

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP
Form 8-K
December 13, 2013

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: **December 10, 2013**

(Date of earliest event reported)

**INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES
CORPORATION**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State of Incorporation)

1-2360
(Commission File Number)

13-0871985
(IRS employer Identification No.)

ARMONK, NEW YORK
(Address of principal executive offices)

10504
(Zip Code)

914-499-1900
(Registrant's telephone number)

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 - ☐ 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(e) (Compensatory Arrangement for Named Executive Officer)

On December 10, 2013, the company entered into a consulting arrangement with Mark Loughridge, Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer, Finance and Enterprise Transformation. For a period of three months after Mr. Loughridge's retirement on December 31, 2013, he may be asked, from time to time, to provide services to the company as an independent contractor. The fee for such services would be \$7,000 per day for each day he provides four or more hours of services and \$3,500 per day for each day that he provides less than four hours.

The consulting arrangement is set forth in the Letter attached as Exhibit 99.1.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

**Exhibit
Number**

Description of Exhibit

99.1 Letter

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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.

Date: December 13, 2013

By:

/s/ Michelle H. Browdy
Michelle H. Browdy
Vice President,
Assistant General Counsel &
Secretary