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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) FEBRUARY 4, 2005

CRAWFORD & COMPANY

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

GEORGIA

(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10356

58-0506554

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

5620 GLENRIDGE DRIVE, N.E., ATLANTA, GEORGIA

30342

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(404) 256-0830

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

N/A

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

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On February 1, 2005, Crawford & Company (the "Company") entered into a Change of Control and Severance Agreement with Thomas W. Crawford, President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company. The agreement provides in the event that Mr. Crawford's employment with the Company is terminated due to the Company being bought or sold such that there is a material change in control, the Company agrees to provide eighteen (18) months of Mr. Crawford's then current base salary. Additionally, all stock options granted to Mr. Crawford will immediately vest and become exercisable for a ninety (90) day period following the date of termination. The agreement also provides that in the event Mr. Crawford is terminated by Crawford in his first year of employment, for reasons other than cause, he will be provided severance compensation equal to six (6) months of his then current base salary. The agreement also provides that, prior to the severance amounts being paid and options vesting, that the Company and Mr. Crawford agree to mutually acceptable terms of confidentiality, non-solicitation, cooperation and other reasonable and customary terms of a severance agreement at the time of his termination of employment. Mr. Crawford became President and Chief Executive Officer of the Company September 1, 2004.

Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers

On February 1, 2005, the Board of Directors of Crawford & Company (the "Company") elected James D. Edwards as a Director of the Company increasing the size of the Board to eight (8).

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

The following exhibit is filed herewith:

Exhibit Number	Descriptions
10.1	Change of Control and Severance Agreement, dated February 1, 2005, between Thomas W. Crawford and Crawford & Company

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.

CRAWFORD & COMPANY

By: /s/ Peter J. Rescigno

Peter J. Rescigno
Senior Vice President - General

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Counsel & Corporate Secretary

Dated: February 4, 2005