# 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): June 24, 2005

## SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

**Delaware** (State or other jurisdiction)

**0-20310** (Commission File Number)

**75-2379388** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

**1105 Peters Road, Harvey, Louisiana** (Address of principal executive offices)

**70058** (Zip Code)

(504) 362-4321

(Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

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- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b))
- o Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c))

#### Item 1.01. Entry into a Material Definitive Agreement.

On June 24, 2005, the Compensation Committee of the Board of Directors of Superior Energy Services, Inc. ("the Company") made long-term incentive awards to each of the Company's executive officers named in the Company's summary compensation table and other key employees of the Company under its stockholder approved 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"). These awards consisted of performance share units ("Units") and non-qualified stock options.

The performance period for the Units runs from January 1, 2005 through December 31, 2007. The two performance measures applicable to all participants are the Company's return on invested capital and total shareholder return relative to those of the Company's pre-defined "peer group." Participants can earn from \$0 to \$200 per Unit, as determined by the Company's achievement of the performance measures. The Units provide for settlement in cash or up to 50% in equivalent value in Company common stock, if the participant has met specified continued service requirements. The standard form of Performance Share Unit Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.1 to this report.

The non-qualified stock options grant the optionee the right to purchase a stated number of shares of the Company's common stock at an exercise price of \$17.46 per share, which represents the fair market value of the Company's common stock on June 24, 2005. These options will be exercisable beginning on December 31, 2005, and will expire on the tenth anniversary of the date of grant. The standard form of Stock Option Agreement is attached as Exhibit 10.2 to this report.

Awards of the Units and the non-qualified stock options to the Company's named executive officers were granted on June 24, 2005 in the following amounts:

Recipient	Performance Share Units	Non-Qualified Stock Options
Terence E. Hall	7,875.00	188,500
Kenneth Blanchard	3,250.00	78,000
Robert S. Taylor	2,500.00	60,000
Gregory L. Miller	1,725.00	41,500
A. Patrick Bernard	1,575.00	37,500

#### Item 9.01. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

- (c) Exhibits.
- 10.1 Form of Performance Share Unit Award Agreement.
- 10.2 Form of Stock Option Agreement.

### **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.

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.

By: /s/ Robert S. Taylor
Robert S. Taylor
Chief Financial Officer

Dated: June 29, 2005

#### PERFORMANCE SHARE UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT

This PERFORMANCE SHARE UNIT AWARD AGREEMENT (this "Agreement") is dated and effective as of June 24, 2005, by and between Superior Energy Services, Inc. ("Superior") and \_\_\_\_ (the "Participant").

WHEREAS, Superior has adopted its 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan"), to attract, retain and motivate officers and key employees; and

WHEREAS, the Compensation Committee (the "Committee") believes that entering into this Agreement with the Participant is consistent with the purpose for which the Plan was adopted.

NOW, THEREFORE, in consideration of the services rendered by the Participant, the mutual covenants hereinafter set forth and other good and valuable consideration, Superior and the Participant hereby agree as follows:

Section 1. The Plan. The Plan, a copy of which has been made available to the Participant, is incorporated by reference and made a part of this Agreement as if fully set forth herein. This Agreement uses a number of defined terms that are defined in the Plan or in the body of this Agreement. These defined terms are capitalized wherever they are used.

#### Section 2. Award.

- (a) Superior hereby grants to the Participant an Other Stock Based Award consisting of \_\_\_\_ Performance Share Units (the "Units"), subject to the terms and conditions of this Agreement.
- (b) Depending on the Company's achievement of the performance goals specified in Section 2(c) during the period beginning January 1, 2005 and ending December 31, 2007 (the "Performance Period"), the Participant shall be entitled to a payment equal to the value of the Units determined pursuant to Section 2(d) if, except as otherwise provided in Section 3, he remains actively employed with the Company on January 2, 2008.
- (c) The amount paid with respect to the Units shall be based upon the Company's achievement of the following performance criteria as determined by the Committee: (i) return on invested capital relative to the return on invested capital of the Company's "Peer Group" listed on Schedule A attached hereto ("Relative ROIC"); and (ii) the Company's total shareholder return relative to the total shareholder return of the Company's "Peer Group" listed on Schedule A attached hereto ("Relative TSR") in accordance with the following matrix:

#### Relative ROIC

Performance Level Compared to Peer Group		Performance Percentage(%)
	Below 40th Percentile	0%
Threshold	40th Percentile	25%
Target	60th Percentile	50%
Maximum	80 <sup>th</sup> Percentile or above	100%
	Relative TSR	
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	Below 40th Percentile	0%
Threshold	40th Percentile	25%
Target	60th Percentile	50%
Maximum	80th Percentile or above	100%

The Committee shall adjust the performance criteria to recognize special or non-recurring situations or circumstances with respect to the Company or any other company in the peer group for any year during the Performance Period arising from the acquisition or disposition of assets, costs associated with exit or disposal activities or material impairments that are reported on a Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission.

