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Form SC 13D/A
March 24, 2005

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

SCHEDULE 13D
(Amendment No. 1)

Under the Securities Exchange Act of 1934

ERESEARCH TECHNOLOGY, INC.

(Name of Issuer)

Common Stock

(Title of Class of Securities)

29481V108

(CUSIP Number)

Gregory D. Hitchan
Blum Capital Partners, L.P.
909 Montgomery Street, Suite 400
San Francisco, CA 94133
(415) 434-1111

(Name, Address and Telephone Number of Person
Authorized to Receive Notices and Communications)

March 14, 2005

(Date of Event which Requires Filing of this Statement)

If the filing person has previously filed a statement on Schedule 13G to report the acquisition which is the subject of this Schedule 13D, and is filing this schedule because of Rule 13d-1(b)(3) or (4), check the following box [].

*The remainder of this cover page shall be filled out for a reporting person's initial filing on this form with respect to the subject class of securities, and for any subsequent amendment containing information which would alter disclosures provided in a prior cover page.

The information required on the remainder of this cover page shall not be deemed to be "filed" for the purpose of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 ("Act") or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that section of the Act but shall be subject to all other provisions of the Act (however, see the Notes).

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

94-3205364

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2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES 8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,499,990**

BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
PERSON WITH 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 7,499,990**

11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7,499,990**

12. CHECK BOX IF THE AGGREGATE AMOUNT IN ROW (11) EXCLUDES
CERTAIN SHARES []

13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 14.9%**

14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON PN, IA

** See Item 5 below

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 94-2967812

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

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PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION California

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES
BENEFICIALLY
OWNED BY EACH
PERSON WITH

8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,499,990**

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1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON BLUM STRATEGIC GP II, L.L.C.

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON 94-3395150

2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
(b) [x]

3. SEC USE ONLY

4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED
PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION Delaware

7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF
SHARES

8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,499,990**

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BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH -----
 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

 10. SHARED DISPOSITIVE POWER 7,499,990**

 11. AGGREGATE AMOUNT BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH REPORTING PERSON 7,499,990**

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 13. PERCENT OF CLASS REPRESENTED BY AMOUNT IN ROW (11) 14.9%**

 14. TYPE OF REPORTING PERSON OO (Limited Liability Company)

 ** See Item 5

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 1. NAME OF REPORTING PERSON RICHARD C. BLUM

S.S. OR I.R.S. IDENTIFICATION NO. OF ABOVE PERSON

 2. CHECK THE APPROPRIATE BOX IF A MEMBER OF A GROUP* (a) [x]
 (b) [x]

 3. SEC USE ONLY

 4. SOURCE OF FUNDS* See Item 3

 5. CHECK BOX IF DISCLOSURE OF LEGAL PROCEEDINGS IS REQUIRED PURSUANT TO ITEMS 2(d) or 2(e) []

 6. CITIZENSHIP OR PLACE OF ORGANIZATION U.S.A.

 7. SOLE VOTING POWER -0-

NUMBER OF SHARES -----
 8. SHARED VOTING POWER 7,499,990**

BENEFICIALLY OWNED BY EACH PERSON WITH -----
 9. SOLE DISPOSITIVE POWER -0-

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Item 1. Security and Issuer

This Amendment No. 1 amends the Statement on Schedule 13D (the "Schedule 13D") filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission (the "Commission") on February 3, 2005 by Blum Capital Partners, L.P., a California limited partnership, ("Blum L.P."); Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc., a California corporation ("RCBA Inc."); Blum Strategic GP II, L.L.C., a Delaware limited liability company ("Blum GP II"); and Richard C. Blum, the Chairman and a substantial shareholder of RCBA Inc. and a managing member of Blum GP II (collectively, the "Reporting Persons"). This amendment relates to shares of common stock, \$.01 par value (the "Common Stock") of eResearch Technology, Inc., a Delaware corporation (the "Issuer"). The principal executive office and mailing address of the Issuer is 30 South 17th Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19103. The following amendments to the Schedule 13D are hereby made. Unless otherwise defined herein, all capitalized terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them in the Schedule 13D.

