AeroVironment Inc Form 8-K January 11, 2012

# 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 11, 2012

# AEROVIRONMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction of incorporation or organization)

001-33261 (Commission File Number) 95-2705790 (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

181 W. Huntington Drive, Suite 202 Monrovia, CA (Address of Principal Executive Offices)

**91016** (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: (626) 357-9983

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#### Item 7.01 Regulation FD Disclosure

On January 11, 2012, AeroVironment, Inc. announced that its chief executive officer and chairman of the board, Timothy E. Conver, as Trustee of The Conver Family Trust, has established a pre-arranged stock trading plan to sell a portion of company stock held by the Trust over a specific period of time. The stock trading plan is part of a long-term strategy for asset diversification and liquidity and was adopted in accordance with guidelines specified under Rule 10b5-1 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 and AeroVironment s policies with respect to employee stock transactions. The public announcement was made by means of a press release, the text of which is set forth in Exhibit 99.1 hereto.

The information in this Current Report, including the exhibit, is being furnished and shall not be deemed *filed* for the purposes of Section 18 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, or otherwise subject to the liabilities of that Section. The information in this Current Report shall not be incorporated by reference into any registration statement or other filing under the Securities Act of 1933, except as shall be expressly set forth by specific reference in such filing.

AeroVironment does not undertake to report other Rule 10b5-1 plans that may be adopted by any of its officers or directors in the future, or to report any modifications or termination of any publicly announced plan, except to the extent required by law.

#### Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits.

The following exhibits are filed herewith:

Exhibit
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99.1 Press Release dated January 11, 2012.

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#### **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.

AEROVIRONMENT, INC.

Date: January 11, 2012 By: /s/ Timothy E. Conver Timothy E. Conver

Chairman, Chief Executive Officer and President