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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): September 17, 2008

### ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

De	laware	000-26068	95-4405754	
(State or other	er jurisdiction of	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer	
incorporation)			Identification No.)	
500 Newport Center Drive			92660	
	Newport E	seach, California		
(	Address of princ	cipal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	
Registrant's	telephone numb	er, including area code: (9	49) 480-8300	
		Not applicable		
	(Former nan	ne or former address, if chang	ed since last report.)	
		_	s intended to simultaneously s eneral Instruction A.2. below):	•
[]	Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)			
[]	Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)			
[ ] Pre-comm	mencement com	nunications pursuant to Rule	14d-2(b) under the Exchange A	Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
[ ] Pre-com	mencement com	munications pursuant to Rule	13e-4(c) under the Exchange A	Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 17, 2008, Priority Access Solutions Corporation, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a settlement and license agreement with International Business Machines Corporation. The settlement and license agreement resolves patent litigation, Case No. 6:07-cv-00447, that was pending in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Texas.

#### **SIGNATURE**

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: September 17, 2008 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer