ERESEARCHTECHNOLOGY INC /DE/ Form SC 13D/A

January 03, 2008

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13D (Amendment No. 4)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ERESEARCH TECHNOLOGY, INC. (Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

29481V108

(CUSIP Number)

Gregory D. Hitchan Blum Capital Partners, L.P. 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 94133 (415) 434-1111

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

December 31, 2007

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition that is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Section 240.13d-1(e), 240.13d-1(f) or 240.13d-1(g), check the following box [].

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The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1.	NAME OF REPOR	TING PERSON	BLUM CAPITAL PA	ARTNERS, L.P.
	S.S. OR I.R.S.	IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABO	DVE PERSON	94-3205364
2.	CHECK THE APP	PROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER (		(a) [x] (b) [x]
3.	SEC USE ONLY			
4.	SOURCE OF FUN	IDS*		See Item 3
5.	CHECK BOX IF	DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEN TEMS 2(d) or 2(e)		[ ]
6.	CITIZENSHIP C	PR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION		California
		7. SOLE VOTING POWER		-0-
S	BENEFICIALLY	8. SHARED VOTING POWER		7,428,769**
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13.	PERCENT OF CL	ASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT	IN ROW (11)	14.7%**
14.	TYPE OF REPOR	ATING PERSON		PN, IA
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 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON
 RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

 S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON
 94-2967812

 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\*
 (a) [x]

 (b) [x]
 (c) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

\_\_\_\_\_ 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California \_\_\_\_\_ 7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-NUMBER OF \_\_\_\_\_ 8. SHARED VOTING POWER SHARES 7,428,769\*\* BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH \_\_\_\_\_ 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER PERSON WITH -0-\_\_\_\_\_ 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 7,428,769\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7,428,769\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ 12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 14.78\*\* \_\_\_\_\_ 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON CO \_\_\_\_\_ \*\* See Item 5 below \* \* \* \* \* \* CUSIP NO. 29481V108 SCHEDULE 13D Page 4 of 15 \_\_\_\_\_ 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP II, L.L.C. S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 94-3395150 \_\_\_\_\_ 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP\* (a) [x] (b) [x] \_\_\_\_\_ 3. SEC USE ONLY \_\_\_\_\_ 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS\* See Item 3 \_\_\_\_\_ 5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) [ ] \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_

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\*\* See Item 5 below

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1. NAME OF REPOR	TING PERSON		BLUM STRATEG	IC GP III, L.L.C.
S.S. OR I.R.S.	IDENTIFICATIO	N NO. OF ABOVE	PERSON	04-3809436
2. CHECK THE APP	ROPRIATE BOX I	F A MEMBER OF A	GROUP*	(a) [x] (b) [x]
3. SEC USE ONLY				
4. SOURCE OF FUN	DS*			See Item 3
5. CHECK BOX IF PURSUANT TO I	DISCLOSURE OF TEMS 2(d) or 2		GS IS REQUIRE	D [ ]
6. CITIZENSHIP C	R PLACE OF ORG	ANIZATION		Delaware
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NUMBER OF SHARES BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH		OTING POWER		7,428,769**

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		OF ABOVE PERSON	
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4. SOURCE OF FUN			See Item 3
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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 4 amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on August 22, 2005 by Blum Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership ("Blum LP"); Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc., a California corporation ("RCBA Inc."); Blum Strategic GP II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP II")."); Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP III"); and Blum Strategic GP III, L.P., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP III"); collectively, the "Reporting Persons").

This amendment relates to shares of common stock, \$.01 par value (the "Common Stock") of eResearch Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103.

The following amendments to the Schedule 13D are hereby made. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Item 2. Identity and Background

Item 2 of the Schedule 13D is hereby amended and restated in its entirety with the following:

Blum LP is a California limited partnership whose principal business is acting as general partner for investment partnerships and providing investment advisory services. Blum LP is an investment advisor registered with the Securities and Exchange Commission. The sole general partner of Blum LP is RCBA Inc.

