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): January 25, 2006

Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or Other Jurisdiction of Incorporation 000-25259 (Commission File Number) 02-0433294 (IRS Employer Identification No.)

325 Corporate Drive, Portsmouth, New Hampshire 03801

(Address of Principal Executive Offices)

(Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (603) 436-0700

Not Applicable.

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

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

Item 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure.

On January 25, 2006, Bottomline Technologies (de), Inc. (the Company) announced, as part of its second quarter earnings call, its acquisition of a patent which addresses the process of online budgeting and evaluation of legal invoices. The Company issued a press release in respect of this patent acquisition on January 26, 2006. The full text of the press release issued in connection with the announcement is furnished as Exhibit 99.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K.

Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (d) Exhibits.
- 99.1 Press Release issued by the Company on January 26, 2006.

SIGNATURE

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.

BOTTOMLINE TECHNOLOGIES (de), INC.

Date: January 30, 2006

By: /s/ Kevin Donovan

Kevin Donovan

Chief Financial Officer and Treasurer

EXHIBIT INDEX

Exhibit No.	Description
99.1	Press release issued by the Company on January 26, 2006