

FTI CONSULTING INC
Form 8-K
February 17, 2005

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): February 16, 2005

FTI CONSULTING, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Maryland
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

001-14875
(Commission File Number)

52-1261113
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

900 Bestgate Road, Suite 100, Annapolis, Maryland 21401

(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(410) 224-8770**

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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 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
 - .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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ITEM 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition

ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On February 16, 2005, FTI Consulting, Inc. (FTI) announced our financial results for the fourth quarter and fiscal year ended December 31, 2004, as well as other information, including operating results by business segment and other developments and outlook. The full text of the Press Release (and Financial Tables) are set forth in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The Press Release contains some discussion regarding FTI's earnings from operations before interest, taxes, depreciation and amortization (EBITDA) before one time charges (Adjusted EBITDA) and Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA by business segment. Although Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA are not measures of financial condition or performance determined in accordance with Generally Accepted Accounting Principles, FTI believes that they are useful operating performance measures for evaluating our results of operations from period to period and as compared to our competitors. EBITDA is a common alternative measure of operating performance used by investors, financial analysts and rating agencies to value and compare the financial performance of companies in our industry. FTI uses EBITDA to evaluate and compare the operating performances of its segments and it is one of the primary measures used to determine employee bonuses. FTI also uses EBITDA to value businesses it acquires or anticipates acquiring. A reconciliation of Adjusted EBITDA to net earnings and EBITDA is included in the accompanying tables to the Press Release furnished as Exhibit 99.1. Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA are not defined in the same manner by all companies and may not be comparable to other similarly titled measures of other companies unless the definition is the same. In addition, because the calculation of EBITDA in the maintenance covenants contained in FTI's credit facilities is based on accounting policies in use, consistently applied from the time the indebtedness was incurred, Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA as supplemental financial measures are also indicative of FTI's capacity to service debt and thereby provide additional useful information to investors regarding FTI's financial condition and results of operations. Adjusted EBITDA and EBITDA for purposes of those covenants are not calculated in the same manner as they are calculated in the table accompanying the Press Release. The Press Release also provides FTI's outlook and outlook by business segment for 2005.

The information included herein, including Exhibit 99.1 furnished herewith, shall be deemed not to be filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Act of 1934, as amended (the Exchange Act), or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be incorporated by reference into any filing pursuant to the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Exchange Act, regardless of any incorporation by reference language in any such filing, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

ITEM 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits

(c) *Exhibits.*

99.1 Press Release dated February 16, 2005, of FTI Consulting, Inc.

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, FTI has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned thereunto duly authorized.

Dated: February 17, 2005

FTI CONSULTING, INC.

By: /s/ THEODORE I. PINCUS

Theodore I. Pincus
Executive Vice President and
Chief Financial Officer

EXHIBIT INDEX

<u>Exhibit No.</u>	<u>Description</u>
99.1	Press Release dated February 16, 2005, of FTI Consulting, Inc.