ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP Form SC 13G February 14, 2006

# UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, D.C. 20549

SCHEDULE 13G (Rule 13d-102)

Information Statement Pursuant to Rules 13d-1 and 13d-2 Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (Amendment No.)\*

# ECHOSTAR COMMUNICATIONS CORP (Name of Issuer)

American Depository Receipt (Title of Class of Securities)

278762109 (CUSIP Number)

\*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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# CUSIP NO. 278762109

1.	NAME OF DEPORTING	DEDCOM			
1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON				
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_	Harris Associates L.P. 04				
2.		PRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*			
	(a)				
	(b)				
3.	SEC USE ONLY				
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLAC	OF ORGANIZATION			
		5.		SOLE VOTING POWER	
NUI	MBER OF SHARES			None	
I	BENEFICIALLY	6.		SHARED VOTING POWER	
	OWNED BY			13,106,825	
	EACH	7.		SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	REPORTING	, ,		1,581,825	
	PERSON	8.		SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER	
	WITH	0.		11,525,000	
9. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
).	13,106,825				
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES				
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11.	PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)				
	6.20%				
12.	TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*				
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# CUSIP NO. 278762109

1.	NAME OF REPORTING PERSON					
	S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON					
	Harris Associates Inc. 04-3276549					
2.	2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP*					
	(a)					
	(b)					
3.	SEC USE ONLY					
4.	CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION					
	Delaware					
		5.	SOLE VOTING POWER			
NUMBER OF			None			
SHARES		6.	SHARED VOTING POWER			
	BENEFICIALLY		13,106,825			
OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON		7.	SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			1,581,825			
		8.	SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER			
			11,525,000			
	WITH					
9.	AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON					
10	13,106,825					
10.	CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (9) EXCLUDES CERTAIN SHARES*					
11.	11. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (9)					
1.2	6.20%					
12.	12. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON*					
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Residence:

Item 1(a) Name of Issuer: Echostar Communications Corp.

1(b) Address of Issuer's Principal Executive Offices: 9601 S. Meridian Blvd. Englewood, CO 80112

Item 2(a) Name of Person Filing: Harris Associates L.P. ("Harris")

Harris Associates Inc. ("General Partner")

2(b) Address of Principal Business Office or, if none, Both Harris and the General Partner maintain their

principal offices at:

Two North LaSalle Street, Suite 500

Chicago, IL 60602-3790

2(c) Citizenship: Harris is a Delaware limited partnership.

The General Partner is a Delaware corporation.

2(d) Title of Class of Securities: American Depository Receipt

2(e) CUSIP Number: 278762109
Item 3 If this statement if filed pursuant to Rules Not applicable.

13d-1(b), or 13d-2(b):

Item 4 Ownership (at December 31, 2005): 13,106,825 shares

4(a) By reason of advisory and other relationships with the person who owns the Shares, Harris may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the following shares:

4(b) Percent of Class: 6.20%

4(c) Number of shares as to which such person has: (i)

sole power to vote or to direct the vote:

(ii) shared power to vote or to direct the vote:

(iii) sole power to dispose or to direct the disposition

1,581,825

of:

(iv) shared power to dispose or to direct the disposition 11,525,000 of:

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Harris has been granted the power to vote Shares in circumstances it determines to be appropriate in connection with assisting its advised clients to whom it renders financial advise in the ordinary course of business, by either providing information or advice to the persons having such power, or by exercising the power to vote.

In addition, Harris serves as investment adviser to the Harris Associates Investment Trust (the Trust), and various of Harris' officers and directors are also officers and trustees of the Trust. Harris does not consider that the Trust is controlled by such persons. The Trust, through its various series, owns 11,525,000 Shares, which are included as Shares over which Harris has shared voting and dispositive power, and thus, as Shares beneficially owned by Harris because of Harris power to manage the Trusts investments.

Item 5 Ownership of Five Percent or Less of a Class: Not Applicable.

Item 6 Ownership of More than Five Percent on Behalf of Another Person:

Not Applicable.

Item 7 Identification and Classification of the Subsidiary which Acquired the Security Being Reported on by the Parent Holding Company:

Not Applicable.

Item 8 Identification and Classification of Members of the Group: Not Applicable.

Item 9 Notice of Dissolution of Group: Not Applicable.

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## Item 10 Certification:

By signing below I certify that, to the best of my knowledge and belief, the securities referred to above were acquired in the ordinary course of business and were not acquired for the purpose of and do not have the effect of changing or influencing the control of the issuer of such securities and were not acquired in connection with or as a participant in any transaction having such purpose or effect.

## **SIGNATURE**

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of my knowledge and belief, I certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: February 13, 2006

Harris Associates, Inc., for itself and, as General partner of Harris Associates L.P.

By:/s/ Margaret K. McLaughlin Margaret K. McLaughlin Assistant General Counsel