

DUN & BRADSTREET CORP/NW

Form 8-K

September 12, 2006

**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): September 5, 2006**

**THE DUN & BRADSTREET CORPORATION**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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

**1-15967**  
(Commission  
File Number)

**22-3725387**  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

**103 JFK Parkway, Short Hills,  
NJ**  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

**07078**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(973) 921-5500**  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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**PURPOSE OF FILING**

The purpose of this filing is to report that one of our executive officers has terminated her existing pre-arranged trading plan and has entered into a new pre-arranged trading plan and that one of our executive officers has entered into a new pre-arranged trading plan. Both pre-arranged trading plans were established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and on terms consistent with our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines.

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**Item 8.01 Other Events.**

On September 5, 2006, Patricia A. Clifford, our Senior Vice President, Human Resources, terminated her existing pre-arranged trading plan, which plan was previously disclosed on a Current Report on Form 8-K dated May 8, 2006, and entered into a new pre-arranged trading plan established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and on terms consistent with our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines. On September 8, 2006, Michael Pepe, our President D&B U.S., entered into a pre-arranged trading plan established in accordance with Rule 10b5-1 under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and on terms consistent with our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines.

In accordance with our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines, Ms. Clifford and Mr. Pepe are required, among other things, to maintain a minimum level of stock ownership equal in value to four times their respective annual salary. Additional details regarding our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines as they apply to our executive officers and other members of senior management can be found in our Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on March 23, 2006 and in future Proxy Statement filings with the SEC.

Pursuant to Ms. Clifford's trading plan, she intends to exercise options to purchase an aggregate of 14,090 shares of our Common Stock over a period of time beginning in October 2006. Of the shares received upon each such exercise, the trading plan provides for the immediate sale of: (i) that number of shares necessary to satisfy the related option exercise price; (ii) that number of shares necessary to satisfy all applicable withholding taxes; and (iii) fifty percent of the net remaining shares after deducting the shares necessary to satisfy (i) and (ii). In accordance with our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines, the other fifty percent of the net remaining shares will be held by Ms. Clifford for at least one year from the date of the related option exercise. A Statement of Changes in Beneficial Ownership of Securities on Form 4 will be filed with the SEC as required in connection with transactions completed under Ms. Clifford's trading plan.

Pursuant to Mr. Pepe's trading plan, he intends to exercise options to purchase an aggregate of 22,175 shares of our Common Stock in November 2006 and to sell all such shares immediately upon exercise. The transactions under Mr. Pepe's trading plan will be effected after the end of his employment with our company and, therefore, he will no longer be subject to our Executive Stock Ownership Guidelines.

All shares will be sold in the open market at prevailing market prices.

Ms. Clifford and Mr. Pepe have adopted their respective trading plans at a time when they were not aware of material nonpublic information about our company. Similar plans may be adopted by our officers or directors in the future. We do not undertake to report Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any of our officers or directors in the future, or to report any modifications or termination of any publicly announced plan, except to the extent required by law.

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**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.

**The Dun & Bradstreet Corporation**

By: /s/ David J. Lewinter  
David J. Lewinter  
Senior Vice President General Counsel,  
Corporate Secretary & Global  
Reengineering

DATE: September 8, 2006