

WENDYS INTERNATIONAL INC  
Form 8-K  
October 07, 2005

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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):

October 3, 2005

WENDY'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio

001-08116

31-0785108

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

4288 West Dublin-Granville Road, Dublin,  
Ohio

43017

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:

614-764-3100

Not Applicable

Former name or former address, if changed since last report

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

On October 3, 2005, in connection with the organizational change reported by Wendy's International, Inc. (the "Company") on September 19, 2005, the Company entered into a Release and Settlement Agreement (the "Agreement") with Thomas J. Mueller, the Company's former President and Chief Operating Officer – North America. Pursuant to the Agreement, Mr. Mueller will hold the title of Vice President and Special Advisor to the Chief Executive Officer and will be entitled to (i) a continuation of his bi-weekly base salary; (ii) continued participation in all Company benefit plans, except for the short-term and long-term disability plans and accrual of vacation credits; and (iii) continued use of the Company leased automobile until termination of employment. Mr. Mueller's employment with the Company will terminate as of January 2, 2006. Upon termination, the Company will pay the lessor the cost to purchase the Company automobile. The Agreement contains non-compete provisions that run through December 29, 2006. Contingent upon Mr. Mueller complying with the non-compete provisions of the Agreement, the Company will pay Mr. Mueller \$825,000 on July 5, 2006 and payment of \$412,500 on each of September 29 and December 29, 2006. Any breach of the non-compete obligations by Mr. Mueller shall entitle the Company to reimbursement of all amounts paid under the non-compete provisions of the Agreement. The terms of the Agreement further provide for a general release of all claims and other customary provisions.

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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.

*October 7, 2005*

WENDY'S INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: *Kerrii B. Anderson*

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*Name: Kerrii B. Anderson*

*Title: Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer*