

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): **November 1, 2004**

**AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other  
jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

**1-5397**

(Commission  
File Number)

**22-1467904**

(IRS Employer  
Identification  
No.)

**One ADP Boulevard, Roseland, New Jersey**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**07068**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(973) 974-5000**

**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:

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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**

On June 22, 2004, Automatic Data Processing, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("ADP"), announced that it had entered into a Stock Purchase Agreement by and among ADP, ADP Atlantic, Inc., a Delaware corporation ("ADP Atlantic"), Quick & Reilly/Fleet Securities, Inc., a Delaware corporation and the Bank of America Corporation, a Delaware corporation, pursuant to which ADP Atlantic agreed to acquire all of the issued and outstanding shares of the capital stock of Fleet Securities Inc., a New York corporation, as well as certain assets and liabilities of the BrokerDealer Services division of Banc of America Securities LLC. ADP completed the previously announced acquisition on November 1, 2004.

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.

Date: November 2, 2004

AUTOMATIC DATA PROCESSING, INC.

By: /s/ Karen E. Dykstra

Name: Karen E. Dykstra

Title: Chief Financial Officer