CATO CORP Form 8-K March 16, 2012

UNITED STATES SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION 450 Fifth Street NW Washington, D.C. 29549

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): March 15, 2012

THE CATO CORPORATION

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Its Charter) Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of (Commission **Incorporation**

1-31340

File Number)

8100 Denmark Road, Charlotte, NC

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(704) 554-8510

(Registrant's Telephone Number, Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

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

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> 28273-5975 (Zip Code)

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Item 2.02. Results of Operations and Financial Condition.

On March 15, 2012, The Cato Corporation issued a press release regarding its financial results for the fourth quarter ending January 28, 2012. A copy of this press release is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit 99.1 – Press Release issued March 15, 2012.

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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 thereunto duly authorized.

THE CATO CORPORATION

March 16, 2012 Date /s/ John P. D. Cato John P. D. Cato

Chairman, President and

Chief Executive Officer

March 16, 2012 Date /s/ John R. Howe John R. Howe

Executive Vice President

Chief Financial Officer

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Press Release issued March 15, 2012.

<u>Exhibit</u> <u>No</u>.

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