

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): September 15, 2003

VSE CORPORATION  
(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

DELAWARE  
(State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization)

0-3676                      54-0649263  
(Commission File Number)      (I.R.S. Identification Number)

2550 Huntington Avenue  
Alexandria, Virginia      22303-1499  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)      (Zip Code)

Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code: (703) 960-4600

Item 7. Exhibits

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Exhibit No.    Description  
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99.1            Text of notice to directors and executive officers dated  
September 15, 2003, regarding temporary suspension of trading  
during the Blackout Period from October 28, 2003, through  
November 21, 2003, related to conversion of recordkeeping,  
trust and investment services of the registrant's employee  
retirement benefit plan.

Item 11.       Temporary suspension of trading under registrant's employee  
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retirement benefit plan.  
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The following information is being furnished under Item 11 -- Temporary  
suspension of trading under registrant's employee retirement benefit plan.

Certain recordkeeping, trust, and investment services for the VSE Corporation  
Employee ESOP/401(k) Plan will be transferred to Merrill Lynch effective  
November 3, 2003. Formal notification to directors, executive officers, and  
plan participants of the conversion of these services was provided in a Notice  
dated September 15, 2003. The Notice informs participants of the details of  
the conversion, which includes a Blackout Period when participants are  
restricted from making specific plan transactions (e.g., investment exchanges,  
account distributions, contribution changes, etc.).

The Blackout Period for the plan conversion is scheduled for October 28  
through November 21, 2003. Since the plan holds VSE Corporation Common Stock,  
par value \$.05 per share ("VSE Stock"), directors and executive officers of  
VSE Corporation ("VSE") will be restricted from directly or indirectly selling  
or otherwise acquiring or transferring any shares of VSE Stock during the  
Blackout Period, other than any purchase or sale of VSE Stock through a valid  
and pre-existing 10b5-1 plan.

A copy of the notice is furnished as Exhibit 99.1, hereby incorporated by  
reference.

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.

VSE CORPORATION  
(Registrant)

Date: September 18, 2003                      /s/ T. R. Loftus

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T. R. Loftus  
Senior Vice President and  
Chief Financial Officer

September 15, 2003

Important Notice Concerning Your Rights Under the  
VSE Corporation Employee ESOP/401(k) Plan

Dear VSE Employees:

1. This notice is to inform you that the VSE Corporation Employee ESOP/401(k) will be changing the 401(k) Plan administrator and record keeper from Putnam Investments to Merrill Lynch effective November 1, 2003.
2. As a result of these changes, you temporarily will be unable to direct or diversify investments in your individual accounts, obtain a loan from the plan, or obtain a distribution from the plan. This period, during which you will be unable to exercise these rights otherwise available under the plan, is called a "blackout period." Whether or not you are planning retirement in the near future, we encourage you to carefully consider how this blackout period may affect your retirement planning, as well as your overall financial plan.
3. The blackout period for enrollments, loans, and distributions will begin on Friday, October 17, 2003. This means all paperwork for these services must be sent to the Corporate Human Resources Department on or before Friday, October 17, 2003 for processing. The blackout period for investment fund transfers, election changes, and other website services will begin on Tuesday, October 28, 2003 at 3:00 pm (Eastern Time). Putnam Investments will be unable to process transaction requests after that time. This is referred to as the beginning of the "inquiry-only period."

Although Putnam and its phone representatives will not be able to process any further transactions, you will be able to access your account balance on the Plan's Putnam Internet site or via the Voice Response Unit. The blackout period will end on Friday, November 21, 2003. If the conversion process is completed before November 21, 2003, we will advise you of the new date.

4. During the blackout period you will be unable to direct or diversify the assets held in your plan account. For this reason, it is very important that you review and consider the appropriateness of your current investments in light of your inability to direct or diversify those investments during the blackout period. For your long-term retirement security, you should give careful consideration to the importance of a well-balanced and diversified investment portfolio, taking into account all your assets, income and investments. You should be aware that there is a risk to holding substantial portions of your assets in the securities of any one company, as individual securities tend to have wider price swings, up and down, in short periods of time, than investments in diversified funds. Stocks that have wide price swings might have a large loss during the blackout period, and you would not be able to direct the sale of such stocks from your account during the blackout period.
5. Federal law generally requires that you be furnished notice of a blackout period at least 30 days in advance of the last date on which you could exercise your affected rights immediately before the commencement of any blackout period in order to provide you with sufficient time to consider the effect of the blackout period on your retirement and financial plans.

6. If you have any questions concerning this notice, you should contact VSE Corporation, June James, Benefits Manager, 2550 Huntington Avenue, Alexandria, VA 22303, (703) 329-4215 or email at [jjjames@vsecorp.com](mailto:jjjames@vsecorp.com). You may also contact Liz Price, Director of Human Resources at (703) 329-4233 or email at [emprice@vsecorp.com](mailto:emprice@vsecorp.com).