

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): October 23, 2018

**ABM Industries Incorporated**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware**

(State or other jurisdiction  
of incorporation)

**1-8929**

(Commission File  
Number)

**94-1369354**

(IRS Employer  
Identification No.)

**One Liberty Plaza, 7<sup>th</sup> Floor  
New York, New York**

(Address of principal executive offices)

**10006**

(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code (212) 297-0200

**N/A**

(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:

- Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425)
- Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12)
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter).

- Emerging growth company
- If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act.

**Item 5.02 Departure of Directors or Certain Officers; Election of Directors; Appointment of Certain Officers; Compensatory Arrangements of Certain Officers.**

On October 23, 2018, the Board of Directors (the “Board”) of ABM Industries Incorporated (the “Company” or “ABM”), acting upon the recommendation of its Governance Committee, elected LeighAnne G. Baker as a director, effective immediately. Concurrently with this addition to the Board, the Board approved a resolution increasing the size of the board from eleven to twelve directors. Ms. Baker has been named to the class of directors that has its term expiring at the 2019 Annual Meeting of Stockholders. Ms. Baker has not yet been appointed to a Committee of the Board.

Ms. Baker’s cash and equity compensation arrangements as a director will be the same as those previously reported for other non-employee directors. As a non-employee director, Ms. Baker will also be entitled to a pro-rated portion of the applicable annual restricted stock unit grant and applicable board and committee fees. In addition, the Company intends to enter into its standard form of indemnification agreement with Ms. Baker.

A copy of the press release announcing the election of Ms. Baker as a director is attached as exhibit 99.1.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit Number Description

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99.1 [Press release dated October 24, 2018, announcing the election of LeighAnne G. Baker as a director.](#)

**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.

ABM INDUSTRIES INCORPORATED

Dated: October 24, 2018

By: /s/ Andrea R. Newborn  
Andrea R. Newborn  
Executive Vice President, General  
Counsel and Corporate Secretary

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE****ABM Names LeighAnne Baker to its Board of Directors**

**NEW YORK, NY – October 24, 2018** - ABM (NYSE: ABM), a leading provider of facility solutions, today announced that its Board of Directors has elected LeighAnne Baker, Senior Corporate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer, Cargill, Incorporated, as an independent director, effective immediately. Her election brings the Board of Directors to 12 members.

Sudhakar Kesavan, Chairman of the Board of Directors of ABM said, “We are pleased to welcome LeighAnne to ABM’s board of directors. The depth of LeighAnne’s extensive human resources experience for enterprises such as Cargill and Hertz will be valuable to ABM, one of the largest employers in the U.S. We look forward to her future contributions.”

Scott Salmirs, President and Chief Executive Officer of ABM, said, “As we continue to optimize our human capital management strategy and operations, we are excited to collaborate with LeighAnne. Her expertise and perspective will be insightful as we execute our long term vision. This appointment also underscores our ongoing commitment to supporting our Board through strong succession planning.”

Ms. Baker has held the position of Senior Corporate Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of Cargill, a global food and agricultural company, since 2014. She is a member of the Executive Team and responsible for Cargill’s global human resources strategy and practices. Prior to joining Cargill in May 2014, she served as Executive Vice President and Chief Human Resources Officer of Hertz Global Holdings, Inc. from 2007 to 2014. Before joining Hertz, Ms. Baker was Senior Vice President, Global Human Resources for The Reynolds & Reynolds Company, a leading provider of automotive dealer management systems, from 2005 to 2007.

**ABOUT ABM**

ABM (NYSE: ABM) is a leading provider of facility solutions with revenues of approximately \$5.5 billion and more than 130,000 employees in 350+ offices throughout the United States and various international locations. ABM’s comprehensive capabilities include janitorial, electrical & lighting, energy solutions, facilities engineering, HVAC & mechanical, landscape & turf, mission critical solutions and parking, provided through stand-alone or integrated solutions. ABM provides custom facility solutions in urban, suburban and rural areas to properties of all sizes - from schools and commercial buildings to hospitals, data centers, manufacturing plants and airports. ABM Industries Incorporated, which operates through its subsidiaries, was founded in 1909. For more information, visit [www.abm.com](http://www.abm.com).

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