

CATO CORP  
Form 8-K  
May 18, 2006

**UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
450 Fifth Street NW  
Washington, D.C. 29549**

**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): May 16, 2006

**THE CATO CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware

1-31340

56-0484485

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

(Commission  
File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification Number)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, North Carolina

28273-5975

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

(704) 554-8510

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, if changed since last report)

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- 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 May 16, 2006, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the first quarter ending April 29, 2006. A copy of this press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference herein.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release issued May 16, 2006.

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.

THE CATO CORPORATION

May 18, 2006

/s/ John P. D. Cato

Date

John P. D. Cato  
Chairman, President and  
Chief Executive Officer

May 18, 2006

/s/ Reynolds C. Faulkner

Date

Reynolds C. Faulkner  
Executive Vice President  
Chief Financial Officer

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| <b>Exhibit</b>                    | <b>Exhibit No.</b> |
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| Press Release issued May 16, 2006 | 99.1               |
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