

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
August 31, 2012

**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): August 30, 2012

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-26068 95-4405754  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation) (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**500 Newport Center Drive** 92660

**Newport Beach, California**  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(949) 480-8300**

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):

- ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- ☐ 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 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On August 30, 2012, Portal Technologies LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a License and Settlement Agreement with AOL Inc. The License and Settlement Agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 2:11-cv-00438 that was pending in the United States District Court, Eastern District of Texas.

**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: August 31, 2012 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer