

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP INC
Form 8-K
December 16, 2004

**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)
December 16, 2004

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

<u>Rhode Island</u>	<u>0-13091</u>	<u>05-0404671</u>
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

23 Broad Street, Westerly, Rhode Island 02891

(Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (401) 348-1200

Former name or address, if changed from last report: N/A

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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 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 16, 2004, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. (Washington Trust or the Company), the Board of Directors approved the First Amendment (the First Amendment) to the Company s 2003 Stock Incentive Plan (the 2003 Plan). The First Amendment allows the Board of Directors to determine if automatic grants of options to each non-employee director, subject to the terms and conditions of the 2003 Plan, should be suspended. The First Amendment does not require approval by the Company s shareholders and is effective as of December 16, 2004. A copy of the First Amendment is attached hereto as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 5.05 Amendment to the Registrant s Code of Ethics, or Waiver of a Provision of the Code of Ethics

On December 16, 2004, at a meeting of the Board of Directors of Washington Trust, the Board of Directors amended its Code of Ethics Standards of Personal Conduct (the Code of Ethics). The amended Code of Ethics, among other things, clarifies, in general, when outside employment is permissible and when outside employment that is directly or indirectly related to the financial industry or Washington Trust s, including its wholly-owned banking subsidiary The Washington Trust Company (the Bank), functions must be approved in advance by the senior vice president of Human Resources, in particular. The amended Code of Ethics is effective as of December 16, 2004. A copy of the amended Code of Ethics is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(a) Financial statements of business acquired.

Not applicable.

(b) Pro forma financial information.

Not applicable.

(c) Exhibits.

Exhibit No. Exhibit

10.1 First Amendment to Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. 2003 Stock Incentive Plan, effective as of December 16, 2004*

99.1 Washington Trust Bancorp, Inc. and all subsidiaries including The Washington Trust Company Code of Ethics Standards of Personal Conduct, reaffirmed December 16, 2004*

* Filed herewith

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.

WASHINGTON TRUST BANCORP, INC.

Date: December 16, 2004

By: /s/ John C. Warren
John C. Warren
Chairman and Chief Executive Officer

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