

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES INC /DE/  
Form 8-K  
October 19, 2004

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): **October 19, 2004**

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

1-10323  
(Commission File Number)

74-2099724  
(IRS Employer Identification No.)

1600 Smith Street, Dept. HQSEO, Houston, Texas  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

77002  
(Zip Code)

(713) 324-2950  
(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

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(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition

On October 19, 2004, we issued a press release announcing our financial results for the third quarter of 2004. The press release is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On October 19, 2004, we provided an update for investors presenting information relating to our financial and operational results for the third quarter of 2004 and other information. The update is furnished herewith as Exhibit 99.2 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

a. Exhibits

- 99.1 Third Quarter Earnings Press Release
- 99.2 Investor Update

SIGNATURE

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

CONTINENTAL AIRLINES, INC.

October 19, 2004

By /s/ Jennifer L. Vogel

Jennifer L. Vogel

Senior Vice President, General Counsel  
and Secretary

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