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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 9, 2004

BIG LOTS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Ohio	1-8897	06-1119097
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

300 Phillipi Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

(614) 278-6800
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement

Pursuant to the Big Lots, Inc. Amended and Restated Director Stock Option Plan, as amended (the "Director Plan"), Big Lots, Inc. ("Company") grants to its outside directors the right to purchase the Company's common shares. The Nominating and Compensation Committee of the Company's Board of Directors ("Nominating and Compensation Committee") has adopted a form of agreement under which grants are made to the outside directors under the Director Plan. Filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.1 is the form of agreement for the Director Plan.

Pursuant to the Big Lots, Inc. 1996 Performance Incentive Plan, as amended (the "Incentive Plan"), the Company grants to certain of its employees, including the "named executive officers" (as that term is defined in Item 402(a)(3) of Regulation S-K), the right to purchase the Company's common shares. The Nominating and Compensation Committee has adopted a form of agreement under which grants are made to employees under the Incentive Plan. Filed with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 10.2 is the form of agreement for the Incentive Plan.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

Exhibit Number	Description
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10.1	Form of Agreement under the Big Lots, Inc. Amended and Restated Director Stock Option Plan
10.2	Form of Agreement under the Big Lots, Inc. 1996 Performance Incentive Plan

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.

BIG LOTS, INC.

By: /s/ Charles W. Haubiel II

Charles W. Haubiel II
Vice President, General Counsel
and Corporate Secretary

Date: September 13, 2004