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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**  
**SCHEDULE 14A**  
**(Rule 14a-101)**  
**INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT**  
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**Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No. \_\_\_)**

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**Ciena Corporation**

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Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials for the Ciena Corporation 2011 Annual Meeting of  
Stockholders to be Held on March 23, 2011 Under new Securities and Exchange Commission rules, you  
are receiving this notice that the proxy materials for the Annual Meeting are available on the Internet.  
Follow the instructions below to view the materials and vote online or request a printed copy. The items  
to be voted on and location of the Annual Meeting are on the reverse side. Your vote is important! This  
communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you  
on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the  
proxy materials before voting. The annual report and proxy statement are available at:  
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Stockholder Meeting Notice The Ciena Corporation 2011 Annual Meeting of Stockholders will be held on March 23, 2011 at The Westin Baltimore Washington Airport BWI, 1110 Old Elkrigde Landing Road, Linthicum, MD 21090, at 3:00 p.m. Eastern Time. Directions to the Annual Meeting can be found in the proxy statement. Proposals to be voted on at the meeting are listed below along with the Board of Directors' recommendations. The Board of Directors recommends a vote FOR Proposal 1, 2, 3 and 4 and of EVERY THREE YEARS on Proposal 5: 1. Election of three Class II directors: Harvey B. Cash Judith M. O'Brien Gary B. Smith 2. Approval of an increase in the number of shares of our common stock that may be issued upon conversion of our outstanding 4.0% Convertible Senior Notes due 2015. 3. Ratification of the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as our independent registered public accounting firm for the fiscal year ending October 31, 2011. 4. Advisory vote on our executive compensation, as described in these proxy materials. 5. Advisory vote on the frequency of stockholder advisory votes on our executive compensation in the future. In their discretion, the proxies are authorized to vote upon such other business as may properly come before the Annual Meeting or any adjournment or continuation thereof. Please note: This is not a proxy. To vote your shares you must vote online or request a set of printed proxy materials to receive a proxy card. If you wish to attend and vote at the Annual Meeting, please bring this notice and identification with you. Here's how to order a copy of the proxy materials and select a future delivery preference: Paper copies: Current and future paper delivery requests can be submitted via the telephone, Internet or email options below. Email copies: Current and future email delivery requests must be submitted via the Internet following the instructions below. If you request an email copy of current materials you will receive an email with a link to the materials. PLEASE NOTE: You must use the number in the shaded bar on the reverse side when requesting a set of proxy materials.

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