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 16, 2024

AEROVIRONMENT, INC.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

001-33261

(Commission File Number)

95-2705790

(I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

Delaware

(State or other jurisdiction of

incorporation or organization) 241 18th Street South, Suite 650 Arlington, Virginia 22202 (Address of Principal Executive Offices) (Zip Code) Registrant's telephone number, including area code: (805) 520-8350 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): ☐ Written communications pursuant to Rule 425 under the Securities Act (17 CFR 230.425) ☐ Soliciting material pursuant to Rule 14a-12 under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14a-12) ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 14d-2(b) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.14d-2(b)) ☐ Pre-commencement communications pursuant to Rule 13e-4(c) under the Exchange Act (17 CFR 240.13e-4(c)) Securities registered pursuant to Section 12(b) of the Act: Title of each class Trading Symbol(s) Name of each exchange on which registered Common Stock, \$0.0001 par value AVAV The NASDAQ Stock Market LLC Indicate by check mark whether the registrant is an emerging growth company as defined in Rule 405 of the Securities Act of 1933 (§230.405 of this chapter) or Rule 12b-2 of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934 (§240.12b-2 of this chapter). Emerging growth company \square If an emerging growth company, indicate by check mark if the registrant has elected not to use the extended transition period for complying with any new or revised financial accounting standards provided pursuant to Section 13(a) of the Exchange Act. \square

Item 8.01. Other Information

A protest has been filed with the U.S. Government Accountability Office ("GAO") challenging the U.S Department of the Army's decision on August 27, 2024 to award an indefinite delivery, indefinite quantity contract with a ceiling value of \$990,000,000 on a sole source basis to AeroVironment, Inc. (the "Company") related to the Company's Switchblade systems. The U.S. Army has issued a stop work order on the contract and the delivery order issued thereunder while the protest is being considered by the GAO. This stop work order does not impact any of the Company's other contracts or commitments, including those related to its Loitering Munitions systems. It is currently expected that the GAO will issue a decision on the protest no later than December 16, 2024.

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: September 16, 2024 By: /s/ Melissa Brown

Melissa Brown

Senior Vice President, General Counsel & Corporate Secretary