- (d) The amount payable to the Participant pursuant to this Agreement shall be an amount equal to the number of Units awarded to the Participant multiplied by the product of (i) \$100 and (ii) the sum of the Performance Percentages set forth above for the level of achievement of each of the performance criteria set forth in Section 2(c). By way of example, if the Company reached the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile in Relative ROIC and the 60<sup>th</sup> percentile in Relative TSR, the sum of the Performance Percentages would be 75% and the amount payable with respect to each Unit would be \$75. If Relative ROIC reached the 80<sup>th</sup> percentile but Relative TSR was below the 40<sup>th</sup> percentile, the sum of the Performance Percentages would be 100% and the amount payable with respect to each Unit would be \$100. Performance results between the threshold, target and maximum levels will be calculated on a pro rata basis. The maximum payout for each Unit is \$200.
- (e) Except as provided in Section 3(b), payment of amounts due under the Units shall be made on March 31, 2008. Any amount paid in respect of the Units shall be payable in such combination of cash and Common Stock (with the Common Stock valued at its Fair Market Value) as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion; provided, however, that no more than fifty percent (50%) of the payment may be made in Common Stock. Prior to any payments under this Agreement, the Committee shall certify in writing, by resolution or otherwise, the amount to be paid in respect of the Units as a result of the achievement of Relative ROIC and Relative TSR. The Committee shall not increase the amount payable to the Participant to an amount that is higher than the amount payable under the formula described herein.

#### Section 3. Early Termination; Change of Control.

- (a) In the event of the Participant's termination of employment prior to the end of the Performance Period due to (i) any reason other than voluntary termination by the Participant (other than as permitted under Section 3(a)(iv)) or cause as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, (ii) death, (iii) permanent and total disability as determined by the Committee in its sole discretion, or (iv) Retirement (as hereinafter defined), the Participant shall forfeit as of the date of termination a number of Units determined by multiplying the number of Units by a fraction, the numerator of which is the number of full months following the date of termination, death, disability or retirement to the end of the Performance Period and the denominator of which is thirty six (36). The Committee shall determine the number of Units forfeited and the amount to be paid to the Participant or his beneficiary in accordance with Section 2(e) based on the performance criteria for the entire Performance Period. As used herein, "Retirement" is defined as the voluntary termination of employment at or after age 55 with at least five years of service and the Participant not, at any time on or before March 31, 2008, accepting employment with, acquiring a 5% or more equity or participation interest in, serving as a consultant, advisor, director or agent of, directly or indirectly soliciting or recruiting any employee of the Company who was employed at any time during Participant's service with the Company, or otherwise assisting in any other capacity or manner any company or enterprise that is directly or indirectly in competition with or acting against the interests of the Company or any of its lines of business, except for any service or assistance that is provided at the request or with the written permission of Superior.
- (b) In the event of a Change of Control, the Participant shall be deemed to have achieved the maximum level for Relative ROIC and Relative TSR in accordance with the terms of the Plan. Payment shall be made to the Participant as soon as administratively practical following the Change of Control, but in no event later than 2.5 months following the end of the year in the such Change of Control occurs.

#### Section 4. Miscellaneous.

- (a) Participant understands and acknowledges that he is one of a limited number of employees of the Company who have been selected to receive grants of Units and that the grant is considered confidential information. Participant hereby covenants and agrees not to disclose the award of Units pursuant to this Agreement to any other person except (i) Participant's immediate family and legal or financial advisors who agree to maintain the confidentiality of this Agreement, (ii) as required in connection with the administration of this Agreement and the Plan as it relates to this award or under applicable law, and (iii) to the extent the terms of this Agreement have been publicly disclosed by the Company.
- (b) The Company shall be entitled to require a cash payment by or on behalf of the Participant and/or to deduct from other compensation payable to the Participant any sums required by federal, state or local tax law to be withheld with respect to the award or payments in respect of any Units or the issuance of Common Stock. Alternatively, the Participant may irrevocably elect, in such manner and at such time or times prior to any applicable tax date, as may be permitted by the Committee, to have the Company withhold and reacquire Units or Common Stock to satisfy any withholding obligations of the Company. Any election to have

Units or Common Stock so held back and reacquired shall be subject to the Committee's approval.

