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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 26, 2006

**ACTUANT CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Wisconsin  
(State or other  
jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-11288  
(Commission File Number)

39-0168619  
(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

6100 North Baker Road  
Milwaukee, WI 53209

Mailing address: P.O. Box 3241, Milwaukee, Wisconsin 53201  
(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 352-4160

N/A  
(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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 5.02     Departure of Directors or Principal Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Principal Officers**

Dennis Williams was appointed to the Board of Directors, effective May 26, 2006. Mr. Williams recently retired from IDEX Corporation where he held the positions of President, Chief Executive Officer and Chairman of the Board from 2000 to 2006. A copy of the press release issued by Actuant Corporation is attached as Exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01     Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1     Press Release of Actuant Corporation dated May 26, 2006 regarding the appointment of Dennis Williams to the Board of Directors

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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.

Date: June 2, 2006

ACTUANT CORPORATION

/s/ Andrew G. Lampereur

Name: Andrew G. Lampereur

Title: Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

**Exhibit No.**

**Description**

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

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**ACTUANT APPOINTS DENNIS WILLIAMS AS NEW DIRECTOR**

**MILWAUKEE, WI**, May 26, 2006 — Actuant Corporation (NYSE:ATU) announced today that Dennis Williams has been appointed to the Actuant Board of Directors, effective immediately.

Mr. Williams recently retired from IDEX Corporation where he had served as Chairman of the Board, President, and CEO from 2000 to 2006. Prior to 2000, Dennis had a long career with General Electric, most recently as President and Chief Executive Officer for GE Power Systems Industrial Products.

Commenting on the announcement, Bob Arzbaeher, Actuant's Chairman and CEO, said, "We are pleased to announce the addition of Dennis to Actuant's Board of Directors. His experience at both IDEX and General Electric will be of great value to Actuant. The rest of the Board and I look forward to his contributions and counsel on the various opportunities facing Actuant."

**About Actuant**

Actuant, headquartered in Glendale, Wisconsin, is a diversified industrial company with operations in more than 30 countries. The Actuant businesses are market leaders in highly engineered position and motion control systems and branded hydraulic and electrical tools and supplies. Since its creation through a spin-off in 2000, Actuant has grown its sales from \$482 million to over \$1 billion and its market capitalization from \$113 million to over \$1.5 billion. The company employs a workforce of approximately 6,000 worldwide. Actuant Corporation trades on the NYSE under the symbol ATU. For further information on Actuant and its business units, visit the Company's website at [www.actuant.com](http://www.actuant.com).

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