A123 SYSTEMS, INC. Form 8-K July 10, 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): July 10, 2012

A123 Systems, Inc.

(Exact Name of Registrant as Specified in Charter)

Delaware (State or other Jurisdiction of Incorporation or Organization) 001-34463 (Commission File Number) **04-3583876** (IRS Employer Identification No.)

200 West Street Waltham, Massachusetts (Address of principal executive offices)

02451 (Zip Code)

Registrant s telephone number, including area code: 617-778-5700

(Former Name or Former Address, if Changed Since Last Report)

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o 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

As previously discussed in its Current Report on Form 8-K filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission on July 6, 2012, A123 Systems, Inc. (the Company) entered into a placement agent agreement dated as of July 5, 2012 with Lazard Capital Markets LLC relating to a registered direct offering by the Company of an aggregate of 7,692,308 shares of the Company s common stock and warrants to purchase additional shares of such common stock. The legal opinion letter of Latham & Watkins LLP regarding the validity of the common stock and warrants is filed as Exhibit 5.1 to this Current Report on Form 8-K. The legal opinion letter is also filed with reference to, and is hereby incorporated by reference into, the Company s registration statement on Form S-3, as amended (Reg. No. 333-173122).

Item 9.01	Financial Statements and Exhibits

(d) Exhibits

Exhibit No. Description

- 5.1 Opinion of Latham & Watkins LLP
- 23.1 Consent of Latham & Watkins LLP (included in Exhibit 5.1)

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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.

A123 SYSTEMS, INC.

Date: July 10, 2012 By: /s/ DAVID PRYSTASH
DAVID PRYSTASH

Chief Financial Officer

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