

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC

Form 8-K

April 29, 2005

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**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): April 28, 2005

**First Albany Companies Inc.**

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

New York

(State or Other Jurisdiction  
of Incorporation)

0-14140

(Commission File Number)

22-2655804

(IRS Employer Identification No.)

677 Broadway, Albany, New York

(Address of principal executive offices)

12207

(Zip Code)

(518) 447-8500

(Registrant's Telephone Number  
Including Area Code)

Not Applicable

(Former name or former address, if changed since last report)

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

Pursuant to the First Albany Companies Inc. (the Company ) 2003 Directors Stock Plan, non-employee directors of the Company were awarded stock options to purchase 2,500 shares of Common Stock on April 28, 2005.

**Item 9.01 Financial Statements and Exhibits.**

(c) Exhibits.

99.1 Form of Non-Employee Director Option Award Agreement under the First Albany Companies Inc. 2003 Directors Stock Plan.

**SIGNATURES**

Pursuant to the requirements of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended, the Registrant has duly caused this Report to be signed on its behalf by the undersigned hereunto duly authorized.

FIRST ALBANY COMPANIES INC.

Date: April 28, 2005

By: /s/ Alan P. Goldberg

Name: Alan P. Goldberg

Title: President and Chief Executive Officer