

ABM INDUSTRIES INC /DE/

Form 8-K

April 25, 2005

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): April 21, 2005

ABM Industries Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware

1-8929

94-1369354

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File
Number)

(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

**160 Pacific Avenue, Suite 222, San Francisco,
California**

94111

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (415) 733-4000

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address if changed since last report)

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:

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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.

In September 1999, a former employee of a subsidiary of ABM Industries Incorporated (ABM) filed a gender discrimination lawsuit against ABM in the state of Washington. On May 19, 2003, a Washington state court jury for the Spokane County Superior Court, in the case named *Forbes v. ABM*, awarded \$4.0 million in damages to the plaintiff. The court later awarded costs of \$0.7 million to the plaintiff, pre-judgment interest in the amount of \$0.3 million and an additional \$0.8 million to mitigate the federal tax impact of the plaintiff's award. ABM appealed the jury's verdict and the award of costs to the State Court of Appeals. On April 21, 2005, the Washington Court of Appeals denied ABM's appeal. ABM intends to appeal this ruling to the Washington State Supreme Court. ABM believes that the award against ABM was excessive and that the verdict was inconsistent with the law and the evidence. In the second quarter of 2005, ABM will record a charge of \$6.3 million for the damages and costs awarded to the plaintiff including interest through April 30, 2005 and other court-awarded fees and costs associated with this judgment.

ABM's press release announcing the denial of its appeal is attached as Exhibit 99.1 to this Form 8-K.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Press release of ABM Industries Incorporated dated April 22, 2005, announcing the denial of its appeal in *Forbes v. ABM*.

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.

ABM INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED

Dated: April 22, 2005

By: /s/ Linda S. Auwers
Linda S. Auwers
Senior Vice President and General
Counsel

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