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Form 8-K
May 31, 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): May 24, 2006

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware	0-21174	04-2977748
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Avid Technology Park, One Park West, Tewksbury, MA	01876
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)	(zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (978) 640-6789

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

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

2005 Stock Incentive Plan - Form Agreement

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On May 24, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Avid Technology, Inc. (the "Company") adopted a form agreement, the Nonstatutory Stock Option Grant Terms and Conditions, to be used for the grant of nonstatutory stock options under the Company's 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (as amended, the "2005 Plan") to non-employee members of Company's Board of Directors (the "Board of Directors").

Board of Director Compensation

On May 24, 2006, the Board of Directors approved modifications to the annual cash compensation paid to non-employee members of the Board of Directors. Effective July 1, 2006, the annual cash compensation shall be as follows:

Annual Retainer for Each Non-Employee Director	\$45,000
Annual Retainer for the Chair of the Board of Directors	\$30,000
Annual Retainer for the Chair of the Audit Committee	\$15,000
Annual Retainer for the Chair of the Nominating and Governance, Compensation, and Strategic Marketing and Technology Committees	\$10,000
Annual Retainer for Each Member of the Audit Committee (including the Chair)	\$5,000
Annual Retainer for Each Member of the Nominating and Governance, Compensation, and Strategic Marketing and Technology Committees (including the Chair)	\$3,000

The equity compensation that each non-employee member of the Board of Directors receives has not changed. On the date of the Company's annual meeting of stockholders, each non-employee member of the Board of Directors receives a nonstatutory stock option grant to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock, provided such member of the Board of Directors has served a minimum of six months on the Board of Directors. In addition, upon initial election to the Board of Directors, non-employee members of the Board of Directors receive a nonstatutory stock option grant to purchase 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock. The stock options described above will be issued pursuant to the 2005 Plan.

Shareholding Requirement Guidelines for Non-Employee Directors

On May 24, 2006, the Board of Directors approved new shareholding requirement guidelines applicable to all non-employee members of the Board of Directors whereby:

(1) within one year of the later of (a) May 24, 2006 and (b) the date the director first receives an initial or annual stock option grant, each non-employee member of the Board of Directors shall be required to own (as defined below) at least 10,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock; and

(2) within three years of the later of (1) May 24, 2006 and (2) the date the director first receives an annual grant of stock options, each non-employee member of the Board of Directors shall be required to own (as defined below) at least 20,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock.

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The following shares of the Company's Common Stock shall be considered "owned" for purposes of satisfying the foregoing shareholding requirements:

- o shares held directly;
- o shares held in a brokerage account in the name of the director; and
- o shares underlying fully-vested stock options.

A non-employee member of the Board of Directors who fails to comply with these shareholding requirements will be required to retain all future awards of equity compensation made by the Company until the foregoing thresholds are achieved. Non-employee members of the Board of Directors shall be subject to these guidelines for as long as they continue to serve on the Board of Directors.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

See Exhibit Index attached hereto.

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.

Date: May 31, 2006

AVID TECHNOLOGY, INC.
(Registrant)

By: /s/ Paige Parisi

Paige Parisi
Vice President and General Counsel

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description

*#10.1	Form of Nonstatutory Stock Option Grant Terms and Conditions (Form for Non-Employee Directors)

* Documents filed herewith
Management contract or compensatory plan

