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 earliest event reported: May 24, 2005

Nuvelo, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction

000-22873 (Commission File Number) 36-3855489 (I.R.S. Employer

of Incorporation)

Identification No.)

675 Almanor Avenue, Sunnyvale, California 94085

 $(Address\ of\ Principal\ Executive\ Offices)\ (Zip\ Code)$

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(408) 215-4000

(Registrant s telephone number, including area code)

N/A

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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ITEM 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

At the annual meeting of stockholders of Nuvelo, Inc. (the Company) held on May 24,2005, the stockholders approved an amendment to the Company's Employee Stock Purchase Plan to increase the number of authorized shares available for issuance under the plan by 250,000 shares to a new total of 500,000 shares.

A copy of the Company s Employee Stock Purchase Plan, as amended, was attached as Appendix B of the Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed April 15, 2005 and is hereby incorporated by reference.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(c) Exhibits

Exhibit	
Number	Description
10.5	Employee Stock Purchase Plan (incorporated herein by reference to Appendix B of the Proxy Statement on Schedule 14A filed with the SEC April 15, 2005, SEC File No. 000-22873).

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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.

Nuvelo, Inc.

(Registrant)

By: /s/ Lee Bendekgey

Lee Bendekgey Senior Vice President, Chief Financial Officer, and General Counsel

Dated: May 26, 2005

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