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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): October 10, 2011

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

	Delaware	000-26068	95-4405754	
(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number)			(IRS Employer	
	incorporation)		Identification No.)	
		port Center Drive Beach, California	92660	
	•	ncipal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	
Regi	istrant's telephone numl	per, including area code: (94	19) 480-8300	
		Not app	olicable	
		(Former name or former address	ss, if changed since last repor	t.)
		below if the Form 8-K filing is the following provisions (see Ge		•
[]	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)			
[]	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			

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On October 10, 2011, Unified Messaging Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a Patent License and Settlement Agreement with Reliant Energy Retail Holdings, LLC.

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.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: October 12, 2011 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan Title: Chairman and Chief

Executive Officer