### **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): January 30, 2006

# **ALTERA CORPORATION**

(Exact name of Registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or other jurisdiction

0-16617 (Commission file number) 77-0016691 (IRS Employer

of incorporation)

Identification No.)

101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)

95134 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

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

#### ITEM 1.01. ENTRY INTO A MATERIAL DEFINITIVE AGREEMENT

On January 10, 2006, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Altera Corporation (the Company) approved restricted stock unit grants to certain executive officers, which grants were made on January 30, 2006. The number of shares and vesting schedule for the grants are set out in the applicable Form 4s filed on February 1, 2006. A copy of the form of Award Agreement (Restricted Stock Units) to the Altera Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan that applies to each grant is attached to this report as Exhibit 10.35.

#### ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

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10.35	Award Agreement (Restricted Stock Units) to the Altera Corporation 2005 Equity Incentive Plan

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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.

ALTERA CORPORATION

By: /s/ Katherine E. Schuelke

Katherine E. Schuelke Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Date: February 2, 2006

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