# **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): September 2, 2005

# CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

California

 $(State\ or\ other\ jurisdiction\ of\ incorporation)$ 

0-18225 (Commission File Number) 77-0059951 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

170 West Tasman Drive, San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95134-1706 (Zip Code)

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(408) 526-4000

(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))

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#### Item 1.01. Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On September 2, 2005, the Compensation and Management Development Committee (the Committee) of the Board of Directors of Cisco Systems, Inc. (the Company) awarded year end incentive payments under the Company s Fiscal Year 2005 Professional and Leadership Incentive Plan (the PLI Plan) to the following individuals who will be identified as named executive officers in the Company s 2005 annual meeting proxy statement in the following amounts: Charles H. Giancarlo, Senior Vice President, Chief Development Officer, \$589,680; Richard J. Justice, Senior Vice President, Worldwide Field Operations, \$550,368; Mario Mazzola, former Senior Vice President, Chief Development Officer, \$557,737; and James Richardson, Senior Vice President, Chief Marketing Officer, \$528,977. These amounts are inclusive of mid-year advances awarded under the Plan and the awards were made upon the Committee s determination that the Company satisfied the targets for payment of year end incentives under the Plan. The Committee also awarded John T. Chambers, President and Chief Executive Officer (and also a named executive officer), a year end incentive payment of \$1,300,000. The year end incentive payment to Mr. Chambers is determined by the Committee in its discretion independent of the PLI Plan.

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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.

## CISCO SYSTEMS, INC.

Dated: September 8, 2005 By: /s/ Mark Chandler

Name: Mark Chandler

Title: Vice President, General Counsel

and Secretary