SOUTHWEST AIRLINES CO Form 8-K December 30, 2005

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 Rep	ported):	December 30, 2005

Southwest Airlines Co.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Texas	1-7259	74-1563240
(State or other jurisdiction of incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)
P. O. Box 36611, Dallas, Texas	1.10 . (4.11.63.)	75235-1611
(Address of principal executive offices)		(Zip Code)
Registrant s telephone number, including area code:		(214) 792-4000
	Not Applicable	
Former na	ume or former address, if changed since	last report
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Item 1.01 Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On December 30, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Southwest Airlines Co. (the "Company") awarded cash bonuses in respect of services rendered by its officers during 2005, which are payable on January 3, 2006. Such cash bonuses for the Company's Chief Executive Officer and the four remaining most highly paid executive officers as set forth in the Company's Proxy Statement for its 2005 Annual Meeting are as follows:

Herbert D. Kelleher, Chairman of the Board, \$277,000; Gary C. Kelly, Chief Executive Officer and Vice Chairman of the Board, \$385,000; Colleen C. Barrett, President and Secretary, \$439,000; Jim Wimberly - Executive Vice President, Aircraft Operations, \$190,000; Ron Ricks, Senior Vice President - Law, Airports and Public Affairs, \$283,200.

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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.

Southwest Airlines Co.

December 30, 2005 By: Deborah Ackerman

Name: Deborah Ackerman Title: V.P. - General Counsel