

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 13, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549**

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**FORM 8-K**

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**CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 or 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): December 7, 2006

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**ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware  
(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

000-26068  
(Commission  
File Number)

95-4405754  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**500 Newport Center Drive,  
Newport Beach, California 92660**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

**(949) 480-8300**  
Registrant's telephone number, including area code

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed since Last Report)

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- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- 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))



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

On December 7, 2006, Acacia Research Corporation (the "Company") entered into a Placement Agency Agreement with Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. relating to the sale of approximately \$10 million of its Acacia Research-CombiMatrix common stock in a registered direct offering. The Company will sell approximately 9.8 million units of securities at a purchase price of \$1.02 per unit, with each unit consisting of one share of its Acacia Research-CombiMatrix common stock and one warrant to purchase 1.2 shares of its Acacia Research-CombiMatrix common stock to a select group of investors pursuant to subscription agreements. The warrants to be issued are five-year warrants for the purchase of an aggregate of approximately 11.7 million shares of common stock at an exercise price of \$0.87 per share.

Pursuant to the Placement Agency Agreement, Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. agreed to act as the Company's exclusive placement agent in connection with the issuance and sale of the Company's securities, on a commercially reasonable efforts basis. Upon the closing of the sale, the Company agreed to pay Oppenheimer & Co. Inc. seven percent (7.0%) of the gross proceeds received by the Company from the sale. In addition, the Company agreed to issue to Oppenheimer on the closing date five-year warrants to purchase 488,416 shares of its Acacia Research-CombiMatrix Common Stock at an exercise price equal to \$1.0875 per share, which warrants are not exercisable for the first six months following the closing date. The Placement Agency Agreement requires the Company to file a prospectus supplement, relating to its previously filed "shelf" Registration Statement on Form S-3 (No. 333-133529), which was declared effective by the Commission as of May 26, 2006.

The foregoing description of the Placement Agency Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Placement Agency Agreement attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 to this Report on Form 8-K and incorporated herein by reference. The forms of subscription agreements and warrants are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.2 and 10.3, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 8.01. Other Events.**

On December 8, 2006, the Company issued a press release announcing the pricing of its registered direct offering. A copy of this press release is filed as Exhibit 99.1 to this Report on Form 8-K.

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

(c) Exhibits.

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|      | 10.1 | Placement Agency Agreement  |
|      | 10.2 | Form of Subscription Agreement                                      |
|      | 10.3 | Form of Investor Warrant  |
| 99.1 |      | Press Release dated December 8, 2006 of Acacia Research Corporation |

**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.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: December 13, 2006

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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