

ATWOOD OCEANICS INC  
Form 8-K  
December 09, 2011

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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 EARLIEST EVENT REPORTED: December 9, 2011

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC.  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

TEXAS  
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

COMMISSION FILE NUMBER 1-13167

Internal Revenue Service – Employer Identification No. 74-1611874

15835 Park Ten Place Drive  
Houston, Texas, 77084  
(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(281) 749-7800  
(Registrant's Telephone Number,  
Including Area Code)

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

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ITEM 7.01 REGULATION FD DISCLOSURE

On December 9, 2011, the Company issued a press release announcing a contract for the Atwood Aurora. A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and is incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS AND EXHIBITS

(d) EXHIBITS

99.1 Press Release dated December 9, 2011

EXHIBIT INDEX

EXHIBIT NO.	DESCRIPTION
99.1	Press Release dated December 9, 2011

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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 hereunto duly authorized.

ATWOOD OCEANICS, INC  
(Registrant)

/s/ Mark L. Mey  
Mark L. Mey  
Senior Vice President

DATE: December 9, 2011