

LOWES COMPANIES INC  
Form 8-K  
December 15, 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 December  
earliest event reported) 15, 2006**

**LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

<b>North Carolina</b> (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	<b>1-7898</b> (Commission File Number)	<b>56-0578072</b> (IRS Employer Identification No.)
<b>1000 Lowe's Blvd.,  Mooresville, NC</b> (Address of principal executive offices)	<b>28117</b> (Zip Code)	
Registrant's telephone number, including area code	<b>(704) 758-1000</b>	

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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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



**ITEM 5.02 DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; COMPENSATORY ARRANGEMENTS OF CERTAIN OFFICERS**

(b) On December 15, 2006, Robert A. Niblock, Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President of Lowe's Companies, Inc. relinquished his position as President, which position he has held since 2003.

(c) On December 15, 2006, Lowe's announced that Larry D. Stone, age 54, was promoted to President and Chief Operating Officer, effective December 16, 2006. Mr. Stone, a 37 year Lowe's veteran, previously served as Senior Executive Vice President of Merchandising/Marketing, a position he has held since June 30, 2005. A copy of the press release announcing Mr. Stone's promotion is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS**

(c) EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated December 15, 2006, announcing the promotion of Larry D. Stone to President and Chief Operating Officer.

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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.

**LOWE'S COMPANIES, INC.**

Date: December 15, 2006

By: /s/ Matthew V. Hollifield

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Matthew V. Hollifield  
Senior Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

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