

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 19, 2009

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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): May 18, 2009

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION  
(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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| Delaware  | 000-26068                   | 95-4405754                              |
| (State or Other Jurisdiction<br>of Incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 500 Newport Center Drive,<br>Newport Beach, California | 92660      |
| (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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On May 18, 2009, Performance Pricing, Inc., a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement agreement with Yahoo! Inc. The settlement agreement resolves patent litigation, Case No. 2:07-cv-432 (LED), that was pending against Yahoo! In the United States District Court for the 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: May 19, 2009

By: /s/ Paul R.  
Ryan  
Name: Paul R. Ryan  
Title: Chairman and Chief  
Executive Officer