

SolarWinds, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
January 15, 2013

**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**

**January 10, 2013**

**Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)**

**SOLARWINDS, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)**

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(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**3711 South MoPac Expressway Building Two Austin,**

**Texas**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

**78746**  
(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (512) 682-9300**

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 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On Thursday, January 10, 2013, SolarWinds appointed Douglas Hibberd as its Executive Vice President for Strategic Operations. Mr. Hibberd had been SolarWinds Executive Vice President, Engineering since 2011. Mr. Hibberd will continue to report to Kevin Thompson, President and Chief Executive Officer. Mark Szygenda, Solarwinds current Senior Vice President of Engineering & Global Operations will continue carrying out his responsibilities leading the engineering organization and will now report directly to Kevin Thompson.

Mr. Hibberd will continue to leverage his knowledge of the SolarWinds model and his expertise in organizational design and business process to lead the Company's efforts in developing new international operating locations, leading the integration activities for acquired companies and leading SolarWinds strategic expansion into new geographic and product markets.

**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.

SOLARWINDS, INC.

Date: January 15, 2013

By: /s/ Kevin B. Thompson  
Kevin B. Thompson  
*President and Chief Executive Officer*