

CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INC  
Form 8-K  
March 15, 2005

**UNITED STATES**

**SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**

WASHINGTON, DC 20549

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**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 14, 2005

**CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Massachusetts**

(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)

**000-24049**

(Commission file number)

**04-2372210**

(IRS employer identification no.)

**200 Clarendon Street, Boston, Massachusetts**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**02116**

(Zip code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(617) 425-3000**

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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  - o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.**

On March 14, 2005 we issued a press release reporting our preliminary financial results for our fiscal quarter ended February 18, 2005 in advance of our presentation at the Credit Suisse First Boston Global Services Growth Conference. A copy of the press release is set forth as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated by reference herein.

The information contained in Item 2.02 of this report and Exhibit 99.1 attached hereto shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933 or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such a filing.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits

<b>Number</b>	<b>Title</b>
99.1	March 14, 2005 press release

**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.

**CHARLES RIVER ASSOCIATES INCORPORATED**

Dated: March 15, 2005

By: /s/ JAMES M. WELLS  
James M. Wells  
Vice President and Corporate Controller

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