

INVESTOOLS INC  
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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 (Date of earliest event reported)**  
**October 25, 2004 (October 19, 2004)**

**INVESTOOLS INC.**

Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter

**DELAWARE**

State of Incorporation or Organization

**0-31226**

(Commission File Number)

**76-0685039**

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**5959 CORPORATE DRIVE, SUITE LL 250 HOUSTON, TEXAS**

Address of Principal Executive Offices

**77036**

Zip Code

**(281) 588-9700**

Registrant's telephone number,  
including area code

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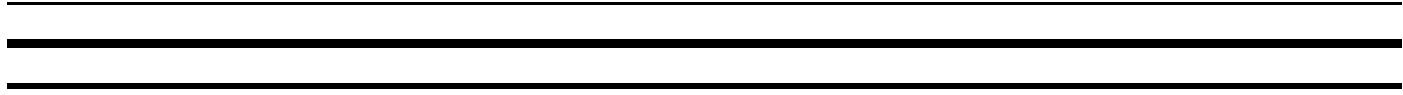
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**INFORMATION TO BE INCLUDED IN THE REPORT**

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

On October 19, 2004, INVESTools Inc. (the "Company") entered into a Separation Agreement and General Release (the "Agreement"), effective as of October 13, 2004 (the "Effective Date"), with Scott K. Waltz, a former executive officer, reflecting the terms of his separation from the Company.

The Agreement provides that Mr. Waltz will receive the following:

severance payments totaling \$150,000;

a cash amount equal to \$714,877 as a share of certain earn-out payments due in connection with the Company's acquisition of Service Enhancement Systems, Inc.; and

COBRA continuation coverage paid by the Company on behalf of Mr. Waltz until April 30, 2005, at which time Mr. Waltz will be responsible for the payment of all continuation premiums.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

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Exhibits.

10.1

Separation Agreement and General Release, dated October 19, 2004 and effective as of October 13, 2004, between the Company and Scott K. Waltz.

**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.

INVESTOOLS, INC.

By: /s/ PAUL A. HELBLING

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Paul A. Helbling  
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: October 25, 2004

**EXHIBIT INDEX**

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