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INITIAL STATEMENT OF BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF SECURITIES

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(Print or Type Responses)

1. Name and Address of Reporting Person * Rabbitt Kevin M			2. Date of Event Requiring Statement (Month/Day/Year)	3. Issuer Name and Ticker or Trading Symbol VIAD CORP [VVI]				
(Last)	(First)	(Middle)	01/05/2006	4. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to Issuer			5. If Amendment, Date Original Filed(Month/Day/Year)	
GES EXPOSITION SERVICES, INC., 950 GRIER DRIVE				(Check all applicable)			(
(Street) LAS VEGAS, NV 89119				Director 10% Owner Other (give title below) (specify below) President & CEO / GES Exposition Services, Inc.		r ow) S	6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check Applicable Line) _X_ Form filed by One Reporting Person Form filed by More than One Reporting Person	
(City)	(State)	(Zip)	Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned					
1.Title of Security (Instr. 4)		2. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned (Instr. 4)		3. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	4. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)			
Common Stock			398		D	Â		
Common Stock			166 <u>(1)</u>		D	Â		
Common Sto	ock		404 (2)		D	Â Â Â		
Common Sto	ock		875 <u>(3)</u>	875 <u>(3)</u>				
Common Sto	ock		3,000 (4)		D			
Common Sto	ock		451.0971	(5)	I	401(k) Plan	

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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Table II - Derivative Securities Beneficially Owned (e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)

1. Title of Derivative Security (Instr. 4)	2. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date (Month/Day/Year)	Securities U	3. Title and Amount of Securities Underlying Derivative Security (Instr. 4)		5. Ownership Form of Derivative	6. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 5)
	Date Exercisable Expiration Dat	e Title	Amount or Number of Shares	Derivative Security	Security: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 5)	
Option-right to buy	10/01/2004 ⁽⁶⁾ 10/01/2012 ⁽	Common Stock	750	\$ 19.4212	D	Â
Option-right to buy	02/20/2006 ⁽⁷⁾ 02/19/2013	Common Stock	1,500	\$ 19.574	D	Â
Option-right to buy	02/19/2009(8) 02/18/2011	Common Stock	1,650	\$ 24.2168	D	Â

Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address				Relationships	
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other	

Rabbitt Kevin M GES EXPOSITION SERVICES, INC. 950 GRIER DRIVE LAS VEGAS, NVÂ 89119

Â President & CEO GES Exposition Services, Inc.

Signatures

Scott E. Sayre, Attorney-in-Fact 01/05/2006

**Signature of Reporting Person Date

Explanation of Responses:

- * If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 5(b)(v).
- ** Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).
- (1) Performance-based restricted stock awarded February 2003 pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (2) Performance-based restricted stock awarded February 2004 pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (3) Restricted Stock awarded February 2003 pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (4) Restricted Stock awarded February 2005 pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan.
- (5) The information is current as of this filing date.
- Granted pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan; each ten-year option contains the right to surrender the option for cash, which right is only exercisable during certain tender offers. The Corporation may permit a participant exercising an option to surrender already owned stock in payment of exercise price, and to surrender stock, to which participant is entitled as a result of such exercise, to satisfy a tax withholding requirement. 50% of options are exercisable one year after grant and 100% exercisable two years after grant, except that exercisability is accelerated in certain circumstances.
- (7) Granted pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan, as amended 5-14-2002; each ten-year option contains the right to surrender the option for cash, which right is only exercisable during certain tender offers. The Corporation may permit a

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participant exercising an option to surrender already owned stock in payment of exercise price, and to surrender stock, to which participant is entitled as a result of such exercise, to satisfy a tax withholding requirement. 33 1/3% of options are exercisable one year after grant, 33 1/3% are exercisable two years after grant and the remaining balance are exercisable three years after grant.

Granted pursuant to 1997 Viad Corp Omnibus Incentive Plan in connection with election as a director of the Corporation. Each seven-year option contains the right to surrender the option for cash, which right is only exercisable during certain tender offers. The Corporation may permit a participant exercising an option to surrender already owned stock in payment of exercise price, and to surrender stock, to which participant is entitled as a result of such exercise, to satisfy a tax withholding requirement. 20% of options are exercisable one year after grant, 20% are exerciseable two years after grant, 20% after three years, 20% after four years, and the balance any time after five years from the grant date, except that exercisability is accelerated in certain circumstances.

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Remarks:

Note: Also see attached Exhibit EX-24 power of attorney.

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