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UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION Washington, DC 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)

August 27, 2004

GARTNER, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

DELAWARE 1-14443 04-3099750 -----______ (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission

Incorporation)

(IRS Employer File Number) Identification No.)

P.O. Box 10212 56 Top Gallant Road Stamford, CT 06902-7747 (Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(203) 316-1111 (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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ITEM 2.01. COMPLETION OF ACQUISITION OR DISPOSITION OF ASSETS.

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Effective August 27, 2004, pursuant to a Stock Purchase Agreement (the "Agreement") dated as of June 17, 2004, by and among Gartner, Inc., a corporation organized and existing under the laws of the State of Delaware ("Gartner"), and Silver Lake Partners, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, Silver Lake Investors, L.P., a Delaware limited partnership, and Silver Lake Technology Investors, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company (collectively, "Silver Lake"), Gartner repurchased an aggregate of 9,228,938 shares of its Common Stock, Class A, from Silver Lake at a purchase price of \$13.30 per share (the clearing price established by Gartner's recent tender offer for Class A shares), for aggregate consideration of approximately \$122,744,875. Gartner used available cash to finance these purchases. After giving effect to the repurchase, Silver Lake collectively owns approximately 44.2% of Gartner's Class A Shares and is affiliated with Directors Glenn H. Hutchins and David J. Roux.

ITEM 9.01. FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS.

(c) Exhibits

2.1 Stock Purchase Agreement, dated as of June 17, 2004 by and among Gartner and Silver Lake Partners, L.P., Silver Lake Investors, L.P., and Silver Lake Technology Investors, L.L.C., incorporated by reference from Gartner's Schedule TO as filed with the Commission on June 22, 2004.

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.

GARTNER, INC.

By: /s/ Christopher Lafond

Christopher Lafond Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer

Date: September 1, 2004

EXHIBIT INDEX

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