

AWARE INC /MA/  
Form S-8  
June 27, 2003

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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FORM S-8  
REGISTRATION STATEMENT  
UNDER  
THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933

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AWARE, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

MASSACHUSETTS  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

40 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE, BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS  
(Address of principal executive offices)

AWARE, INC.  
AWARE, INC. 1996 EMPLOYEE STOCK PURCHASE PLAN  
(Full title of the plan)

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MICHAEL A. TZANNES  
CHIEF EXECUTIVE OFFICER  
AWARE, INC.  
40 MIDDLESEX TURNPIKE  
BEDFORD, MASSACHUSETTS 01730  
(Name and address of agent for service)

(781) 276-4000  
(Telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

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WITH COPIES TO:  
WILLIAM R. KOLB, ESQ.  
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CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

TITLE OF SECURITIES TO BE REGISTERED	AMOUNT TO BE REGISTERED	PROPOSED MAXIMUM OFFERING PRICE PER SHARE	PROPOSED MA AGGREGA OFFERING P
common stock, \$0.01 par value	250,000 (1)	\$2.04 (2)	\$510,000

- (1) Represents shares of common stock issuable upon exercise of stock options available for grant under the Aware, Inc. 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan.
- (2) Calculated pursuant to Rules 457(c) and (h)(1) under the Securities Act of 1933 based on 85% of the sale prices of the common stock as reported on the Nasdaq National Market on June 25, 2003.

This Registration Statement covers 250,000 shares of common stock, par value \$.01 per share, issuable pursuant to the Aware, Inc. 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended. These shares are in addition to the 100,000 shares of common stock issuable pursuant to the Aware, Inc. 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, registered pursuant to Aware's Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-15805, filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 1996.

The contents of Aware's Registration Statement on Form S-8, File No. 333-15805, as filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on November 7, 1996, are incorporated herein by reference.

PART II

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN THE REGISTRATION STATEMENT

ITEM 8. EXHIBITS.

EXHIBIT NUMBER	DESCRIPTION
4.1	Aware, Inc. 1996 Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended (included as Annex A to Aware's Definitive Proxy Statement filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on April 14, 2003 and incorporated herein by reference).
5.1	Opinion of Foley Hoag LLP.
23.1	Consent of Foley Hoag LLP (contained in Exhibit 5.1).
23.2	Consent of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP.
24.1	Power of attorney (contained on the signature page of this registration statement).

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act of 1933, the registrant certifies that it has reasonable grounds to believe that it meets all of the

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requirements for filing on Form S-8 and has duly caused this registration statement to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, thereunto duly authorized, in the City of Bedford, Massachusetts, as of June 27, 2003.

AWARE, INC.

By: /s/ Michael A. Tzannes

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Michael A. Tzannes  
Chief Executive Officer

POWER OF ATTORNEY

KNOW ALL BY THESE PRESENTS that each individual whose signature appears below hereby constitutes and appoints Michael A. Tzannes and Richard P. Moberg, and each of them, his true and lawful attorneys-in-fact and agents with full power of substitution, for him and in his name, place and stead, in any and all capacities, to sign any and all amendments (including post-effective amendments) to this registration statement, and to file the same, with all exhibits thereto, and all documents in connection therewith, with the Commission, granting unto said attorneys-in-fact and agents, and each of them, full power and authority to do and perform each and every act and thing which they, or any of them, may deem necessary or advisable to be done in connection with this registration statement, as fully to all intents and purposes as he might or could do in person, hereby ratifying and confirming all that said attorneys-in-fact and agents or any of them, or any substitute or substitutes for him, any or all of them, may lawfully do or cause to be done by virtue hereof.

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Act, this registration statement has been signed by the following persons in the indicated capacities as of June 27, 2003.

SIGNATURE -----	TITLE -----
/s/ John K. Kerr ----- John K. Kerr	Chairman of the Board of Directors
/s/ Michael A. Tzannes ----- Michael A. Tzannes	Chief Executive Officer and Director (PRINCIPAL EXECUTIVE OFFICER)
/s/ Edmund C. Reiter ----- Edmund C. Reiter	President and Director
/s/ Richard P. Moberg ----- Richard P. Moberg	Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer (PRINCIPAL FINANCIAL AND ACCOUNTING OFFICER)
/s/ Frederick D. D'Alessio ----- Frederick D. D'Alessio	Director
/s/ David Ehreth ----- David Ehreth	Director

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Director

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G. David Forney, Jr.

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