

TELKONET INC  
Form 8-K  
May 15, 2013

**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): **May 14, 2013**

**TELKONET, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Utah                      000-31972    87-0627421  
(State or other jurisdiction (Commission (IRS Employer  
of incorporation)            File Number) Identification No.)

10200 Innovation Drive, Suite 300  
Milwaukee, Wisconsin                      53226  
(Address of principal executive offices)    (Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (414) 223-0473

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- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

**Item 5.02 Enters into a Material Compensation Arrangements with Certain Named Officers.**

On May 14, 2013, Telkonet, Inc. (the “Company”) entered into an employment agreement with each of Jason L. Tienor, the Company’s President and Chief Executive Officer, and Jeffrey J. Sobieski, the Company’s Chief Technology Officer, for a term commencing effective as of May 1, 2013 and expiring on May 1, 2015. The terms of each of these employment agreements will automatically renew for an additional 24 months unless the parties mutually agree or unless the agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms. Pursuant to their respective employment agreements, Mr. Tienor and Mr. Sobieski will receive a base salary of \$206,000 and \$195,700, respectively, and bonuses and benefits based on the Company’s internal policies and on participation in the Company’s incentive and benefit plans.

In addition, on May 14, 2013, the Company entered into an employment agreement with each of Richard E. Mushrush, the Company’s Chief Financial Officer, Matthew P. Koch, the Company’s Chief Operating Officer and Gerrit J. Reinders, the Company’s Executive Vice President of Sales and Marketing, for a term commencing as of May 1, 2013 and expiring as of May 1, 2014. The terms of each of these employment agreements will automatically renew for an additional 12 months unless the parties mutually agree or unless the agreement is terminated in accordance with its terms. Pursuant to their respective employment agreements, Messrs. Mushrush, Koch and Reinders receive a base salary of \$113,300, \$133,900 and \$154,500, respectively, and bonuses and benefits based on the Company’s internal policies and on participation in the Company’s incentive and benefit plans.

Each of the employment agreements described above provides that, in the event of the termination of employment of the applicable executive officer by mutual consent of the executive officer and the Company, or if the executive officer’s employment is terminated other than for “cause,” as defined in the employment agreements, then the executive officer will receive an amount equal to six months of the executive officer’s base salary and compensation for health care premiums for a six-month period following the date of termination. In the event of termination of employment by the applicable executive officer for “good reason,” as defined in the agreements, the Company will continue to pay the executive officer’s base salary and provide the executive officer with continued participation in each employee benefit plan for the period beginning on the date of termination and ending on the expiration of the term of such executive officer’s employment agreement or, if such period is less than six months, for a period of six months from the date of notice of such termination. In the event that the applicable executive officer is terminated for “cause,” the executive officer will be entitled to no further compensation, except for accrued leave and vacation and except as may be required by applicable law. Each of the agreements also contains customary confidentiality, non-competition and non-solicitation agreements.

In addition to the foregoing, Mr. Tienor’s employment agreement provides that the Company may not terminate his employment with the Company until he has been successfully released from any personal guarantees without loss to him, or projects for which he has provided a personal guarantee have been successfully completed and the affiliated bond has been released at no loss to the Executive.

The foregoing descriptions of the employment agreements do not purport to be complete, and are qualified in their entirety by reference to the respective employment agreements, copies of which are attached hereto as Exhibits 10.1 through 10.5 and incorporated herein by reference.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

Exhibit No. Description

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| 10.5 | Employment Agreement, effective as of May 1, 2013, by and between Telkonet, Inc. and Gerrit J. Reinders  |

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.

Dated: May 15, 2012 TELKONET, INC.

By: /s/ Jason L. Tienor  
Jason L. Tienor  
President and Chief Executive Officer

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