

AtriCure, Inc.  
Form 8-K  
March 16, 2011

**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): March 15, 2011**

**ATRICURE, INC.**

**(Exact name of registrant as specified in charter)**

**Delaware**  
**(State or other jurisdiction**

**of incorporation)**

**6217 Centre Park Drive**

**000-51470**  
**(Commission**

**File Number)**

**34-1940305**  
**(IRS Employer**

**Identification No.)**

**45069**

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**West Chester, OH**  
(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

**Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (513) 755-4100**

**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))

**Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.**

Effective March 15, 2011, AtriCure, Inc. (the Company) and Silicon Valley Bank (the Bank) entered into a First Loan Modification Agreement (the Loan Modification Agreement) and an Export-Import Bank First Loan Modification Agreement (the Ex-Im Agreement) and, collectively with the Loan Modification Agreement, the Modification Agreements) which set forth certain amendments to the Company's credit facility with the Bank.

The Loan Modification Agreement provides for a new \$7,500,000 term loan. The proceeds of the new term loan will be used to repay the current principal amount of the existing term loan (\$2,527,777.68), to pay interest and certain fees and expenses and for other general corporate purposes. The new term loan has a five-year term and principal payments in the amount of \$125,000, together with accrued interest, are due and payable monthly. The term loan accrues interest at a fixed rate of 6.75% which represents a reduction of 3.25% from the rate applicable to the existing term loan.

The Modification Documents also provide for a two-year extension of the maturity date of the existing revolving credit facility from April 30, 2012 to April 30, 2014. The Company will continue to pay a floating rate of interest on revolving loans based on a margin above the prime rate established based on the Company's current Adjusted Quick Ratio. The applicable margins, however, will be reduced from 1.00% to 2.00% above the prime rate to 0.25% to 0.75% above the prime rate. The amount of the revolving facility will remain at \$10,000,000.

The Company does not have any outstanding borrowings under the revolving loan facility.

The foregoing descriptions of the Modification Agreements are qualified in their entirety by the full text of the Loan Modification Agreement and the Ex-Im Agreement as attached to this Form 8-K as Exhibits 10.1 and 10.2, respectively.

**Item 2.03. Creation of a Direct Financial Obligation or an Obligation under an Off-Balance Sheet Arrangement of a Registrant.**

The information provided in Item 1.01 of this Current Report on Form 8-K is incorporated by reference into this Item 2.03.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits.

- 10.1 First Loan Modification Agreement between Silicon Valley Bank and AtriCure, Inc. dated March 15, 2011
- 10.2 Export-Import Bank First Loan Modification Agreement between Silicon Valley Bank and AtriCure, Inc. dated March 15, 2011

**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 thereunto duly authorized.

ATRICURE, INC.

Date: March 16, 2011

By: /s/ Julie A. Piton  
Julie A. Piton  
Vice President, Finance and Administration and Chief Financial  
Officer