

US BANCORP \DE\  
Form 8-K  
July 23, 2012

**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: July 23, 2012**

**(Date of earliest event reported)**

**U.S. BANCORP**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

**Delaware**

**(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)**

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**1-6880**  
(Commission file number)

**41-0255900**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**800 Nicollet Mall**

**Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402**

(Address of principal executive offices, including zip code)

**(651) 466-3000**

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

**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))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On July 23, 2012, U.S. Bancorp issued \$1,300,000,000 aggregate principal amount of its 2.950% Medium-Term Notes, Series U (Subordinated) due July 15, 2022 (the Notes). The Notes were registered under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, pursuant to a registration statement on Form S-3 (File No. 333-173636) filed by U.S. Bancorp with the Securities and Exchange Commission. In connection with this issuance, the legal opinion as to the legality of the Notes is being filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 5.1 Opinion and consent of Squire Sanders (US) LLP
- 23.1 Consent of Squire Sanders (US) LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

**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.

U.S. BANCORP

By: /s/ Lee R. Mitau  
Lee R. Mitau

Executive Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

Date: July 23, 2012