

BLACK BOX CORP  
Form SC TO-C  
October 26, 2007

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**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549  
SCHEDULE TO  
(Rule 13e-4)  
TENDER OFFER STATEMENT UNDER SECTION 14(d)(1) OR 13(e)(1)  
OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934  
BLACK BOX CORPORATION**

*(Name of Subject Company (Issuer) and Filing Person (Issuer and Offeror))*  
**Options to Purchase Shares of Common Stock, Par Value \$0.001 Per Share**  
*(Title of Class of Securities)*

**091826 10 7**  
*(CUSIP Number of Class of Securities)*  
*(Underlying Common Stock)*

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This Schedule TO is being filed by Black Box Corporation, a Delaware corporation ( Black Box ), pursuant to General Instruction D to Schedule TO. The attached exhibit is a communication to Black Box employees from the Chief Financial Officer of Black Box regarding a proposed tender offer to amend or replace certain options granted under the Black Box Corporation 1992 Stock Option Plan so that holders of such options can mitigate adverse tax consequences under Internal Revenue Code Section 409A.

This communication is not an offer to amend or replace stock options. The tender offer may be commenced at such time as determined in the discretion of Black Box. At the time an offer is commenced, Black Box will provide holders of eligible options with written materials explaining the precise terms and timing of the offer. Persons who are eligible to participate in the offer should read these written materials carefully when they become available because they contain important information about the offer. Black Box will also file these written materials with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC ) as part of a tender offer statement upon the commencement of the offer. Eligible option holders will be able to obtain these written materials and other documents filed by Black Box with the SEC free of charge from the SEC s website at [www.sec.gov](http://www.sec.gov) and materials will be provided to eligible option holders. Additional copies of the tender offer statement and its exhibits can be obtained from Black Box.

**Item 12. Exhibits**

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