

AeroVironment Inc  
Form 8-K  
January 15, 2016

**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): **January 14, 2016**

**AEROVIRONMENT, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation or organization)

**001-33261**  
(Commission File Number)

**95-2705790**  
(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

**900 Innovators Way**  
**Simi Valley, CA**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**93065**  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: **(626) 357-9983**

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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.**

On January 14, 2016, AeroVironment, Inc. (the Company) appointed Wahid Nawabi as President and Chief Operating Officer, effective immediately. Tim Conner, who formerly held the position of President, will remain as the Company's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer.

Mr. Nawabi, age 46, has served as the Company's Senior Vice President and Chief Operating Officer since April 2015 and previously served as the Company's Senior Vice President and General Manager of Efficient Energy Systems (EES) from 2011 to April 2015. Prior to joining AeroVironment, Mr. Nawabi served as Vice President, Global Sales of Alteryx, a designer and manufacturer of fuel cell power systems, from March 2010 through November 2011, and as Vice President, Americas, and Vice President, Global Sales for C&D Technologies, a producer and marketer of electrical power storage and conversion products from February 2008 through March 2010. Prior to joining C&D Technologies, Mr. Nawabi worked for 16 years with American Power Conversion, a provider of power protection products and services, in a succession of positions of increasing responsibility, most recently as Vice President, Enterprise Segment North America and Canada. Mr. Nawabi has a B.S. in electrical engineering from the University of Maryland, College Park. He does not have any family relationships with directors or other executive officers of the Company and is not a party to any transaction requiring disclosure under Item 404(a) of Regulation S-K.

**Item 7.01** **Regulation FD Disclosure.**

On January 15, 2016, the Company issued a press release announcing Mr. Nawabi's appointment, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1.

The information in this Item 7.01, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference into any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, or the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, whether made before or after the date hereof, except as expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

**Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits**

(d) Exhibits.

Exhibit Number	Description
99.1	Press Release dated January 15, 2016.

**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.

AEROVIRONMENT, INC.

Date: January 15, 2016

By:

/s/ Douglas E. Scott  
Douglas E. Scott  
Senior Vice President, General Counsel and  
Corporate Secretary