GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP Form 8-K May 23, 2011

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) May 23, 2011 (May 23, 2011)

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

1-3671 (Commission 13-1673581 (IRS Employer

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of Incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100, Falls Church, Virginia (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

22042-4513 (Zip Code)

(703) 876-3000

(Registrant s Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report.)

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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Item 8.01 Other Events

On May 23, 2011, the U.S. Supreme Court issued an opinion vacating the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which had sustained the government s default termination of the A-12 aircraft contract, and remanding the case to the Federal Circuit.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

by /s/ Jason W. Aiken Jason W. Aiken

Vice President and Controller

(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)

Dated: May 23, 2011