The principal business office address of Blum LP and RCBA Inc. is 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94133. The names of the executive officers and directors of RCBA Inc., their addresses, citizenship and principal occupations are as follows:

Name and Office Held	Business Address	Citizenship	Principal Occupation or Employment
Richard C. Blum President, Chairman & Director	909 Montgomery St. Suite 400 San Francisco, CA 941	USA	President & Chairman, Blum LP

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Name and Office Held	Business Address		Citizen- ship 	Principal Occupation or Employment
Nils Colin Lind Managing Partner & Director	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA and Norway	Managing Partner, Blum LP
John H. Park Partner	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Gregory L. Jackson Partner	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Jane J. Su Partner	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
David H.S. Chung Partner	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Nadine F. Terman Partner	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Gregory D. Hitchan Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary, Blum LP
Marc T. Scholvinck Partner, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Secretary & Director	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner & Chief Financial Officer, Blum LP
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Partner Nadine F. Terman Partner Gregory D. Hitchan Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary Marc T. Scholvinck Partner, Chief Financial Officer, Assistant Secretary	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco, 909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco, 909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco, 909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	St. CA 94133 St. CA 94133 St. CA 94133 St. CA 94133	USA	Blum LP Partner, Blum LP Partner, Chief Operating Office General Counsel Secretary, Blum Partner & Chief Financial Office

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Blum GP II is a Delaware limited liability company whose principal business is acting as the sole general partner of Blum Strategic II and also as managing limited partner of Blum Strategic Partners II GmbH & Co. KG.( "Blum Strategic II KG").

The principal business office address of Blum GP II is 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, CA 94133. The names of the managing members and members of Blum GP II, their addresses, citizenship and principal occupations are as follows:

Name and Office Held	Business Address		Citizen- ship 	Principal Occupation or Employment
Richard C. Blum Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	President & Chairman, Blum LP
Nils Colin Lind Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA and Norway	Managing Partner, Blum LP
John H. Park Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Gregory L. Jackson Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Jane J. Su Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
David H.S. Chung Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Nadine F. Terman Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Blum LP
Gregory D. Hitchan Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel & Secretary, Blum LP
Marc T. Scholvinck Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,		USA	Partner & Chief Financial Officer, Blum LP
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Blum GP III is a Delaware limited liability company whose principal business is acting as the general partner of Blum GP III LP, a Delaware limited partnership, whose principal business is acting as the general partner of Blum Strategic III, whose principal office is 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94133.

The principal business office address of Blum GP III and Blum GP III LP is 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94133. The names of the managing members and members of Blum GP III, their addresses, citizenship and principal occupations are as follows:

Name and Office Held	Business Address	 Citizen- ship	Principal Occupation or Employment
Richard C. Blum Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	President & Chairman, Blum LP
Nils Colin Lind Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA and Norway	Managing Partner, Blum LP
John H. Park Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner, Blum LP
Gregory L. Jackson Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner, Blum LP
Jane J. Su Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner, Blum LP
David H.S. Chung Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner, Blum LP
Nadine F. Terman Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner, Blum LP
Gregory D. Hitchan Managing Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary, Blum LP
Marc T. Scholvinck Member	909 Montgomery Suite 400 San Francisco,	USA	Partner & Chief Financial Officer, Blum LP

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Saddlepoint GP is a Delaware limited liability company whose principal business is acting as the general partner of Saddlepoint Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership ("Saddlepoint LP"), and Saddlepoint Partners (Cayman), L.P., a Cayman Islands exempted limited partnership ("Saddlepoint (Cayman) LP"). The principal business office address of Saddlepoint GP, Saddlepoint LP and Saddlepoint (Cayman) LP is 909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400, San Francisco, California 94133. Blum LP is the managing member of Saddlepoint GP. RCBA Inc. is the sole general partner of Blum LP. The principal business office for Blum LP and RCBA Inc. and the names of the executive officers and directors of RCBA Inc. and their addresses, citizenship and principal occupations are disclosed above.

To the best knowledge of the Reporting Persons, none of the entities or

persons identified in this Item 2 has, during the past five years, been convicted of any criminal proceeding (excluding traffic violations or similar misdemeanors), nor been a party to a civil proceeding of a judicial or administrative body of competent jurisdiction and as a result of such proceeding was or is subject to a judgment, decree or final order enjoining future violations of, or prohibiting or mandating activities subject to, federal or state securities laws or finding any violation with respect to such laws.

Item 3. Source and Amount of Funds or Other Considerations

Item 3 is hereby amended and restated in its entirety with the following:

The source of funds for the purchases of securities was the working capital of Blum LP's limited partnerships and investment advisory clients, the partnership for which Blum GP II LP serves as the sole general partner, the partnership for which Blum GP III LP serves as the sole general partner, and the partnerships for which Saddlepoint GP serves as the general partner.

