ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST INC Form 8-K January 23, 2006

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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): January 23, 2006 **ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MARYLAND (State of Incorporation)

001-31775

86-1062192

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer Identification Number)

14185 Dallas Parkway, Suite 1100

75254

Dallas, Texas

(Zip code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (972) 490-9600

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ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On January 23, 2006, Ashford Hospitality Trust, Inc. (the Company) announced that it closed on its sale of two non-core Howard Johnson hotels for approximately \$11.0 million.

The press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(b) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of the Company, dated January 23, 2006, announcing the aforementioned sale of two hotels.

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SIGNATURE

Pursuant to the requirements of Section 12 of the Securities and Exchange Act of 1934, the registrant has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized. Dated: January 23, 2006

ASHFORD HOSPITALITY TRUST, INC.

By: /s/ DAVID A. BROOKS David A. Brooks Chief Legal Officer