

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.
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UNITED STATES
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, DC 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): **March 29, 2016**

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Massachusetts
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-24049
(Commission
file number)

04-2372210
(IRS employer
identification no.)

200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts
(Address of principal executive offices)

02116
(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 425-3000**

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Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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 - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.

On March 29, 2016, the compensation committee of our board of directors set the performance criteria and goals for and target and maximum amounts payable under performance awards based on fiscal 2016 performance granted to our executive officers under our cash incentive plan. These performance awards are payable in cash and only to the extent certain performance goals specified by our compensation committee are achieved in fiscal 2016. For each of our executive officers, 70% of the target amount payable under the executive officer's performance award is tied to the achievement of performance goals based on objective financial criteria as follows: 35% of this target amount is tied to our consolidated fiscal 2016 non-GAAP net revenue and 35% of this target amount is tied to our consolidated fiscal 2016 non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA. For these purposes, these non-GAAP financial metrics will exclude the impact of our NeuCo subsidiary, acquisitions, discontinued operations and extraordinary and special items as determined by our compensation committee, and Adjusted EBITDA will generally exclude from income from operations the following non-cash expenses: depreciation and amortization, share-based compensation expense, and amortization of forgivable loans. For each of our executive officers, the remaining 30% of the target amount payable under the executive officer's performance award is tied to the achievement of specified subjective individual performance goals. The payment made under this individual component of the performance award granted to our president and chief executive officer, Paul Maleh, cannot in any event exceed an objective formula amount determined based upon our consolidated fiscal 2016 non-GAAP Adjusted EBITDA. In addition to the components described above, our executive vice president and chief strategy officer, Arnold Lowenstein, will have the opportunity to receive a supplemental payment under his performance award based on the revenue sourced by him in fiscal 2016. The components of these performance awards with payments tied to or limited by the achievement of objective financial criteria are intended to be qualified performance-based compensation within the meaning of Section 162(m) of the Internal Revenue Code, and the components of these performance awards with payments tied to the achievement of specified subjective individual performance goals and not so limited are not. The target and maximum amounts payable to our executive officers under these performance awards are as follows: Mr. Maleh target of \$900,000 and maximum of \$1,638,000; Chad Holmes, our chief financial officer, executive vice president and treasurer target of \$275,000 and maximum of \$500,500; and Mr. Lowenstein target of \$200,000 and maximum of \$364,000 (which does not include the revenue sourcing component of his award, as this component does not have a predetermined target or maximum payment). The formula amounts payable under these performance awards are subject to the full discretion of our compensation committee to reduce or eliminate the amount actually paid under any component of these awards. In addition, our compensation committee may in its discretion reduce or defer any amount otherwise payable under each of these performance awards for purposes of preserving the deductibility of the compensation payable to our executive officers.

In addition, on March 29, 2016, our compensation committee determined the annual rates of base salary for our executive officers for fiscal 2016, which are as follows: Mr. Maleh

\$660,000; Mr. Holmes \$350,000 ; and Mr. Lowenstein \$400,000. The committee also established the following target grant date fair values for grants of equity compensation to our executive officers under our long-term incentive program and our 2006 equity incentive plan: Mr. Maleh \$1,000,000; Mr. Holmes \$300,000; and Mr. Lowenstein \$300,000. Our compensation committee retains the discretion to decide the actual value of any equity awards to be granted, and the timing and terms of such equity grants, if any.

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.

CRA INTERNATIONAL, INC.

Dated: March 31, 2016

By:

/s/ Paul Maleh
Paul Maleh
Chief Executive Officer and President