

**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) **November 23, 2005**

Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota
(State or other jurisdiction
of incorporation)

000-19621
(Commission
File Number)

41-1454591
(IRS Employer
Identification No.)

7400 Excelsior Blvd., Minneapolis, MN
(Address of principal executive offices)

55426-4517
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code **(952) 930-9000**

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

ITEM 8.01: OTHER EVENTS

On November 23, 2005, Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. issued a press release announcing that it has been awarded a three-year appliance recycling contract by the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles (DWP). A copy of the press release is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated herein by reference.

ITEM 9.01: FINANCIAL STATEMENTS, PRO FORMA FINANCIAL INFORMATION AND EXHIBITS

(c) Exhibits

**Exhibit
Number**

Description

99.1 Press Release dated November 23, 2005.

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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.

APPLIANCE RECYCLING CENTERS OF AMERICA, INC.

Date: November 28, 2005

/s/Linda Koenig
Linda Koenig, Chief Financial Officer

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For Immediate Release

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**ARCA Receives 3-Year Appliance Recycling Contract
from Los Angeles Department of Water and Power**

November 23, 2005—Minneapolis, MN—Appliance Recycling Centers of America, Inc. (OTC BB: ARCI) today reported it has been awarded a three-year appliance recycling contract by the Department of Water and Power of the City of Los Angeles (DWP). The contract covers two programs with DWP, the Low Income Refrigerator Exchange Program and the Refrigerator Turn-In and Recycling Program. ARCA is currently providing services for both recycling programs under previous contracts with DWP.

Under the Low Income Refrigerator Exchange Program, the DWP will provide new, super-efficient refrigerators at no cost to qualifying low-income customers in exchange for their older, working refrigerators, which ARCA will recycle in an environmentally responsible manner. Through the DWP's Refrigerator Turn-In and Recycling Program, qualifying customers will turn-in their older, inefficient but working refrigerators and freezers, which ARCA will also recycle.

Edward R. (Jack) Cameron, president and chief executive officer, commented: "We are gratified to have this opportunity to continue to provide services for programs sponsored by the Los Angeles DWP. By capitalizing upon ARCA's extensive experience in high-volume, environmentally-safe appliance recycling, the DWP will reduce residential electricity demand, lower the energy bills of its customers and provide public environmental benefits."

About ARCA

ARCA is the nation's largest recycler of major household appliances for the energy conservation programs of electric utilities. Through its ApplianceSmart (www.ApplianceSmart.com) operation, ARCA is also one of the nation's leading retailers of special-buy household appliances, primarily those manufactured by Maytag, GE, Frigidaire and Whirlpool. These special-buy appliances, which include close-outs, factory overruns and scratch-and-dent units, typically are not integrated into the manufacturer's normal distribution channel. ApplianceSmart sells these virtually new appliances at a discount to full retail, offers a 100% money-back guarantee and provides warranties on parts and labor. As of November 2005, ApplianceSmart was operating 13 factory outlets: five in the Minneapolis/St. Paul market; three in the Columbus, Ohio, market; two in the Atlanta market; two in San Antonio, Texas and one in Los Angeles. Visit our web site at www.arcainc.com.

Statements about ARCA's outlook are forward-looking and involve risks and uncertainties, including but not limited to: the strength of recycling programs, the growth of appliance retail sales, the speed at which individual retail stores reach profitability, and other factors discussed in the Company's filings with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

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