

COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS INC  
Form S-8  
November 10, 2011

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UNITED STATES  
SECURITIES AND EXCHANGE COMMISSION  
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20549

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**FORM S-8**

**REGISTRATION STATEMENT UNDER THE SECURITIES ACT OF 1933**

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**COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Minnesota                                      41-0957999  
(State or other jurisdiction of (I.R.S. Employer  
incorporation or organization) Identification No.)

10900 Red Circle Drive  
Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343

(Address of principal executive offices and zip code)

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**COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.**  
**2011 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan**

(Full title of the Plan)

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| David T. McGraw<br>Chief Financial Officer<br>COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC.<br>10900 Red Circle Drive<br>Minnetonka, Minnesota 55343<br>952-996-1691 | Copy to:<br>Thomas G. Lovett, IV<br>Lindquist & Vennum, P.L.L.P.<br>4200 IDS Center<br>80 South 8th Street<br>Minneapolis, Minnesota 55402<br>612-371-3211 |
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(Name, address and telephone number, including area code, of agent for service)

\*\*Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is a large accelerated filer, an accelerated filer, a non-accelerated filer, or a smaller reporting company. See the definitions of "large accelerated filer," "accelerated filer" and "smaller reporting company" in Rule 12b-2 of the exchange Act. (Check one):

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|-------------------------|-----------------------|---------------------------|----------------------------------|
| Large accelerated filer | <input type="radio"/> | Accelerated filer         | <input type="radio"/>            |
| Non-accelerated filer   | <input type="radio"/> | Smaller reporting company | <input checked="" type="radio"/> |

(Do not check if a smaller reporting company)

CALCULATION OF REGISTRATION FEE

| Title of Securities to be Registered    | Amount to be Registered (1) | Proposed Maximum Offering Price Per Share | Proposed Maximum Aggregate Offering Price | Amount of Registration Fee |
|---|-----------------------------|---|---|----------------------------|
| Common Stock, par value \$.05 per share | 1,000,000                   | \$15.64                                   | \$15,640,000                              | \$1,792                    |

(1) Estimated solely for the purpose of determining the registration fee pursuant to Rule 457(c) and (h) and based upon the closing price of the Company's Common Stock on the Nasdaq Global Market on November 8, 2011.

## INTRODUCTION

This Registration Statement on Form S-8 is filed by COMMUNICATIONS SYSTEMS, INC., a Minnesota corporation, (“CSI” or the “Company”) to register 1,000,000 shares of its common stock issuable under its 2011 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan.

## INCORPORATION OF CONTENTS OF REGISTRATION STATEMENT BY REFERENCE

### PART I

Pursuant to the note to Part I of Form S-8, the information required by Items 1 and 2 of Form S-8 is not filed as a part of this Registration Statement.

### PART II

#### Item 3. Incorporation of Documents by Reference.

The following documents filed with the Securities and Exchange Commission are hereby incorporated by reference:

- (a) The Company’s Annual Report on Form 10-K for the year ended December 31, 2010;
- (b) The Company’s definitive Proxy Statement dated May 19, 2011, and filed with the SEC on April 7, 2011 for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 19, 2011;
- (c) The Company’s Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the quarters ended March 31, June 30 and September 30, 2011;
- (b) The Company’s Current Reports on Form 8-K dated February 9, May 19, August 11 and September 21, 2011;
- (c) All other reports filed pursuant to Section 13(a), 13(c), 14 or 15(d) of the Exchange Act since the end of the year ended December 31, 2010; and

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The description of the Company's Common Stock contained in its Registration Statement on Form S-1 dated June (e) 17, 1983 (Registration Statement No. 2-84100), including any amendment or report filed for the purpose of updating this description.

All documents subsequently filed by the Company pursuant to Sections 13(a), 13(c), 14 and 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 prior to the completion or termination of this offering of shares of Common Stock shall be deemed to be incorporated by reference in this Registration Statement and to be a part hereof from the date of filing of such documents.

Item 4. Description of Securities.

