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# 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 (Date of earliest event reported):

January 10, 2006

ABM Industries Incorporated

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

1-8929 (Commission File Number) **94-1369354** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

# 160 Pacific Avenue, Suite 222, San Francisco, California

**94111** (Zip Code)

(Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code (415) 733-4000 Not Applicable

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

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## Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

On January 10, 2006, the Governance Committee of the Board of Directors (Governance Committee) agreed to continue on a pro rata basis through January 31, 2006, the \$50,000 annual payment to Martinn H. Mandles, the Chairman of the Board, for transition services. The Chairman continues to receive his annual retainer of \$36,000 as a non-employee director and an additional retainer of \$36,000 as Chairman of the Board as well as meeting fees. On January 10, 2006, the Governance Committee also agreed to continue on a pro rata basis through January 31, 2006, the \$100,000 annual payment to Theodore Rosenberg. After January 31, 2006, Mr. Rosenberg will receive the same annual retainer and meeting fees as other non-employee directors.

### **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.

### ABM INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED

Dated: January 17, 2006 By: /s/ Linda S. Auwers

Linda S. Auwers

Senior Vice President and

General Counsel