CITIZENS INC Form 8-K September 08, 2017

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): September 8, 2017

CITIZENS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

COLORADO (State or other jurisdiction

0-16509 (Commission 84-0755371 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

File Number) 400 East Anderson Lane **Identification No.)**

Austin, Texas 78752

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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

(512) 837-7100

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(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:

Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)

Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))

Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§ 230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§ 240.12b-2 of this chapter).

Emerging growth company

If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

Item 4.01 Changes in Registrant s Certifying Accountant

On September 8, 2017, Citizens, Inc. (the Company) announced that, following the conclusion of a previously announced auditor selection process led by the Audit Committee of the Board of Directors of the Company, the Company selected Deloitte & Touche LLP (Deloitte) to serve as its independent registered public accounting firm for the year ending December 31, 2017. On September 8, 2017, was formally engaged by the Company as its independent registered public accounting firm.

During the years ended December 31, 2016 and December 31, 2015 and through September 8, 2017, neither the Company, nor anyone on its behalf, has consulted Deloitte with respect to (i) the application of accounting principles to a specified transaction, either completed or proposed, or the type of audit opinion that might be rendered on the Company s financial statements; or (ii) any matter that was either the subject of a disagreement (as defined in Item 304(a)(1)(iv) of Regulation S-K and the related instructions) or a reportable event (as described in Item 304(a)(1)(v) of Regulation S-K).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 News Release issued by Citizens, Inc. on September 8, 2017

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.

CITIZENS, INC

By: /s/ Geoffrey M. Kolander

CEO

Date: September 8, 2017

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit

No. Description

99.1 News Release issued by Citizens, Inc. on September 8, 2017