

ALTERA CORP  
Form 8-K  
January 18, 2011

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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): January 11, 2011

ALTERA CORPORATION

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)	0-16617 (Commission File Number)	77-0016691 (IRS Employer Identification No.)
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101 Innovation Drive, San Jose, California (Address of principal executive offices)	95134 (Zip Code)
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Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (408) 544-7000

Not Applicable

(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 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On January 11, 2011, Altera Corporation (“Altera”) entered into a distribution agreement (the “Distribution Agreement”) with Arrow Electronics, Inc. (“Arrow”), which replaces the parties' previous distribution agreement effective January 26, 1999.

The Distribution Agreement sets forth the terms for Arrow's distribution of Altera's products.

The description of the Distribution Agreement contained herein is qualified in its entirety by reference to the Distribution Agreement, a copy of which is filed herewith as Exhibit 10.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits.

Number	Description
10.1	Distribution Agreement dated January 11, 2011.



**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.

**ALTERA CORPORATION**

/s/ Katherine E. Schuelke  
Katherine E. Schuelke  
Vice President, General Counsel and Secretary

Dated: January 17, 2011



EXHIBIT INDEX

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