

LHC Group, Inc
Form 8-K
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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): **February 23, 2006**
LHC GROUP, INC.**

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware

8082

71-0918189

(State or Other Jurisdiction
of Incorporation)

(Commission File Number)

(I.R.S. Employer
Identification No.)

**420 West Pinhook Rd., Suite A
Lafayette, LA 70503**

(Address of Principal Executive Offices, including Zip Code)

(337) 233-1307

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(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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Item 2.02 Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On February 23, 2006, LHC Group, Inc. (the Company) issued a press release regarding its unaudited preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2005, along with earnings guidance for the 2006 fiscal year. A copy of that press release is furnished with this Current Report on Form 8-K as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference. The Company will discuss its preliminary financial results and earnings guidance during a conference call today at 10:00 a.m. (EDT), which will be simultaneously broadcast live over the Internet. The webcast may be accessed by logging onto the Company s website (www.lhcgroup.com) under the investor relations section.

The information included or incorporated in this report, including Exhibit 99.1, is being furnished to the Securities and Exchange Commission and shall not be deemed filed for purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, nor shall it be deemed incorporated by reference in any filing under the Securities Act of 1933, as amended, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit 99.1 Press Release, dated February 23, 2006, announcing the Company s preliminary financial results for the fourth quarter and full year ended December 31, 2005 and 2006 earnings guidance.

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

LHC GROUP, INC.

By: /s/ R. Barr Brown
R. Barr Brown
Senior Vice President and Chief
Financial Officer

Dated: February 23, 2006

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