

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORP
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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: **October 25, 2005**

(Date of earliest event reported)

INTERNATIONAL BUSINESS MACHINES CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York
(State of Incorporation)

1-2360
(Commission File Number)

13-0871985
(IRS employer Identification No.)

ARMONK, NEW YORK
(Address of principal executive offices)

10504
(Zip Code)

914-499-1900

(Registrant's telephone number)

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IBM BOARD APPROVES REGULAR QUARTERLY DIVIDEND;
AUTHORIZES \$4 BILLION FOR STOCK REPURCHASE

ARMONK, N.Y., October 25, 2005 . . . The IBM board of directors today declared a regular quarterly cash dividend of \$0.20 per common share, payable December 10, 2005 to stockholders of record November 10, 2005. With the payment of the December 10 dividend, IBM will have paid 360 consecutive quarterly dividends, starting in 1916.

The board also authorized up to \$4.0 billion in additional funds for use in its repurchase program. IBM said it will repurchase shares on the open market or in private transactions from time to time, depending on market conditions.

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