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

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FORM 8-K

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CURRENT REPORT  
PURSUANT TO SECTION 13 OR 15(d) OF THE  
SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934

Date of Report (Date of earliest event reported): January 26, 2011

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**ACUITY BRANDS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

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Delaware  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
Company or organization)

001-16583  
(Commission File Number)

58-2632672  
(I.R.S. Employer  
Identification No.)

1170 Peachtree St., N.E., Suite 2400, Atlanta, GA  
(Address of principal executive offices)

30309  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: 404-853-1400

Not Applicable  
(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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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 5.02. Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

As part of its ongoing program of streamlining of the organization, Acuity Brands, Inc. (the "Company") has eliminated the position of Executive Vice President and Chief Financial Officer of Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc. held by Jeremy M. Quick. Mr. Quick will leave the Company effective January 31, 2011. Mr. Quick will receive compensation in accordance with the provisions regarding termination without cause or for good reason in the Severance Agreement, dated November 21, 2008 and as amended on October 28, 2009 and March 30, 2010, by and among Mr. Quick and Acuity Brands Lighting, Inc. and whose terms and benefits are disclosed in the Company's current Proxy Statement for the 2010 Annual Meeting of Stockholders dated November 22, 2010. In addition to the benefits received under the Severance Agreement, Mr. Quick will receive a one-time payment of \$42,338.

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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.

Date: January 28, 2011

ACUITY BRANDS, INC.

By: /s/ Richard K. Reece

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Richard K. Reece  
Executive Vice President and Chief  
Financial Officer