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): September 22, 2005

RAYTHEON COMPANY

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 1-13699 (Commission File Number) 95-1778500 (IRS Employer Identification Number)

870 Winter Street

Waltham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02451 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (781) 522-3000

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ITEM 1.01 ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

Board of Directors Compensation

Effective September 22, 2005, the Board of Directors of Raytheon Company (the Company), upon the recommendation of the Management Development and Compensation Committee of the Board, approved an increase in the annual retainer for non-employee directors from \$100,000 to \$140,000 per year. The retainer consists of (i) cash in the amount of \$60,000 (increased from \$40,000) and (ii) a grant of restricted stock with a value of \$80,000 (increased from \$60,000). A Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit 10.1 Summary of Non-Employee Director Compensation

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.

Dated: September 26, 2005

RAYTHEON COMPANY

By: /s/ John W. Kapples

John W. Kapples Vice President and Secretary