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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): February 27, 2006

McDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter) REPUBLIC OF PANAMA 001-08430 72-0593134 _____ (State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.) 777 N. Eldridge Parkway, Houston, Texas -----(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's Telephone Number, including Area Code: (281) 870-5000 _____ (Former name or former address, if changed since last report) Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions: |_| Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) $|_|$ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) $|_|$ 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 1.01 Entry Into a Material Definitive Agreement

The Compensation Committee of our Board of Directors administers the Executive Incentive Compensation Plan ("EICP"), a cash bonus plan under which our executive officers participate. The bonus paid under the EICP is based principally on business and individual performance, however, our Compensation Committee may authorize additional payments to recognize exemplary accomplishments in any year. Under the EICP, our Compensation Committee establishes annual target awards, expressed as a percentage of the participating executive officer's annual base salary.

On February 27, 2006, our Compensation Committee set specific target awards and performance goals for several executive officers including, Messrs. Bruce W. Wilkinson, Robert A. Deason, John A. Fees, Frank S. Kalman and John T. Nesser, III. For the year ending December 31, 2006, the target awards for these executive officers are as follows:

Name of Executive Officer	Target Award (as a percentage of 2006 base salary)
Bruce W. Wilkinson	80%
Robert A. Deason	65%
John A. Fees	65%
Francis S. Kalman	55%
John T. Nesser, III	55%

Additionally, our Compensation Committee established weighted business and individual performance measures for these executive officers. For fiscal year 2006, the business performance measures are based upon the combined operating income of our three principal operating groups. For Messrs. Deason and Fees, the business performance measures also include separate measures for the operating income of two of our subsidiaries, J. Ray McDermott, S.A. and BWX Technologies, Inc., respectively. Three levels of business performance measures were established for the purpose of determining minimum, target and maximum bonus levels for each executive officer.

Finally, the individual performance measures for these executive officers include (1) targeted levels of company-wide or applicable operating group safety averages at levels deemed appropriate by our Compensation Committee for Messrs. Wilkinson, Deason and Fees; (2) the implementation of enterprise software for Mr. Fees; and (3) the development and implementation of various strategic plans for each of these executive officers as considered appropriate by our Compensation Committee for improving shareholder value and our competitive position within the industries we participate.

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.

McDERMOTT INTERNATIONAL, INC.

By: /s/ Michael S. Taff

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Michael S. Taff Vice President and Chief Accounting Officer

March 2, 2006