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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 23, 2008

GSE SYSTEMS, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 1-14785 52-1868008
(State or other (Commission File (I.R.S. Employer jurisdiction of number) Identification Number)
Number)

1332 Londontown Blvd., Suite 200, Sykesville, MD 21784

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

(410) 970-7800

Registrant's telephone number, including area code

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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

Non-Statutory Stock Option Awards

On October 23, 2008, certain officers, directors and employees of the Company were awarded stock options in accordance with the provisions of the Company's Amended and Restated 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). The Plan was approved at the Company's Annual Meeting of Stockholders on December 13, 2007. The purpose of the Plan is to promote the long-term growth and profitability of the Company by (i) providing key people with incentives to improve stockholder value and to contribute to the growth and financial success of the Company and (ii) enabling the Company to attract, retain and reward the best available persons. The Company may, to the extent permitted by law, deduct any tax obligations from any payment of any kind otherwise due to the grantee or the holder of any such awards made pursuant to the Plan.

The October 23, 2008 option grants were made to fifty-four (54) individuals. The aggregate number of shares of the Company's common stock issuable upon exercise of the options is 770,833. The stock options awarded pursuant to the Plan are evidenced by option agreements, the form and substance of which are substantially similar to the Non-statutory Stock Option Agreement in the form attached as Exhibit 10.2 hereto and incorporated herein by reference. The following table provides information on the stock options granted to the Company's directors and executive officers.

Name	Title	Number of Securities Underlying Options Granted (1)	Exercise or Base Price (\$/share)	Expiration Date
Jerome I.	Director, Chairman of	100,000	\$5.95	10/23/2018
Feldman	Board			
Michael D.	Director, Executive	25,000	\$5.95	10/23/2018
Feldman	Vice President			
Gill R. Grady	Sr. Vice President	40,000	\$5.95	10/23/2018
Jeffery G.	Sr. Vice President, Chief	40,000	\$5.95	10/23/2018
Hough	Financial Officer			
Chin-our	President, Chief	40,000	\$5.95	10/23/2018
Jerry Jen	Operating Officer			
John V.	Director, Chief	150,000	\$5.95	10/23/2018
Moran	Executive Officer			
Jane Bryant	Director	5,833	\$5.95	10/23/2018
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(1)- The options become exercisable in seven installments with 1/7 of the shares vesting on the first anniversary of the date of grant and an additional 1/7 of the shares on each of the next six anniversaries of the date of grant.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	Description	
Number		
10.1	Amended and Restated 1995 Long-Term Incentive Plan. Previously	
	filed in connection with the GSE Systems, Inc. DEF Form 14A filed	
	with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 20, 2007.	
10.2	Form of Stock Option Agreement under the GSE Systems, Inc. 1995	
	Long-Term Incentive Plan. Previously filed in connection with the	
	GSE Systems, Inc. Form 10-K as filed with the Securities and Exchange	
	Commission on March 22, 1996 and incorporated herein by reference.	

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.

GSE SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: October 29, 2008 /s/ Jeffery G. Hough

Jeffery G. Hough

Senior Vice President and Chief Financial Officer