

SMITH A O CORP  
Form 4  
October 12, 2005

**FORM 4**

**UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION**  
**Washington, D.C. 20549**

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1(b).

**STATEMENT OF CHANGES IN BENEFICIAL OWNERSHIP OF  
SECURITIES**

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1. Name and Address of Reporting Person \*  
**BEDNAR RANDALL S**

(Last) (First) (Middle)

**A. O. SMITH  
CORPORATION, 11270 WEST  
PARK PLACE**

(Street)

**MILWAUKEE, WI 53224**

(City) (State) (Zip)

2. Issuer Name **and** Ticker or Trading  
Symbol

**SMITH A O CORP [AOS]**

3. Date of Earliest Transaction  
(Month/Day/Year)

**10/11/2005**

4. If Amendment, Date Original  
Filed(Month/Day/Year)

5. Relationship of Reporting Person(s) to  
Issuer

(Check all applicable)

\_\_\_\_ Director \_\_\_\_ 10% Owner  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Officer (give title \_\_\_\_ Other (specify  
below) below)

Vice President - IT

6. Individual or Joint/Group Filing(Check  
Applicable Line)  
\_\_\_\_X\_\_\_\_ Form filed by One Reporting Person  
\_\_\_\_ Form filed by More than One Reporting  
Person

**Table I - Non-Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned**

1. Title of Security (Instr. 3)	2. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	2A. Deemed Execution Date, if any (Month/Day/Year)	3. Transaction Code (Instr. 8)	4. Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4 and 5)	5. Amount of Securities Beneficially Owned Following Reported Transaction(s) (Instr. 3 and 4)	6. Ownership Form: Direct (D) or Indirect (I) (Instr. 4)	7. Nature of Indirect Beneficial Ownership (Instr. 4)
			Code	V Amount (D) Price			

Reminder: Report on a separate line for each class of securities beneficially owned directly or indirectly.

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**Table II - Derivative Securities Acquired, Disposed of, or Beneficially Owned  
(e.g., puts, calls, warrants, options, convertible securities)**

1. Title of Derivative	2. Conversion	3. Transaction Date (Month/Day/Year)	3A. Deemed Execution Date, if	4. Transaction	5. Number of Derivative	6. Date Exercisable and Expiration Date	7. Title and Amount of Underlying Securities	8. D
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Security (Instr. 3)	or Exercise Price of Derivative Security	any (Month/Day/Year)	Code (Instr. 8)	Securities Acquired (A) or Disposed of (D) (Instr. 3, 4, and 5)	(Month/Day/Year)		(Instr. 3 and 4)		S (1	
			Code	V	(A)	(D)	Date Exercisable	Expiration Date	Title	Amount or Number of Shares
Employee Stock Options (Right to Buy)	\$ 29.2	10/11/2005	A		3,800		<u>(1)</u>	10/11/2015	Common Stock	3,800
Phantom Stock	\$ 29.2	10/11/2005	A		3,100		<u>(2)</u>	<u>(2)</u>	Common Stock	3,100

## Reporting Owners

Reporting Owner Name / Address	Relationships			
	Director	10% Owner	Officer	Other
BEDNAR RANDALL S A. O. SMITH CORPORATION 11270 WEST PARK PLACE MILWAUKEE, WI 53224			Vice President - IT	

## Signatures

W. David Romoser, Attorney-in-Fact for Randall S.  
Bednar 10/12/2005

\_\_Signature of Reporting Person

Date

## Explanation of Responses:

\* If the form is filed by more than one reporting person, *see* Instruction 4(b)(v).

\*\* Intentional misstatements or omissions of facts constitute Federal Criminal Violations. *See* 18 U.S.C. 1001 and 15 U.S.C. 78ff(a).

The employee stock options were granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a  
(1) transaction exempt under Rule 16b-3. The options become exercisable in three annual installments of 1/3 of the award starting on  
10/10/2006.

(2) The phantom stock was granted on 10/11/2005 under the A. O. Smith Combined Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, a transaction  
exempt under Rule 16b-3. The shares of phantom stock become payable in Common Stock on the vesting date of 10/22/2008.

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