- (c) The authority to manage and control the operation and administration of this Agreement shall be vested in the Committee, and the Committee shall have all powers with respect to this Agreement as it has with respect to the Plan. Any interpretation of this Agreement by the Committee and any decision made by it with respect to this Agreement shall be final and binding on all persons.
- (d) Notwithstanding anything in this Agreement to the contrary, the terms of this Agreement shall be subject to the terms of the Plan, and this Agreement is subject to all interpretations, amendments, rules and regulations promulgated by the Committee from time to time pursuant to the Plan.
- (e) This Agreement shall be construed and interpreted to comply with Section 409A of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended. Superior reserves the right to amend this Agreement to the extent it reasonably determines is necessary in order to preserve the intended tax consequences of the Units in light of Section 409A and any regulations or other guidance promulgated thereunder. Neither the Company nor the members of the Committee shall be liable for any determination or action taken or made with respect to this Agreement or the Units granted thereunder.
- (f) Each notice relating to this Agreement shall be in writing and delivered in person or by mail to Superior at its office, 1105 Peters Road, Harvey, LA 70058, to the attention of the Secretary or at such other address as Superior may specify in writing to the Participant by a notice delivered in accordance with this Section 4(f). All notices to the Participant shall be delivered to the Participant's address specified below or at such other address as the Participant may specify in writing to the Secretary by a notice delivered in accordance with this Section 4(f).
- (g) Neither this Agreement nor the rights of Participant hereunder shall be transferable by the Participant during his life other than by will or pursuant to applicable laws of descent and distribution. No rights or privileges of the Participant in connection herewith shall be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated by Participant or by any other person in any way, whether by operation of law, or otherwise, and shall not be subject to execution, attachment, garnishment or similar process. In the event of any such occurrence, this Agreement shall automatically be terminated and shall thereafter be null and void.
- (h) Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon the Participant any right to continue in the employment of the Company, or to interfere in any way with the right of the Company to terminate the Participant's employment relationship with the Company at any time.
  - (i) This Agreement shall be governed by and construed in accordance with the laws of the State of Louisiana.
- (j) If any term or provision of this Agreement, shall at any time or to any extent be invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect as written, the Participant and Superior intend for any court construing this Agreement to modify or limit such provision so as to render it valid and enforceable to the fullest extent allowed by law. Any such provision that is not susceptible of

such reformation shall be ignored so as to not affect any other term or provision hereof, and the remainder of this Agreement, or the application of such term or provision to persons or circumstances other than those as to which it is held invalid, illegal or unenforceable, shall not be affected thereby and each term and provision of this Agreement shall be valid and enforced to the fullest extent permitted by law.

- (k) The Plan and this Agreement contain the entire agreement between the parties with respect to the subject matter contained herein and may not be modified, except as provided herein or in the Plan or as it may be amended from time to time by a written document signed by each of the parties hereto. Any oral or written agreements, representations, warranties, written inducements, or other communications with respect to the subject matter contained herein made prior to the execution of the Agreement shall be void and ineffective for all purposes.
- (l) Superior's obligation under the Plan and this Agreement is an unsecured and unfunded promise to pay benefits that may be earned in the future. Superior shall have no obligation to set aside, earmark or invest any fund or money with which to pay its obligations under this Agreement. The Participant or any successor in interest shall be and remain a general creditor of Superior in the same manner as any other creditor having a general claim for matured and unpaid compensation.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be duly executed and delivered on the day and year first above written.

Superior	Energy Services, Inc.
Ву:	N
	Name: Title:
	[Insert name] Participant
Address	:
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#### PEER GROUP COMPANIES

BJ Services Co.
Cal Dive International, Inc.
Helmerich & Payne
Oceaneering International
Oil States International, Inc.
Pride International, Inc.
RPC, Inc.
Seacor Holdings, Inc.
Smith International Inc.
Tetra Technologies, Inc.
Weatherford International Inc.
W-H Energy Services, Inc.

