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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

October 18, 2006
Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its Charter)

<u>Delaware</u> (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation) 000-26068 (Commission File Number) 95-4405754 (I.R.S. EmployerIdentification No.)

500 Newport Center Drive, <u>Newport Beach, California 92660</u> (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(949) 480-8300

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

Not Applicable

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

ITEM 7.01. REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On October 18, 2006, Acacia Research Corporation issued a press release, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

- (c) Exhibits:
- 99.1 Press Release dated October 18, 2006, of the Registrant.
- 99.2 Letter from Food and Drug Administration, Department of Health & Human Services

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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.

ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: October 18, 2006 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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