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Form 8-K

October 20, 2004

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: October 20, 2004  
(Date of earliest event reported)

ERESEARCHTECHNOLOGY, INC.

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(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

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| DELAWARE  | 0-29100                     | 22-3264604                              |
| -----   | -----                       | -----                                   |
| (State or other jurisdiction<br>of incorporation) | (Commission<br>File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer<br>Identification No.) |

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| 30 SOUTH 17TH STREET, PHILADELPHIA, PA   | 19103      |
| -----                                    | -----      |
| (Address of principal executive offices) | (Zip Code) |

215-972-0420

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(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

ITEM 2.02 RESULTS OF OPERATIONS AND FINANCIAL CONDITION

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On October 20, 2004, eResearchTechnology, Inc. issued a press release reporting its results of operations for the quarter ended September 30, 2004 and providing financial guidance for fiscal 2004 and 2005. A copy of that press release is filed herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits
  - 99.1 Press Release dated October 20, 2004 of eResearchTechnology, Inc.

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.

ERESEARCHTECHNOLOGY, INC.  
(Registrant)

Date: October 20, 2004

By: Bruce Johnson

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Bruce Johnson  
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

| EXHIBIT NO. | EXHIBIT   |
|-------------|---|
| 99.1        | Press Release dated October 20, 2004 of eResearchTechnology, Inc. |