

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 31, 2006

**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: **January 31, 2006**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**New York**  
(State of Incorporation)

**1-2360**  
(Commission File Number)

**13-0871985**  
(IRS employer Identification No.)

**ARMONK, NEW YORK**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**10504**  
(Zip Code)

**914-499-1900**

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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(d) Election of New Director:

On January 31, 2006, IBM announced that the IBM Board of Directors elected James W. Owens to the Board effective March 1, 2006. Mr. Owens is expected to become a member of IBM's Audit Committee. The press release is Exhibit 99.1 of this Form 8-K.

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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.

Date: January 31, 2006

By:            /s/ Andrew Bonzani  
                  (Andrew Bonzani)  
                  Vice President,  
                  Assistant General Counsel &  
                  Assistant Secretary