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# 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): October 25, 2006

#### Expedia, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-51447 20-2705720 (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization) File Number) Identification No.)

3150 139<sup>th</sup> Avenue S.E., Bellevue, Washington (Address of principal executive offices)

98005

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (425) 679-7200

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

# (a) Adler Employment Agreement; Adler RSU Agreement

On October 31, 2006, Expedia, Inc. (the Company) entered into an employment agreement (the Adler Employment Agreement) and a Restricted Stock Unit Agreement (the Adler RSU Agreement) with Michael B. Adler, the Company s Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer. The Company previously reported the appointment of Mr. Adler in its Current Report on Form 8-K, dated April 6, 2006. The April 6, 2006 Current Report on Form 8-K disclosed material terms of the employment arrangements between Mr. Adler and the Company, including the award of the restricted stock units further described below. The Company memorialized these arrangements and additional matters in the Adler Employment Agreement and the Adler RSU Agreement. The Adler Employment Agreement is effective as of May 16, 2006 for a term of three years. A summary of key terms of the Adler Employment Agreement and the Adler RSU Agreement follows:

Adler Employment Agreement: During the term, Mr. Adler will receive an annual base salary of \$375,000 and will be eligible to receive a discretionary annual bonus. In addition, Mr. Adler received a signing bonus of \$250,000, which is subject to forfeiture if the Company terminates Mr. Adler s employment for Cause or Mr. Adler terminates his employment without Good Reason prior to May 16, 2007.

In the event Mr. Adler terminates his employment with the Company for Good Reason or the Company terminates Mr. Adler s employment with the Company without Cause, Mr. Adler is entitled to receive his base salary through the longer of (1) the completion of the term of the Adler Employment Agreement and (2) twelve months.

Mr. Adler will be restricted from competing with the Company or soliciting/hiring Company employees during the twenty-four month period following the termination of his employment with the Company.

*Adler RSU Agreement*: Mr. Adler was granted 84,832 restricted stock units (the First RSU Award ) and 53,020 restricted stock units (the Second RSU Award, and together, the Awards ) pursuant to the Expedia, Inc. 2005 Stock and Annual Incentive Plan (the Plan ). Material vesting terms are as follows:

Both Awards vest in equal increments over five years, contingent upon satisfaction of performance goals (Performance Goals) established by the Compensation Committee of the Company s Board of Directors.

Contingent upon satisfaction of applicable Performance Goals, 50% of the First Award and that portion of the Second Award that would have vested during the twelve months following termination will vest upon a Company termination of employment without Cause or an employee termination of employment for Good Reason.

Both Awards vest upon a Change in Control of the Company as defined in the Adler RSU Agreement.

## (b) Norton Employment Agreement; Norton RSU Agreements

On October 25, 2006, Burke F. Norton was appointed Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company. The Company entered into a three year employment agreement (the Norton Employment Agreement ) and two Restricted Stock Unit Agreements (the Norton RSU Agreements ) with Mr. Norton. A summary of key terms of the Norton Employment Agreement and the Norton RSU Agreements follows:

*Norton Employment Agreement*: Mr. Norton will receive an annual base salary of \$375,000 and will be eligible to receive a discretionary annual bonus. He will also receive a signing bonus of \$250,000, which is subject to forfeiture if the Company terminates Mr. Norton s employment for Cause or Mr. Norton terminates his employment without Good Reason prior to October 25, 2007.

In the event Mr. Norton terminates his employment with the Company for Good Reason or the Company terminates Mr. Norton s employment without Cause, Mr. Norton is entitled to receive his base salary through the longer of (1) the completion of the term of the Norton Employment Agreement and (2) twelve months.

Mr. Norton will be restricted from competing with the Company or soliciting/hiring Company employees during the twenty-four month period following the termination of his employment with the Company.

*Norton RSU Agreements*: Mr. Norton was granted 62,235 restricted stock units ( Tranche Vesting RSUs ) and 31,117 restricted stock units ( Cliff Vesting RSUs, and together, the Awards ) pursuant to the Plan. Material vesting terms are as follows:

The Tranche Vesting RSUs vest in equal increments over four years, contingent upon satisfaction of applicable Performance Goals.

The Cliff Vesting RSUs vest in full after five years, contingent upon satisfaction of applicable Performance Goals.

Contingent upon satisfaction of applicable Performance Goals, upon a Company termination of employment without Cause or an employee termination of employment for Good Reason, (1) the Tranche Vesting RSUs that would have vested during the twelve months following termination and (2) a *pro rata* portion of the Cliff Vesting RSUs will immediately vest.

Pursuant to the terms of the Plan, both Awards vest upon a Change in Control of the Company as defined in the Plan. In addition, pursuant to the terms of the Norton RSU Agreements both Awards vest if the Company terminates Mr. Norton s employment without Cause or Mr. Norton terminates his employment with the Company for Good Reason following a Change in Control of the Company as Change in Control is defined in the Norton RSU Agreements.

Unless otherwise specified, capitalized terms used above without definition have the meanings set forth in the applicable agreement.

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### **SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Date: October 31, 2006

EXPEDIA, INC.

By: /s/ Dara Khosrowshahi

Name: Dara Khosrowshahi Title: President and CEO