

CONEXANT SYSTEMS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 05, 2006

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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):

December 29, 2005

**Conexant Systems, Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

000-24923

25-1799439

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4000 MacArthur Boulevard, Newport Beach,  
California

92660

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

949-483-4600

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))



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**Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

In order to conform with the American Jobs Creation Act of 2004 (the "Act"), which changed the income tax treatment of nonqualified deferred compensation and imposed new requirements on both the terms and operations of such plans under Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code ("Section 409A"), Conexant Systems, Inc. (the "Company") has taken action to modify its non-qualified deferred compensation plan for certain executives.

By Unanimous Written Consent, the last signature of which was dated December 29, 2005, the Compensation and Management Development Committee took action to (i) "freeze" the existing Conexant Systems, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan (the "Frozen Plan") by discontinuing new deferrals into that plan after December 31, 2004 and (ii) approve the new Conexant Systems, Inc. Deferred Compensation Plan II (the "New Plan"), effective as of January 1, 2005. The features of the Frozen Plan will continue to govern amounts deferred through December 31, 2004. The New Plan will govern all amounts deferred on or after January 1, 2005.

The terms of the New Plan are materially similar to the terms of the Frozen Plan, except for a few technical plan simplification items and those items that are required under 409A. For example, the New Plan now requires a six-month delay of payments made to specified employees, it limits the immediate withdrawal or acceleration of payments to certain specified situations, and limits the ability to change the timing and method of payment for certain distributions by including a five-year delay. Additionally, it provides participants with the opportunity to terminate or cancel their previously made elections for the 2005 plan year and receive distributions of amounts deferred under such elections, provided that the elections to terminate or cancel participation are made on or before December 31, 2005.

As required by Section 409A, the Company has operated and will continue to operate the New Plan in accordance with the requirements of Section 409A effective for 2005 and later plan years and bring the plan document into full compliance with Section 409A by December 31, 2006.

A copy of the New Plan is filed with this report as Exhibit 99.1.

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**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.

Conexant Systems, Inc.

*January 5, 2006*

By: *Dennis E. O'Reilly*

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*Name: Dennis E. O'Reilly  
Title: Senior Vice President, Chief Legal Officer and  
Secretary*

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<b>Exhibit No.</b>	<b>Description</b>
99.1	Deferred Compensation Plan II, effective January 1, 2005