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METRIS COMPANIES INC Form 8-K January 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) January 25, 2005

METRIS COMPANIES INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-12351 41-1849591 (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File number) Identification No.)

10900 Wayzata Boulevard, Minnetonka, Minnesota 55305 (Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (952) 525-5020

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

On January 25, 2005, Metris Companies Inc. announced that it had notified the Trustee of its unsecured 10-1/8% senior notes, which are due July 2006, that Metris intends to make an optional principal prepayment of \$50 million. The payment is expected to be made on February 24, 2005.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

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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.

METRIS COMPANIES INC.

Dated: January 25, 2005

By:/s/David D. Wesselink

David D. Wesselink

Chairman and CEO

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No. Description

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