

MANHATTAN ASSOCIATES INC
Form 8-K
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**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): February 1, 2011

Manhattan Associates, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Georgia

0-23999

58-2373424

(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

**2300 Windy Ridge Parkway, Suite 1000,
Atlanta, Georgia**

30339

(Address of principal executive offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(770) 955-7070**

NONE

(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 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 1, 2011, Manhattan Associates, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release providing the results for its financial performance for the fourth quarter and the year ended December 31, 2010. A copy of this press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1. Pursuant to General Instruction B.2 of Form 8-K, this exhibit is furnished and not filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934.

Non-GAAP Financial Measures in the Press Release

The press release includes, as additional information regarding our operating results, our adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share, which excludes the impact of acquisition-related costs and the amortization thereof, the recapture of previously recognized transaction tax expense, stock option expense, and restructuring charges all net of income tax effects and unusual tax adjustments.

This press release also includes our historic adjusted results, and our adjusted earnings per share estimate for the fiscal year ended December 31, 2011, excluding all equity compensation expense, not just stock option expense. The Company previously did not exclude restricted stock expense from its adjusted results, but anticipates doing so on an ongoing basis.

These various measures are not in accordance with, or an alternative for, financial measures calculated in accordance with generally accepted accounting principles in the United States (GAAP) and may be different from similarly titled non-GAAP financial measures used by other companies. Non-GAAP financial measures should not be used as a substitute for, or considered superior to, measures of financial performance prepared in accordance with GAAP.

Adjusted Income and Earnings Per Share

We believe that these adjusted (non-GAAP) results provide more meaningful information regarding those aspects of our current operating performance that can be effectively managed, and consequently have developed our internal reporting, compensation and planning systems using these measures. Non-GAAP measures used in the press release exclude the impact of the items described above for the following reasons:

Because we sporadically engage in acquisitions, we incur acquisition-related costs that consist primarily of expenses from accounting and legal due diligence, whether or not we ultimately proceed with the transaction. Additionally, we might assume and incur certain unusual costs, such as employee retention benefits, that result from arrangements made prior to the acquisition. These acquisition costs are difficult to predict and do not correlate to the expenses of our core operations. We believe our competitors and peers typically present as a non-GAAP measure adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share that exclude the amortization of acquisition-related intangible assets, and thus we exclude these amortization costs when calculating adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share to facilitate more relevant and meaningful comparisons of our operating results with that of our competitors.

Because we have recognized the full potential amount of the transaction (sales) tax expense in prior periods, any recovery of that expense resulting from the expiration of the state sales tax statutes, the collection of the taxes from our customers or a sales tax audit refund would overstate the current period net income derived from our core operations as the recovery is not a result of anything occurring within our control during the current period.

Because stock option expense is determined in significant part by the trading price of our common stock and the volatility thereof, over which we have no direct control, the impact of such expense is not subject to effective management by us. We believe excluding the impact of stock option expense in adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share is consistent with similar practice by our competitors and other companies within our industry.

We do not believe that the restructuring charge incurred in 2009 related to our reductions in force, or future restructuring charges related to staff reductions, are common costs that result from normal operating activities; rather, we believe these staff rationalizations relate to the extremely depressed economic conditions that have pervaded global markets since 2008. Thus, we have not included these restructuring charges in the assessment of our operating performance.

As discussed above, we excluded stock option expense from adjusted non-GAAP results because it is determined in significant part by the trading price of our common stock and the volatility thereof, over which we have no direct control. Therefore, we also excluded the related tax benefit generated upon their disposition.

On a going forward basis, we intend to exclude all equity compensation expense not just stock option expense from our adjusted results, because equity compensation is not an expense that typically requires or will require cash settlement by the Company, and because we believe our competitors and peers typically present non-GAAP results excluding all equity compensation expense.

For these reasons, we have developed our internal reporting, compensation and planning systems using non-GAAP measures which adjust for these amounts.

We believe the reporting of adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share facilitates investors' understanding of our historical operating trends, because it provides important supplemental measurement information in evaluating the operating results of our business, as distinct from results that include items that are not indicative of ongoing operating results, and thus provide the investors with useful insight into our profitability exclusive of unusual adjustments. While these adjusted items may not be considered as non-recurring in nature in a strictly accounting sense, management regards those items as infrequent and not arising out of the ordinary course of business and finds it useful to utilize a non-GAAP measure in evaluating the performance of our underlying core business.

We also believe that adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share provide a basis for more relevant comparisons to other companies in the industry, enable investors to evaluate our operating performance in a manner consistent with our internal basis of measurement and also present our investors our operating results on the same basis as that used by our management. Management refers to adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share in making operating decisions because we believe they provide meaningful supplemental information regarding our operational performance and our ability to invest in research and development and fund acquisitions and capital expenditures. In addition, adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted earnings per share facilitate management's internal comparisons to our historical operating results and comparisons to competitors' operating results.

Further, we rely on adjusted operating income, adjusted net income and adjusted net income per share information as primary measures to review and assess the operating performance of our company and our management team in connection with our executive compensation and bonus plans. Since most of our employees are not directly involved with decisions surrounding acquisitions or severance related activities and other items that are not central to our core operations, we do not believe it is appropriate or fair to have their incentive compensation affected by these items.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

| Exhibit Number | Description |
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| 99.1 | Press Release, dated February 1, 2011 |

SIGNATURES

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, the Company has duly caused this report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned, hereunto duly authorized.

Manhattan Associates, Inc.

By: /s/ Dennis B. Story
Dennis B. Story
Executive Vice President, Chief Financial Officer
and Treasurer

Dated: February 1, 2011

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