Item 4. Purpose of Transaction

There have been no changes to Item 3 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on May 6, 2005.

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Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a), (b) According to the Issuer's Form 10-Q filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 5, 2007, there were 50,615,672 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of October 26, 2007. Based on such information, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of the following shares of Common Stock: (i) 4,256,551 shares of Common Stock held by Blum L.P. and RCBA Inc. on behalf of the limited partnerships for which Blum L.P. serves as the general partner, which represents 8.4% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (ii) 1,672,900 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP II on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the general partner and on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the managing limited partner, which represents 3.3% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (iii) 1,121,318 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP III which serves as general partner of Blum GP III LP which, in turn, serves as the general partner of Blum Strategic III, which represents 2.2% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (iv) 22,600 shares of the Common Stock held by Saddlepoint GP on behalf of a partnership for which it serves as the general partner, which represents less than 0.1% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; and (v) 177,700 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by The Nuclear Decommissioning Trust of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. ("Dominion Connecticut"), which represents 0.4% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock and 177,700 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company Qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trust ("Virginia Electric"), which

represents 0.4% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock, (collectively, the "Investment Advisory Clients"), with respect to which Blum L.P. has voting and investment power. Each Investment Advisory Client has entered into an investment management agreement with Blum L.P., but neither Investment Advisory Client has any contract, arrangement or understanding with the other Investment Advisory Client, or any other Reporting Person, with respect to the acquisition, ownership, disposition or voting of any shares of the Common Stock. Each Investment Advisory Client disclaims membership in a group with any Reporting Person or with the other Investment Advisory Client, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons other than for their own account.

Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Blum L.P., Blum GP II and Blum GP III. The Reporting Persons therefore may be deemed to be members in a group, in which case the group would be deemed to have beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 7,428,769 shares of the Common Stock, which is 14.7% of the outstanding Common Stock. As the sole general partner of Blum L.P., RCBA Inc. is deemed the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum L.P. has voting and investment power. The filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that any of the officers, managing members and members of Blum L.P., Blum GP II, Blum GP III  $\mbox{LP}$  and  $\mbox{Blum}$  GP III, is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by Blum L.P., Blum GP II, Blum GP III LP or Blum GP III.

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(c) On December 31, 2007, the Reporting Persons distributed 1,100,467 shares of Common Stock to limited partners in two of the limited partnerships for which Blum LP serves as the general partner and transferred 5,676 shares of Common Stock to Blum LP.

(d) Not applicable.

(e) Not applicable.

Item 6. Contracts, Arrangements, Understandings or Relationships with Respect to Securities of the Issuer \_\_\_\_\_

There have been no changes to Item 6 since the Schedule 13D Amendment filed on August 22, 2005.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A - Joint Filing Undertaking

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#### SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: January 3, 2008 RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC. BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P. By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc. its General Partner By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan Crogory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. HitchanGregory D. HitchanPartner, Chief Operating Officer,<br/>General Counsel and SecretaryPartner, Chief Operating Officer,<br/>General Counsel and Secretary BLUM STRATEGIC GP II, L.L.C. BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C. By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Managing Member Managing Member BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.SADDLEPOINT PARTNERS GP, L.L.C.By:Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.By:Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.By:Blum Capital Partners, L.P. its General Partner its Managing Member By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc. its General Partner By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan ------Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Managing Member Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary \* \* \* \* \* \*

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#### Exhibit A

#### JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to this Schedule 13D to evidence the agreement of the

below-named parties, in accordance with the rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule jointly on behalf of each such party.

Dated: January 3, 2008 RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC. BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P. By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc. its General Partner By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan \_\_\_\_\_ Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary General Counsel and Secretary BLUM STRATEGIC GP II, L.L.C. BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.L.C. By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Managing Member Managing Member BLUM STRATEGIC GP III, L.P.SADDLEPOINT PARTNERS GP, L.L.C.By:Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.By:Blum Strategic GP III, L.L.C.By:Blum Capital Partners, L.P. its General Partner its Managing Member By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc. its General Partner By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan \_\_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_\_ Gregory D. Hitchan Gregory D. Hitchan Managing Member Partner, Chief Operating Officer, General Counsel and Secretary