

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORP  
Form 8-K  
October 01, 2010

**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 1, 2010 (September 28, 2010)**

**GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter)

**Delaware**  
(State or Other Jurisdiction)

**1-3671**  
(Commission)

**13-1673581**  
(IRS Employer)

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of Incorporation)

File Number)

Identification No.)

**2941 Fairview Park Drive, Suite 100, Falls Church, Virginia**  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)  
**(703) 876-3000**

**22042-4513**  
(Zip Code)

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

**Not Applicable**

(Former Name or Former Address, If Changed Since Last Report.)

Check the appropriate box below if the Form 8-K filing is intended to simultaneously satisfy the filing obligation of the registrant under any of the following provisions:

- .. Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
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- .. Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 8.01 Other Events**

On September 28, 2010, the U.S. Supreme Court granted the company's petition for review of the decision of the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Federal Circuit, which had sustained the government's default termination of the A-12 aircraft contract. The issue specified by the Court for review involves the state-secrets privilege, which had been invoked by the government in the litigation.

**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 hereunto duly authorized.

GENERAL DYNAMICS CORPORATION

by */s/* JASON W. AIKEN  
**Jason W. Aiken**

**Vice President and Controller**

**(Authorized Officer and Chief Accounting Officer)**

Dated: October 1, 2010