

CERUS CORP  
Form 8-K  
February 24, 2006

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**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): February 23, 2006

**CERUS CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State of jurisdiction)

**0-21937**  
(Commission File No.)  
**2411 Stanwell Drive**

**68-0262011**  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**Concord, California 94520**

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (925) 288-6000

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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On February 23, 2006, Cerus Corporation (the Company ) announced its financial results for its fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2005. A copy of the Company s press release, entitled Cerus Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Year-End Financial Results, is furnished pursuant to Item 2.02 as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

- 99.1 Press Release, dated February 23, 2006, entitled Cerus Corporation Announces Fourth Quarter and Year-End Financial Results.

**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.

**CERUS CORPORATION**

Dated: February 24, 2006

By: /s/ William J. Dawson  
William J. Dawson  
Vice President, Finance and Chief Financial Officer

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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