

COVANCE INC  
Form DEFA14A  
April 19, 2011

UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
Washington, D.C. 20549

**SCHEDULE 14A**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified In Its Charter)

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April 18, 2011

Dear Fellow Shareholder:

We have previously provided you with proxy materials for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders of Covance Inc., to be held on May 12, 2011. **Our Board of Directors unanimously recommends that you vote FOR proposals 1, 2, and 4; ONE YEAR on proposal 3; and AGAINST proposal 5.**

**Your vote is important** no matter how many or how few shares you may own. If you have not already done so, **please vote TODAY by telephone, via the Internet, or by signing, dating and returning the enclosed voting instruction form in the postage-paid envelope provided.**

Very truly yours,

James W. Lovett

Corporate Senior Vice President,

General Counsel and Secretary

**REMEMBER: You may vote your shares by telephone or via the Internet simply follow the easy instructions on the enclosed voting instruction form.**

If you have any questions, or need assistance in voting

your shares, please call our proxy solicitor,

**INNISFREE M&A INCORPORATED**

**TOLL-FREE, at (888) 750-5834.**

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