson as vice president, finance and chief financial officer, effective August 9, 2004. Mr. Dawson will succeed Gregory W. Schafer, who has served as vice president, finance and chief financial officer since 1999. For additional information, see the press release attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 7. Financial Statements, *Pro Forma* Financial Information and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release, dated July 28, 2004, entitled Cerus Appoints William J. Dawson as Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer.

**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.

**CERUS CORPORATION**

Dated: July 29, 2004

By: /s/ Howard G. Ervin  
Howard G. Ervin  
Vice President, Legal Affairs

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