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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

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

OCTOBER 27, 2004

SCANSOFT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 000-27038 94-3156479

(State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission File Number) (IRS Employer Incorporation) Identification No.)

9 CENTENNIAL DRIVE
PEABODY, MASSACHUSETTS 01960
(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(978) 977-2000 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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):

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ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT.

On October 27, 2004, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of

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ScanSoft, Inc. (the "Company") approved a \$100,000 increase in Steve Chambers', President of the Company's SpeechWorks Solutions Division, target bonus (from \$50,000 to \$150,000). The amount of target bonus actually paid to Mr. Chambers will be based on the achievement of certain Company and individual objectives. The Compensation Committee also approved the grant of (i) a stock option, with one-year cliff vesting, to Mr. Chambers under the Company's 2000 Stock Plan to purchase 50,000 shares of the Company's Common Stock at an exercise price equal to the closing price of a share of the Company's Common Stock on November 1, 2004, and (ii) a restricted stock unit award for 12,500 shares of the Company's Common Stock to Mr. Chambers, valued at \$50,000, which will vest in full on December 31, 2004.

The form of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement and the form of Stock Option Agreement are attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and Exhibit 10.2, respectively, and are incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

- (c) Exhibits
- 10.1 Form of Restricted Stock Purchase Agreement.
- 10.2 Form of Stock Option Agreement.

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.

SCANSOFT, INC.

By: /s/ James R. Arnold, Jr.

James R. Arnold, Jr. Chief Financial Officer

Date: November 2, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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