If any peer group company's Relative ROIC or Relative TSR shall cease to be publicly available (due to a business combination, receivership, bankruptcy or other event) or if any such company is no longer publicly held, the Committee shall exclude that company from the peer group and, in its sole discretion, substitute another comparable company.

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#### STOCK OPTION AGREEMENT FOR THE GRANT OF NON-QUALIFIED STOCK OPTIONS UNDER THE SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC. 2005 STOCK INCENTIVE PLAN

THIS AGREEMENT is dated as of June \_\_\_\_, 2005, by and between Superior Energy Services, Inc. ("Superior"), and \_\_\_("Optionee").

**WHEREAS** Optionee is a key employee of Superior or one of its subsidiaries (collectively, the "Company") and Superior considers it desirable and in its best interest that Optionee be given an inducement to acquire a proprietary interest in the Company and an added incentive to advance the interests of the Company by possessing an option to purchase shares of the common stock of Superior, \$.001 par value per share (the "Common Stock"), in accordance with the Superior Energy Services, Inc. 2005 Stock Incentive Plan (the "Plan").

**NOW, THEREFORE,** in consideration of the premises, it is agreed by and between the parties as follows:

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#### Grant of Option

Superior hereby grants to Optionee effective June \_\_\_\_, 2005 (the "Date of Grant"), the right, privilege and option to purchase \_\_\_\_shares of Common Stock (the "Option") at an exercise price of \$\_\_\_per share (the "Exercise Price"). The Option shall be exercisable at the time specified in Article II below. The Option is a non-qualified stock option and shall not be treated as an incentive stock option under Section 422 of the Internal Revenue Code of 1986, as amended (the "Code").

II.

#### Time of Exercise

- 2.1 Subject to the provisions of the Plan and the other provisions of this Agreement, the Optionee shall be entitled to exercise the Option beginning on December 31, 2005. The Option shall expire and may not be exercised later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant.
- 2.2 Upon the termination of Optionee's employment with the Company, any portion of the Option that has not yet become exercisable shall terminate immediately.
- 2.3 (a) Except as provided in Section 2.3(b), if Optionee's employment with the Company is terminated, other than as a result of death, disability, Cause or retirement on or after reaching age 55 with five years of service, the Option must be exercised, to the extent exercisable at the time of termination of employment, within 30 days of the date on which Optionee ceases to be an employee, but in no event later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant.

- (b) (i) If there has been a Change of Control (as defined in the Plan) of Superior, (ii) if the Option remains outstanding after the Change of Control, either as a right to purchase Common Stock or as a right to purchase that number and class of shares of stock or other securities or property (including without limitation, cash) to which the Optionee would have been entitled if, immediately prior to the Change of Control, the Optionee had been the record owner of the number of shares of Common Stock then covered by the Option and (iii) if the Optionee's employment is terminated by the Company other than for Cause within a one-year period following the Change of Control, then the Option must be exercised within three years following the date of termination of employment, but in no event later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant.
- (c) "Cause" for termination of employment shall be deemed to exist upon either (i) a final determination is made in accordance with the terms of Optionee's employment agreement, if any, with the Company that the Optionee's employment has been terminated for "cause" within the meaning of the employment agreement or (ii), if the Optionee is not subject to an employment agreement: (A) failure to abide by the Company's rules and regulations governing the transaction of its business, including without limitation, its Code of Business Ethics and Conduct; (B) inattention to duties, or the commission of acts within employment with the Company amounting to negligence or misconduct; (C) misappropriation of funds or property of the Company or committing any fraud against the Company or against any other person or entity in the course of employment with the Company; (D) misappropriation of any corporate opportunity, or otherwise obtaining personal profit from any transaction which is adverse to the interests of the Company or to the benefits of which the Company is entitled; or (E) the commission of a felony or other crime involving moral turpitude.
- 2.4 If Optionee's employment by the Company is terminated for Cause, the Option shall terminate in full immediately, whether or not exercisable at the time of termination of employment.
- 2.5 If Optionee ceases to be an employee of the Company because of disability within the meaning of Section 22(e)(3) of the Code or retirement, as described in Section 2.3(a), the Option must be exercised, to the extent exercisable at the time of termination of employment, within one year from the date on which Optionee ceases to be an employee, but in no event later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant.
- 2.6 In the event of Optionee's death, the Option must be exercised by his estate, or by the person to whom such right devolves from him by reason of his death, to the extent exercisable at the time of death, within one year from the date of death, but in no event later than the tenth anniversary of the Date of Grant.

