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September 03, 2003

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

September 3, 2003  
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Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported)

CIENA Corporation  
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(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware	0-21969	23-2725311
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File No.)	(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1201 Winterson Road, Linthicum, Maryland 21090  
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(Address of principal executive offices) (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code:  
(410) 865-8500  
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Not applicable  
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(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

Item 5.                      Other Events and Regulation FD Disclosure.  
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On September 3, 2003, CIENA Corporation issued a press release announcing the completion of its acquisition of AKARA Corporation. The press release is being furnished hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

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Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.  
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99.1 Press Release dated September 3, 2003.

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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.

CIENA CORPORATION

Date: September 3, 2003 By: /s/ Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.

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Russell B. Stevenson, Jr.  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Secretary

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