

ABIOMED INC
Form 8-K
January 18, 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: **January 16, 2006**

(Date of earliest event reported)

ABIOMED, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware
(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

04-2743260
(IRS Employer Identification
Number)

001-09585
(Commission File Number)

22 Cherry Hill Drive
Danvers, MA 01923
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(978) 777-5410
(Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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(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))
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Item 5.02 Election of Director.

On January 16, 2006, ABIOMED, Inc. announced the election of Ronald W. Dollens, retired president and chief executive officer of Guidant Corporation, as a member of its Board of Directors. Mr. Dollens will serve as a Class I director for the remainder of the Class I term and thereafter if he is re-elected. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statement And Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

99.1 January 16, 2006 Press Release

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 thereunto duly authorized.

ABIOMED, Inc.

By: /s/ Daniel J. Sutherby
Daniel.J. Sutherby
Principal Financial Officer

Date: January 18, 2006