

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 20, 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: December 20, 2006**  
(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**  
(Registrant's telephone number)

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:

- o Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 8.01 (Other Events)**

Effective January 1, 2007, the IBM Non-Employee Directors Stock Option Plan, pursuant to which directors receive an annual grant of options, will be terminated. In addition, in connection with the termination of the option plan, the annual retainer paid to directors will be increased from \$100,000 to \$200,000 effective January 1, 2007.

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**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: December 20, 2006

By:            /s/ Andrew Bonzani  
                  Andrew Bonzani  
                  Vice President,  
                  Assistant General Counsel &  
                  Assistant Secretary