

ACACIA RESEARCH CORP  
Form 8-K  
December 23, 2011

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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): December 6, 2011

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

000-26068  
(Commission File Number)

95-4405754  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

500 Newport Center Drive  
Newport Beach, California  
(Address of principal executive offices)

92660  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300

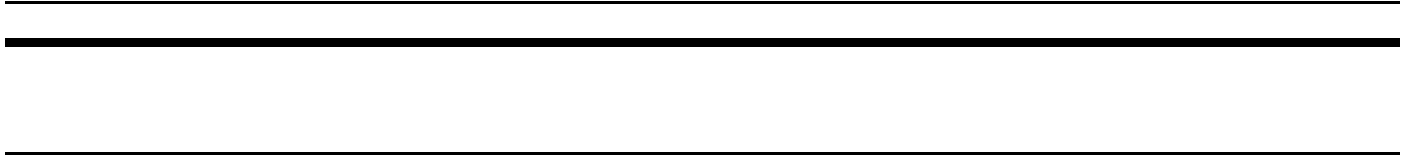
Not applicable

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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))



Item 8.01 Other Events.

Summit Data Systems LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, has entered into a settlement agreement with HighPoint Technologies, Inc. This agreement resolves patent litigation that was pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

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: December 9, 2011

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