

WESTCORP /CA/  
Form 8-K  
August 04, 2005

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, DC 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): July 29, 2005

**WESTCORP**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

California

33-13646

51-0308535

(State or Other Jurisdiction of  
Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

23 Pasteur, Irvine, California 92618-3804

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 727-1000

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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On July 29, 2005, the Company's board of directors adopted a new employee severance policy to replace the Company's existing severance policy. Under the new policy, upon termination of employment under certain circumstances, eligible employees are entitled to receive severance based upon their position with the Company and, in addition, for those employees below the position of executive vice president, the number of years they have been employed by the Company. Under the new policy, severance benefits will range from one (1) week of base salary per year of employment with the Company (up to a maximum of twelve (12) months base salary) for an employee in a position below senior vice president, to up to two (2) years base salary for an employee in a position of senior vice president or more senior.

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**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.

WESTCORP,  
a California corporation

August 3, 2005

By: /s/ Robert J. Costantino  
Robert J. Costantino  
Senior Vice President,  
Chief Financial Officer and  
Chief Operations Officer