III.

#### Forfeiture of Option and Option Gain

If at any time during Optionee's employment by the Company or within 36 months after termination of employment, Optionee engages in any activity in competition with any activity of the Company, or inimical, contrary or harmful to the interests of the Company, including but not limited to:

- (a) conduct relating to Optionee's employment for which either criminal or civil penalties against Optionee may be sought;
- (b) conduct or activity that results in termination of Optionee's employment for Cause;
- (c) violation of Company policies, including, without limitation, the Company's Code of Business Ethics and Conduct;
- (d) accepting employment with, acquiring a 5% or more equity or participation interest in, serving as a consultant, advisor, director or agent of, directly or indirectly soliciting or recruiting any employee of the Company who was employed at any time during Optionee's tenure with the Company, or otherwise assisting in any other capacity or manner any company or enterprise that is directly or indirectly in competition with or acting against the interests of the Company or any of its lines of business (a "competitor"), except for (i) any isolated, sporadic accommodation or assistance provided to a competitor, at its request, by Optionee during Optionee's tenure with the Company, but only if provided in the good faith and reasonable belief that such action would benefit the Company by promoting good business relations with the competitor and would not harm the Company's interests in any substantial manner or (ii) any other service or assistance that is provided at the request or with the written permission of the Company;
  - (e) disclosing or misusing any confidential information or material concerning the Company; or
- (f) making any statement or disclosing any information to any customers, suppliers, lessors, lessees, licensors, licensees, regulators, employees or others with whom the Company engages in business that is defamatory or derogatory with respect to the business, operations, technology, management, or other employees of the Company, or taking any other action that could reasonably be expected to injure the Company in its business relationships with any of the foregoing parties or result in any other detrimental effect on the Company;

then the Option shall terminate without any payment to Optionee effective the date on which Optionee engages in such activity, unless terminated sooner by operation of another term or condition of this Agreement or the Plan, and Optionee shall pay in cash to the Company, without interest, any option gain realized by Optionee from exercising all or a portion of the Option during the period beginning one year prior to termination of employment (or one year prior to the date Optionee first engages in such activity if no termination occurs) and ending on the date on which the Option terminates. For purposes hereof, "option gain" shall mean the difference between the closing market price of the Common Stock on the date of exercise minus the exercise price, multiplied by the number of shares purchased.

#### Method of Exercise of Option

Optionee may exercise all or a portion of the Option by delivering to the Company a signed written notice of his intention to exercise the Option, specifying therein the number of shares to be purchased. Upon receiving such notice, and after the Company has received payment of the exercise price as provided in the Plan, the appropriate officer of the Company shall cause the transfer of title of the shares purchased to Optionee on the Company's stock records and cause to be issued to Optionee a stock certificate for the number of shares being acquired. Optionee shall not have any rights as a stockholder until the stock certificate is issued to him.

V.

#### No Contract of Employment Intended

Nothing in this Agreement shall confer upon Optionee any right to continue in the employ of the Company or any of its subsidiaries, or to interfere in any way with the right of the Company or any of its subsidiaries to terminate Optionee's employment relationship with the Company at any time.

VI.

#### Binding Effect and Successors

- 6.1 This Agreement shall inure to the benefit of and be binding upon the parties hereto and their respective heirs, executors, administrators and successors.
- 6.2 If in connection with a Change of Control, the Option is assumed by a successor to the Company, then, as used herein, "Company" shall include any successor to the Company's business and assets that assumes and agrees to perform this Agreement.

VII.

#### Non-Transferability

The Option may not be transferred, assigned, pledged or hypothecated in any manner, by operation of law or otherwise, other than by will or by the laws of descent and distribution and shall not be subject to execution, attachment or similar process.

VIII.

#### **Inconsistent Provisions**

The Option is subject to the provisions of the Plan as in effect on the date hereof and as it may be amended. In the event any provision of this Agreement conflicts with such a provision of the Plan, the Plan provision shall control.

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IN WITNESS WHEREOF, the parties hereto have caused this Agreement to be executed as of the day and year first above written.

By:					
	Name: Title:				
			Optionee		

SUPERIOR ENERGY SERVICES, INC.