

BIG LOTS INC  
Form 8-K  
October 06, 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): **October 6, 2004**

**BIG LOTS, INC.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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| Ohio                                                              | 1-8897                   | 06-1119097                              |
| (State or other jurisdiction of<br>incorporation or organization) | (Commission File Number) | (I.R.S. Employer Identification<br>No.) |

300 Phillipi Road, Columbus, Ohio 43228  
(Address of principal executive office) (Zip Code)

(614) 278-6800  
(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

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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 8.01 Other Events.

On October 6, 2004, Big Lots, Inc. (the Company ) issued a press release that announced: (i) September 2004 sales; (ii) revised earnings guidance for the third and fourth quarters of fiscal 2004; and (iii) the commencement of discussions to obtain a new credit facility to replace the Company s existing credit facility and be used to fund the previously announced retirement of senior notes. A copy of the press release, which includes further details about these matters, is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

| Exhibit<br>Number | Description                                            |
|-------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|
| 99                | Press release of Big Lots, Inc. dated October 6, 2004. |

SIGNATURE

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.

BIG LOTS, INC.

By: /s/ Charles W. Haubiel II

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Charles W. Haubiel II  
Vice President, General Counsel  
and Corporate Secretary

Date: October 6, 2004