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Form 8-K  
October 25, 2004

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 20, 2004

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware	1-10883	52-1375208
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(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

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1000 Sagamore Parkway South, Lafayette, Indiana	47905
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(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)

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Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(765) 771-5310  
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Not applicable  
(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT

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ITEM 5.02. DEPARTURE OF DIRECTORS OR PRINCIPAL OFFICERS; ELECTION OF DIRECTORS; APPOINTMENT OF PRINCIPAL OFFICERS.

(c) On October 20, 2004, Wabash National Corporation appointed Robert J. Smith as Senior Vice President--Chief Financial Officer (principal financial officer). We issued a press release announcing this appointment on that date, and the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference. Mr. Smith, age 58, will serve in that capacity for a term ending at the discretion of the Board of Directors.

Prior to his appointment as Senior Vice President--Chief Financial Officer, Mr. Smith had served as our Acting Chief Financial Officer since June 2004 and as Vice President and Controller since joining us in March 2003. Before joining our company, Mr. Smith served from 2000 to 2001 as Director of Finance for KPMG Consulting, Inc., now BearingPoint, Inc.; from 1993 to 2000 with Great Lakes Chemical Corp. (serving from 1998 to 2000 as vice president and controller); and from 1983 to 1993 with Olin Corporation, including as chief financial officer for several of its divisions.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

99.1 Wabash National Corporation press release dated October 20, 2004.

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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.

WABASH NATIONAL CORPORATION

Date: October 25, 2004

By: /s/ ROBERT J. SMITH

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Robert J. Smith  
Senior Vice President, Chief  
Financial Officer

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EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
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99.1	Wabash National Corporation Press Release dated October 20, 2004

