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Form 11-K
June 28, 2004

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549

FORM 11-K

Annual Report Pursuant to Section 15(d)
of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

For the year ended December 31, 2003

Commission file number 0-13880

A. Full title of the Plan

ENGINEERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC. EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

B. Name of the issuer of the securities held pursuant to the plan and the
address of its principal executive offices:

ENGINEERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC.
201 EVANS LANE
ST. LOUIS, MISSOURI 63121
(314) 553-4000

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SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the
Plan Administrator has duly caused this Annual Report to be signed by the
undersigned, thereunto duly authorized.

ENGINEERED SUPPORT SYSTEMS, INC.
EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

Date: June 28, 2004

/s/ Gary C. Gerhardt

Gary C. Gerhardt
Vice Chairman and Chief Financial Officer of
Engineered Support Systems, Inc.
and Member of the Administrative
Committee of the Plan

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EMPLOYEE STOCK OWNERSHIP PLAN

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