ACACIA RESEARCH CORP Form 8-K February 19, 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): February 17, 2010

# ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

(Exact name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation)

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000-26068 (Commission File Number) 95-4405754 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

500 Newport Center Drive, Newport Beach, California 92660 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code)

(949) 480-8300 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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oPre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 8.01 Other Events.

Acacia Research Corporation's subsidiary, Network Gateway Solutions LLC, has entered into an agreement with Multi-Tech Systems, Inc. resolving Civil Action No. 1:2009-cv-00667 that was pending in the United States District Court for the District of Delaware.

#### **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.

#### ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: February 18, 2010 By: /s/ Paul R. Ryan

Name: Paul R. Ryan

Title: Chairman and Chief Executive

Officer