#### 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): August 26, 2009

#### ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction of	000-26068 (Commission File Number)	95-4405754 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
incorporation)		(into Employer Identification into.)

500 Newport Center Drive	92660
Newport Beach, California	
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300

Not applicable

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

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oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

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Item 8.01 Other Events.

Data Network Storage LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, has entered into a settlement and license agreement with American Megatrends, Inc. This agreement resolves patent litigation, Civil Action No. 3-2009-cv-00658, that was pending in the United States District Court for the Southern District of California.

### 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: August 26, 2009

By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan Name: Paul R. Ryan Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Office