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Form 8-K January 10, 2006

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

January 9, 2006 (Date of earliest event reported)

LABORATORY CORPORATION OF AMERICA HOLDINGS

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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DELAWARE	1-11353	13-3757370
(State or other jurisdiction of Incorporation)	(Commission File Number)	•
358 SOUTH MAIN STREET, BURLINGTON, NORTH CAROLINA	27215	336-229-1127
(Address of principal executive offices)	(Zip Code)	(Registrant's telephone number including area code)

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ITEM 7.01. Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 9, 2006 Laboratory Corporation of America® Holdings (LabCorp®) (NYSE: LH) announced that it has entered into a strategic consulting relationship with world renowned molecular biologist Leroy E. Hood, M.D., Ph.D. The collaboration will combine Dr. Hood s scientific vision and leadership in the field of systems biology with LabCorp s vast expertise in molecular testing. The goal of the new alliance will be to develop innovative programs that accelerate the integration of medicine and molecular diagnostics at LabCorp.

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Exhibits

99.1 Press Release dated January 9, 2006

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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.

<u>Laboratory Corporation of America Holdings</u> (Registrant)

Date: January 10, 2006 By: /s/Bradford T. Smith

Bradford T. Smith, Executive Vice

President and Secretary