UNITED STATES

SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

Washington, DC 20549
FORM 8-K
CURRENT REPORT

CURRENT REPORT PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported):

February 8, 2005

AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE (State or other jurisdiction

1-7476 (Commission File Number) 63-0591257 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

AMSOUTH CENTER

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1900 FIFTH AVENUE NORTH

BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA 35203

(Address, including zip code, of principal executive office)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (205) 320-7151

Not applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On February 8, 2005, the Human Resources Committee (the Committee) of AmSouth Bancorporation (the Company) granted performance units and stock options pursuant to the Company s 1996 Long Term Incentive Compensation Plan (the Plan) to the Chief Executive Officer and the next four most highly compensated executive officers of the Company. A copy of the Plan is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to the Company s Report on Form 10-Q for the quarter ending September 30, 2004, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission. A copy of the forms of Performance Unit Grant Agreement and Stock Option Grant Agreement are included with this current report on Form 8-K as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- 10.1 Form of Performance Unit Grant Agreement
- 10.2 Form of Stock Option Grant Agreement

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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.

AMSOUTH BANCORPORATION

By: /s/ Carl L. Gorday

Name: Carl L. Gorday Title: Assistant Secretary

Date: February 11, 2005