

ECHELON CORP
Form 8-K
November 25, 2005

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)

November 18, 2005

ECHELON CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-29748
(Commission File Number)

77-0203595
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

550 Meridian Avenue

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San Jose, California 95126

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

(408) 938-5200

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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

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ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On November 18, 2005, the Board of Directors of Echelon Corporation (Echelon) approved accelerating the vesting of approximately 1,200,342 out-of-the-money unvested common stock options previously awarded to employees and officers under Echelon s stock option plans. The exercise prices of the accelerated common stock options range from \$8.34 per share to \$20.34 per share and have a weighted average exercise price of \$10.905 per share. The closing price of Echelon s common stock on November 18, 2005 was \$8.06 per share.

The purpose of the acceleration of these common stock options is to eliminate future stock compensation expense that Echelon would otherwise have been required to recognize in its statement of operations with respect to these common stock options after the adoption of Statement of Financial Accounting Standard No. 123R Share-Based Payment, in January 2006. SFAS 123R will be effective for Echelon beginning in the first quarter of 2006, and will require that compensation expense associated with stock options be recognized in the statement of operations, rather than as footnote disclosure in its consolidated financial statements. The maximum reduction in future stock compensation expense has not yet been estimated.

The number of out-of-the-money unvested common stock options being accelerated that are held by executive officers and outstanding as of November 18, 2005 were as follows: Anders B. Axelsson, 160,001 options, Kathleen B. Bloch, 118,099 options, Frederik H. Bruggink, 74,377 options and Russell Harris, 104,793.

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.

ECHELON CORPORATION

By: /s/ Oliver R. Stanfield

Oliver R. Stanfield

Executive Vice President and

Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 25, 2005