

ACUITY BRANDS INC  
Form 8-K  
January 12, 2005

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**UNITED STATES**  
**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549**

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**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 12, 2005

**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-16583**  
(Commission File Number)

**58-2632672**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**30309**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **404-853-1400**

Not Applicable

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

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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 5.05. Amendments to the Registrant's Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics**

On January 6, 2005, the Board of Directors of Acuity Brands, Inc. (the Registrant) approved the Registrant's revised Code of Ethics and Business Conduct (the Code). The revised Code is furnished as an exhibit to this filing. It can also be found on the Registrant's website at [www.acuitybrands.com](http://www.acuitybrands.com).

The revisions to the Code include, but are not limited to, the expansion of areas addressed under certain sections of the Code and the clarification of certain definitions contained in the Code.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(c) Exhibits

| <u>Designation</u> | <u>Description</u>                  |
|--------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 14                 | Code of Ethics and Business Conduct |

**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, thereunto duly authorized.

Date: January 12, 2005

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Vernon J. Nagel  
Vernon J. Nagel

Chairman and Chief Executive Officer