### 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): September 30, 2011

#### ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION (Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware000-2606895-4405754(State or other jurisdiction of (Commission File Number)<br/>incorporation)(IRS Employer<br/>Identification No.)500 Newport Center Drive92660

Newport Beach, California (Address of principal executive offices)

Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (949) 480-8300

Not applicable (Former name or former address, if changed since last report.)

(Zip Code)

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))

Item 8.01 Other Events.

On September 30, 2011, Unified Messaging Solutions LLC, a subsidiary of Acacia Research Corporation, entered into a Patent License and License and Settlement Agreement with Bank of America Corporation.

## 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.

### ACACIA RESEARCH CORPORATION

Date: September 30, 2011

By:

/s/ Paul R. Ryan Name: Paul R. Ryan Title: Chairman and Chief Executive Officer