Item 5. Interest in Securities of the Issuer

(a), (b) According to the Issuer's most recent Form 10-K, there were 50,399,265 shares of Common Stock issued and outstanding as of March 3, 2005. Based on such information, after taking into account the transactions described in Item 5(c) below, the Reporting Persons report beneficial ownership of the following shares of Common Stock: (i) 5,471,690 shares of Common Stock held by Blum L.P. and RCBA Inc. on behalf of the limited partnerships for which Blum L.P. serves as the general partner, or on behalf of an entity for which Blum L.P. serves as investment advisor, which represents 10.9% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; (ii) 1,672,900 shares of the Common Stock held by Blum GP II on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the general partner and on behalf of the limited partnership for which it serves as the managing limited partner, which represents 3.3% of the outstanding shares of the Common Stock; and (iii) 177,700 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by The Nuclear Decommissioning Trust of Dominion Nuclear Connecticut, Inc. ("Dominion Connecticut") and 177,700 shares of the Common Stock that are legally owned by Virginia Electric and Power Company Qualified Nuclear Decommissioning Trust ("Virginia Electric") (collectively, the "Investment Advisory Clients"), with respect to which Blum L.P. has voting and investment power. Each Investment Advisory Client has entered into an investment management agreement with Blum L.P., but neither Investment Advisory Client has any contract, arrangement or understanding with the other Investment Advisory Client, or any other Reporting Person, with respect to the acquisition, ownership, disposition or voting of any shares of the Common Stock. Each Investment Advisory Client disclaims membership in

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a group with any Reporting Person or with the other Investment Advisory Client, and each disclaims beneficial ownership of any shares beneficially owned by the Reporting Persons other than for their own account.

Voting and investment power concerning the above shares are held solely by Blum L.P. and Blum GP II. The Reporting Persons therefore may be deemed to be members in a group, in which case the group would be deemed to have

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beneficial ownership of an aggregate of 7,499,990 shares of the Common Stock, which is 14.9% of the outstanding Common Stock. As the sole general partner of Blum L.P., RCBA Inc. is deemed the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum L.P. has voting and investment power. As Chairman, director and a substantial shareholder of RCBA Inc., Richard C. Blum might be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities beneficially owned by RCBA Inc. Additionally, Mr. Blum may be deemed to be the beneficial owner of the securities over which Blum GP II has voting and investment power.

Although Mr. Blum is joining in this Schedule as a Reporting Person, the filing of this Schedule shall not be construed as an admission that he, or any of the other shareholders, directors or executive officers of RCBA Inc., managing members and members of Blum GP II, is, for any purpose, the beneficial owner of any of the securities that are beneficially owned by RCBA Inc. or Blum GP II.

c) Since the most recent filing of Schedule 13D, the Reporting Persons purchased the following shares of Common Stock in the open market:

| Entity | Trade Date | Shares | Price/Share |
|--|------------|---------|-------------|
| Investment partnerships for which Blum L.P. serves as the general partner and on behalf of an entity for which Blum L.P. serves as investment advisor. | 03-11-05 | 441,200 | 11.4728 |
| | 03-14-05 | 935,143 | 11.5933 |
| | 03-15-05 | 360,800 | 11.6716 |
| | 03-16-05 | 472,300 | 11.5918 |
| | 03-17-05 | 203,000 | 11.7697 |
| | 03-18-05 | 781,900 | 12.3453 |
| | 03-21-05 | 384,200 | 12.2025 |
| | 03-22-05 | 307,147 | 12.2426 |

| Entity | Trade Date | Shares | Price/Share |
|---|------------|--------|-------------|
| The limited partnerships for which Blum GP II serves as the general partner and the managing limited partner. | | | |

| Entity | Trade Date | Shares | Price/Share |
|---|------------|--------|-------------|
| The Investment Advisory Clients for which Blum L.P. serves as investment advisor. | 03-11-05 | 41,800 | 11.4728 |
| | 03-14-05 | 65,400 | 11.5933 |
| | 03-15-05 | 34,200 | 11.6716 |
| | 03-16-05 | 40,200 | 11.5918 |
| | 03-17-05 | 4,200 | 11.7697 |
| | 03-18-05 | 30,600 | 12.3453 |
| | 03-21-05 | 28,800 | 12.2025 |
| | 03-22-05 | 23,600 | 12.2426 |

(d) and (e) Not applicable.

Item 7. Material to be Filed as Exhibits

Exhibit A Joint Filing Undertaking.

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SIGNATURES

After reasonable inquiry and to the best of our knowledge and belief, the undersigned certify that the information set forth in this statement is true, complete and correct.

Dated: March 24, 2005

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.
its general partner

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
General Counsel and Secretary

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General Counsel and Secretary

BLUM STRATEGIC GP II, L.L.C.

RICHARD C. BLUM

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

By: /s/ Gregory D. Hitchan

Gregory D. Hitchan
General Counsel

Gregory D. Hitchan, Attorney-in-Fact

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Exhibit A
JOINT FILING UNDERTAKING

The undersigned, being duly authorized thereunto, hereby execute this agreement as an exhibit to this Schedule 13D to evidence the agreement of the below-named parties, in accordance with the rules promulgated pursuant to the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, to file this Schedule jointly on behalf of each such party.

Dated: March 24, 2005

RICHARD C. BLUM & ASSOCIATES, INC.

BLUM CAPITAL PARTNERS, L.P.

By: Richard C. Blum & Associates, Inc.
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