

CORRECTIONS CORP OF AMERICA
Form 8-K
April 21, 2010

**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): April 21, 2010 (April 20, 2010)
Corrections Corporation of America**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland

001-16109

62-1763875

(State or Other Jurisdiction of
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer

Identification No.)

10 Burton Hills Boulevard, Nashville, Tennessee 37215

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)
(615) 263-3000

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)
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 (*see* General Instruction A.2. below):

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 - ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

As previously reported on March 31, 2010, the Company announced it has selected Steven E. Groom to succeed G.A. Puryear IV as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company. Mr. Groom's appointment is effective April 21, 2010. In connection with his appointment, the Company entered into an employment agreement with Mr. Groom. The material terms of Mr. Groom's employment agreement are generally described below, subject in all respects to the terms and conditions of the employment agreement, which is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein in its entirety by this reference.

Duties. Mr. Groom will serve as Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary of the Company and such other office or offices to which he may be appointed or elected by the Board of Directors of the Company. Subject to the direction and supervision of the Board of Directors of the Company, Mr. Groom will perform such duties as are customarily associated with the offices of the Executive Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary and such other offices to which he may be appointed or elected by the Board of Directors.

Term. Subject to the termination provisions described below, the term of the employment agreement expires on December 31, 2010 and is subject to an additional one-year automatic renewal unless either party gives not less than 60 days prior written notice to the other party that it is electing not to extend the agreement.

Compensation. The agreement provides an annual base salary of \$240,000.00 as well as customary benefits, including bonuses pursuant to the Company's cash compensation incentive plans (assuming applicable performance targets are met), stock options or restricted stock awards pursuant to the Company's equity incentive plans, life and health insurance, and reimbursement for membership fees in connection with memberships in professional and civic organizations which are approved in advance by the Company. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, the Company will also reimburse Mr. Groom for all reasonable travel and other business expenses incurred by Mr. Groom in performance of his duties. Compensation payable under the agreement is subject to annual review by the Board of Directors, or a committee or subcommittee thereof to which compensation matters have been delegated, and may be increased based on Mr. Groom's personal performance and the performance of the Company.

Termination of Agreement. Under the agreement, if the Company terminates the employment of Mr. Groom with cause, it is only required to pay Mr. Groom his base salary earned through the date of such termination. If the Company terminates the employment of Mr. Groom without cause, including non-renewal by the Company, the Company generally is required to pay a cash severance payment equal to Mr. Groom's annual base salary then in effect, payable in accordance with a predetermined schedule based on the date of termination. In the event of termination in connection with a change in control, if Mr. Groom's employment is terminated by the Company (other than for cause) or, subject to certain procedural requirements, by Mr. Groom for good reason upon or within two (2) years following a change in control, Mr. Groom will be entitled to receive (i) a lump sum cash payment equal to 2.99 times his base salary then in effect, (ii) certain tax reimbursement payments, and (iii) coverage under existing life, medical, disability, and health insurance plans for a period of one year.

Non-Competition. Pursuant to the terms of the agreement, Mr. Groom is prohibited from competing with the Company during the term of his employment and for a period of one year following termination of employment. Mr. Groom is also subject to certain confidentiality and non-disclosure provisions during this period.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

10.1 Employment Agreement, dated as of April 20, 2010, with Steven E. Groom.

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.

Date: April 21, 2010

CORRECTIONS CORPORATION OF
AMERICA

By: /s/ Todd J Mullenger
Todd J Mullenger
Executive Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer