ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/ Form 8-K March 30, 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): March 24, 2005

#### **ABM Industries Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-8929 94-1369354

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

160 Pacific Avenue, Suite 222, San Francisco, California 94111

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (415) 733-4000

#### **Not Applicable**

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

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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 March 24, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of ABM Industries Incorporated (the Company ) adopted performance objectives for the Company s Chief Executive Officer for its 2005 fiscal year, which will end on October 31, 2005. The employment agreement for the Chief Executive Officer calls for a bonus based upon his performance measured against performance objectives adopted by the Compensation Committee. The performance objectives are attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

On March 24, 2005, the Compensation Committee also took a number of actions in furtherance of the Company s executive incentive program. These actions included an amendment to the Company s 2002 Price-Vested Performance Stock Option Plan to permit the Compensation Committee to make stock option grants with exercise prices at or above the fair market value of the Company s common stock on the day of grant. Prior to the amendment the 2002 Price-Vested Performance Stock Option Plan called for all grants to have exercise prices equal to fair market value of the Company s common stock on the day of grant.

At the same meeting, the Compensation Committee adopted a non-qualified stock option agreement for use under the Time-Vested Incentive Stock Option Plan. The Compensation Committee has authority to make both incentive stock option grants and non-qualified stock option grants under the Time-Vested Incentive Stock Option Plan. The new form of non-qualified stock option agreement is attached as Exhibit 99.2.

Under the current form of stock option agreement for the 2002 Price-Vested Performance Stock Option Plan, the Compensation Committee granted George B. Sundby, the Company s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, an option to purchase 23,000 shares of the Company s common stock at an exercise price of \$21.70 per share and under the new form of stock option agreement for the Time-Vested Incentive Stock Option Plan, the Compensation Committee granted Mr. Sundby an option to purchase 28,000 shares of the Company s common stock at an exercise price of \$21.81 per share. The Fair Market Value of a share of the Company s common stock at the time of grant for purposes of each of the plans was \$19.21.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Chief Executive Officer Performance Objectives for Fiscal Year 2005.
- 99.2 Form of Non-Qualified Stock Option Agreement under the Time-Vested Incentive Stock Option Plan.

## **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.

## ABM INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED

Dated: March 29, 2005 By: /s/ Linda S. Auwers

Linda S. Auwers

Senior Vice President and

General Counsel

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