EXPRESS, INC. Form 8-K December 10, 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): December 9, 2010

# EXPRESS, INC.

 $(Exact\ name\ of\ registrant\ as\ specified\ in\ its\ charter)$ 

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction

001-34742 (Commission 26-2828128 (IRS Employer

of incorporation) File Number) Identification No.)

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1 Express Drive Columbus, Ohio (Address of principal executive offices) (614) 474-4001

43230 (Zip Code)

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

(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:

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- " Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 9, 2010, Express, Inc. (Express) and certain stockholders of Express entered into an underwriting agreement (Underwriting Agreement) with Merrill Lynch, Pierce, Fenner & Smith Incorporated, as representative of the underwriters, in connection with the offering of a total of 12,500,000 shares of Express common stock (the Offering), sold by the selling stockholders, at a public offering price of \$15.50 per share. The underwriters have an option to purchase an additional 1,875,000 shares of Express common stock from the selling stockholders. The Underwriting Agreement contains customary representations, warranties and covenants and contains customary closing conditions. In the Underwriting Agreement, Express agreed to indemnify the underwriters and the selling stockholders against certain liabilities that could be incurred by them in connection with the Offering.

The closing of the sale of the shares contemplated by the Underwriting Agreement will occur on December 15, 2010. The selling stockholders will receive all of the proceeds from the offering, and Express will not receive any proceeds from the sale of shares in the offering.

The Offering was made pursuant to a prospectus dated December 9, 2010, filed as part of Express registration statement on Form S-1 (File No. 333-170499), as amended (Registration Statement), originally filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the SEC) on November 9, 2010. The SEC declared the Registration Statement effective on December 9, 2010, and Express filed an additional automatically effective registration statement with the SEC pursuant to Rule 462(b) (File No. 333-171089) on December 9, 2010 to register additional shares of common stock in the offering.

The foregoing summary of the Underwriting Agreement is qualified in its entirety by reference to the form of Underwriting Agreement filed as Exhibit 1.1 to the Registration Statement.

#### Item 8.01. Other Events.

On December 9, 2010, Express issued a press release announcing the pricing of the Offering. A copy of the press release is attached as Exhibit 99.1 hereto, and is incorporated by reference herein.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

99.1 Press Release of Express, Inc. dated December 9, 2010.

#### **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, thereunto duly authorized.

# EXPRESS, INC.

By: /s/ Matthew C. Moellering
Matthew C. Moellering
Executive Vice President, Chief Administrative Officer, Chief
Financial Officer, Treasurer and Secretary

December 10, 2010

### EXHIBIT INDEX

99.1 Press Release of Express, Inc. dated December 9, 2010.