The description of the Company's Common Stock to be offered pursuant to this Registration Statement has been incorporated by reference into this Registration Statement as described in Item 3 of this Part II.

Item 5. Interests of Named Experts and Counsel.

Not applicable.

Item 6. Indemnification of Directors and Officers.

Section 302A.521 of the Minnesota Statutes and Article 10 of the Company's Restated Bylaws as Amended require, among other things, the indemnification of any person made or threatened to be made a party to a proceeding by reason of acts or omissions performed in the person's official capacity as an officer, director, employee or agent of the Company against judgments, penalties and fines (including attorneys' fees) if the person is not otherwise indemnified, acted in good faith, received no improper benefit, reasonably believed that such conduct was in the best interests of the Company, and, in the case of criminal proceedings, had no reason to believe the conduct was unlawful. In addition, Section 302A.521, subd. 3, of the Minnesota Statutes requires payment by the Company, upon written request, of reasonable expenses in advance of final disposition in certain instances if a decision as to required indemnification is made by a disinterested majority of the Board of Directors present at a meeting at which a disinterested quorum is present, or by a designated committee of the Board, by special legal counsel, by the shareholders or by a court. The Company also maintains insurance to assist in funding indemnification of directors and officers for certain liabilities.

Item 7. Exemption from Registration Claimed.

Not applicable.

Item 8. Exhibits.

Exhibit

Communications Systems, Inc.. 2011 Executive Incentive Compensation Plan, as amended, incorporated by reference to Appendix A to the definitive proxy statement dated May 19, 2011, and filed with the SEC on April 7, 2011 for the Annual Meeting of Shareholders held on May 19, 2011.

5.1 Opinion of Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P.

23.1 Consent of Lindquist & Vennum P.L.L.P. (included in Exhibit 5.1)

23.2 Consent of Deloitte & Touche, LLP, the Company's Independent Registered Public Accounting Firm

24.1 Power of Attorney (included on signature page)

Item 9. Undertakings.

(a) The Company hereby undertakes to:

(1) To file, during any period in which offers or sales are being made, a post-effective amendment to this registration statement:

(i) To include any material information with respect to the plan of distribution not previously disclosed in the registration statement or any material change to such information in the registration statement;

(2) That, for the purpose of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each such post-effective amendment shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(3) To remove from registration by means of a post-effective amendment any of the securities being registered that remain unsold at the termination of the offering.

(b) The undersigned registrant hereby undertakes that, for purposes of determining any liability under the Securities Act of 1933, each filing of the registrant's annual report pursuant to Section 13(a) or Section 15(d) of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 that is incorporated by reference in the registration statement shall be deemed to be a new registration statement relating to the securities offered therein, and the offering of such securities at that time shall be deemed to be the initial bona fide offering thereof.

(c) Insofar as indemnification for liabilities arising under the Securities Act of 1933 may be permitted to directors, officers, and controlling persons of the registrant pursuant to the foregoing provisions, or otherwise, the registrant has been advised that in the opinion of the Securities and Exchange Commission such indemnification is against public policy as expressed in the Act and is, therefore, unenforceable. In the event that a claim for indemnification against such liabilities (other than the payment by the registrant of expenses incurred or paid by a director, officer, or controlling person of the registrant in the successful defense of any action, suit, or proceeding) is asserted by such director, officer, or controlling person connected with the securities being registered, the registrant will, unless in the opinion of its counsel the matter has been settled by controlling precedent, submit to a court of appropriate jurisdiction the question whether such indemnification by it is against public policy as expressed in the Act and will be governed by the final adjudication.





/s/ Curtis A. Sampson

Randall D. Sampson      Director

/s/ Randall D. Sampson

Luella G. Goldberg      Director

/s/ Luella G. Goldberg

Roger H.D. Lacey      Director

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Gerald D. Pint      Director

/s/ Gerald D. Pint

Jeffrey K. Berg      Director

/s/ Jeffrey K. Berg

Edwin C. Freeman      Director

/s/ Edwin C. Freeman