

Cogdell Spencer Inc.  
Form 8-K  
August 27, 2008

**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): August 21, 2008**

**Cogdell Spencer Inc.**  
(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Maryland  
(State or other jurisdiction of  
incorporation)

001-32649  
(Commission File  
Number)

20-3126457  
(IRS Employer  
Identification Number)

4401 Barclay Downs Drive,  
Suite 300  
Charlotte, North Carolina  
(Address of principal executive  
offices)

28209  
(Zip Code)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (704) 940-2900  
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 (see General Instruction A.2. below):

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  - Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))
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**ITEM 8.01 Other Events**

On August 21, 2008, Cogdell Spencer Inc. (the Company ) announced that it entered into a joint venture with Northwestern Mutual to acquire medical office buildings. In connection therewith, CSA Medical Partners Management, LLC, a subsidiary of Cogdell Spencer LP, the operating partnership subsidiary of the Company, and Northwestern Mutual entered into a limited liability company agreement, dated August 21, 2008, to form CSA Medical Partners LLC (the Joint Venture ). The Joint Venture expects to acquire up to approximately \$350 million of medical office buildings and other healthcare facilities nationwide, predominantly associated with not-for-profit healthcare systems and large physician-owned clinics. The Company will contribute 20% of the equity capital, or approximately \$25 million, to the Joint Venture to fund future acquisitions. The Joint Venture will be the Company's exclusive vehicle for cash acquisitions. The Company will earn market based fees associated with the properties acquired by the Joint Venture.

**ITEM 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits**

Exhibit 99.1 Press release of Cogdell Spencer Inc., dated August 21, 2008, announcing the joint venture with Northwestern Mutual to form CSA Medical Partners LLC.

**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.

COGDELL SPENCER INC.

By: /s/ Frank C. Spencer  
Name: Frank C. Spencer  
Title: Chief Executive Officer and  
President

Date: August 27, 2008