CRAWFORD & CO Form 8-K August 01, 2006

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION WASHINGTON, DC 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) <u>July 27, 2006</u> CRAWFORD & COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter) **Georgia** 

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10356 58-0506554

(Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

5620 Glenridge Drive, N.E., Atlanta, Georgia

30342

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(404) 256-0830

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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- o 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 July 27, 2006, the Company entered into a lease agreement with Hewlett-Packard Company, a Delaware corporation (HP), effective as of July 1, 2006 providing for the Company s lease of approximately 160,230 square feet in HP s building at 20 Perimeter Summit Boulevard N.E., Atlanta, Georgia for utilization as the Company s headquarters. The lease has an initial term of 11 years at an initial monthly rental of \$205,546.00. The monthly rental increases annually at a rate of approximately 2.75% per year, resulting in a monthly rental of \$362,000.46 during the eleventh year of the lease. The Company is also responsible for a proportion of HP s property operating expenses attributable to the lease.

The lease provides for 3 options to renew for successive 5 year terms. The lease also provides the Company a monthly rent credit through September 30, 2008. The monthly credit is \$145,516.00 per month though September 30, 2007. The monthly rent credit increases to \$148,416.00 per month from October 1, 2007 through September 30, 2008. A copy of the lease agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit Number Descriptions

10.1 Lease

#### **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.

#### CRAWFORD & COMPANY

By: /s/ R. Eric Powers, III
R. Eric Powers, III
Assistant Corporate Secretary

Dated: July 31, 2006

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