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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 7, 2004

INFORTE CORP. (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware 000-29239 36-3909334
----(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer of incorporation) File No.) Identification No.)

150 North Michigan Avenue, Suite 3400 Chicago, Illinois (Address of principal executive offices)

60601 (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number including area code: (312) 540-0900

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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Item 2.05 Costs Associated with Exit or Disposal Activities.

On October 1, 2004, Inforte's executive team authorized a plan to reduce its office space to better align with its space needs. These steps included consolidating office space at its Southern California office and the

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two Chicago locations where Inforte had separate contractual rental obligations. Estimated costs for the consolidation of the facilities consist of contractual rental commitments for office space being vacated less estimated sub-lease income. The total reduction of office space resulting from this consolidation of our office space was approximately 41,345 square feet, all of which was vacated as of October 1, 2004. Total charges related to this reduction of space are estimated at \$2.0 million and will be recognized at the date the plan for office space consolidation is executed. Total net undiscounted cash outlays over the remaining terms of the lease agreements are estimated at \$2.2 million and net annual savings are \$270,000, \$1,100,000, \$390,000, \$180,000 and \$100,000 in 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2008, respectively. If we vacate additional space, if future sub-lease income is less than estimated, if we buy-out of leases or if we are unable to sub-lease our vacated space, additional charges or credits in future periods will be necessary.

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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.

INFORTE CORP.

October 7, 2004

By: /s/ Nick Heyes

Nick Heyes

Chief Financial Officer