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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 23, 2006

CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas (State of incorporation)

1-9733

75-2018239

(Commission File No.)

(IRS Employer Identification

No.)

1600 West 7th Street

Fort Worth, Texas 76102

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (817) 335-1100

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On May 23, 2006, Cash America International, Inc. (the Company) entered into an Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreement with Jerry Wackerhagen, its Executive Vice President and Chief Information Officer.

The agreement has the same provisions as the Executive Change-in-Control Severance Agreements between the Company and its other executive vice presidents, which are described in the Company s 2006 Proxy Statement. Mr. Wackerhagen s agreement provides that if he is terminated other than for cause within twenty-four months after a change in control of the Company (as that term is defined in the agreement), then he will be entitled to (1) earned and unpaid salary, (2) a pro-rated portion of the target bonus under the existing bonus plan based on the number of months employed during the year, (3) a lump sum equal to two times the executive s annual salary, (4) a lump sum equal to two times the greater of (i) the target bonus for the year, or (ii) the actual bonus for the preceding year, (5) immediate vesting of any outstanding unvested cash-based and equity-based long-term incentive awards, (6) continued health benefits for twenty-four months, and (7) executive placement services from an executive search/placement firm. In addition, the Company would be obligated to pay Mr. Wackerhagen an amount sufficient to cover the costs of any excise tax that may be triggered by the payments referred to in the preceding sentence, together with an amount sufficient to cover his additional state and federal income, excise, and employment taxes that may arise on this additional payment.

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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.

CASH AMERICA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Date: May 24, 2006 By: /s/ J. Curtis Linscott

J. Curtis Linscott

Executive Vice President, General

Counsel & Secretary