

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

SCHEDULE 14A  
(Rule 14a-101)

INFORMATION REQUIRED IN PROXY STATEMENT

SCHEDULE 14A INFORMATION

PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE SECURITIES  
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**Dover Corporation**

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## DOVER CORPORATION

### \*\* IMPORTANT NOTICE \*\*

#### Regarding the Availability of Proxy Materials

You are receiving this communication because you hold shares in the above company, and the materials you should review before you cast your vote are now available.

**This communication presents only an overview of the more complete proxy materials that are available to you on the Internet. We encourage you to access and review all of the important information contained in the proxy materials before voting.**



DOVER CORPORATION  
280 PARK AVENUE, 34W  
NEW YORK, NY 10017

## Shareholder Meeting to be held on 5/7/09

### Proxy Materials Available

- Notice and Proxy Statement
- Annual Report (including Form 10-K)
- Form of Proxy Card

#### PROXY MATERIALS - VIEW OR RECEIVE

You can choose to view the materials online or receive a paper or e-mail copy. There is **NO** charge for requesting a copy. Requests, instructions and other inquiries will **NOT** be forwarded to your investment advisor.

To facilitate timely delivery please make the request as instructed below on or before 4/23/09.

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*See the Reverse Side for Meeting Information and Instructions on How to Vote*

## Meeting Information

Meeting Type: Annual  
Meeting Date: 5/7/09  
Meeting Time: 1:00 p.m. local time  
For holders as of: 3/10/09

### Meeting Location:

Embassy Suites Palm Desert  
74-700 Highway 111  
Palm Desert, California 92260

### Meeting Directions:

Exit palm Springs Regional Airport, left on El Cielo, left on Ramon, right on Gene Autry to Hwy 111 (Palm Canyon Drive), left on Hwy 111 for 15 miles, Embassy Suites is on left just past Deep Canyon and before Cook Street For directions from other local airports, go to [www.embassysuites.com](http://www.embassysuites.com)

## How To Vote



### Vote In Person

Many shareholder meetings have attendance requirements including, but not limited to, the possession of an attendance ticket issued by the entity holding the meeting. Please check the meeting materials for any special requirements for meeting attendance. At the meeting, you will need to request a ballot to vote these shares.



### Vote By Internet

To vote **now** by Internet, go to [WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM](http://WWW.PROXYVOTE.COM). Use the Internet to transmit your voting instructions and for electronic delivery of information up until 11:59 P.M. Eastern Time the day before the meeting date. Have your notice in hand when you access the web site and follow the instructions.

**Voting items**

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** each director under Item 1.

1. Election of Directors

**Nominees:**

- 1a. D. H. Benson
  
- 1b. R. W. Cremin
  
- 1c. T. J. Derosa
  
- 1d. J-P. M. Ergas
  
- 1e. P. T. Francis
  
- 1f. K. C. Graham
  
- 1g. J. L. Koley
  
- 1h. R. A. Livingston
  
- 1i. R. K. Lochridge
  
- 1j. B. G. Rethore
  
- 1k. M. B. Stubbs
  
- 1l. M. A. Winston

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** Items 2 and 3.

- 2. To approve amendments to the 2005 Equity and Cash Incentive Plan.
  
- 3. To approve amendments to the Executive Officer Annual Incentive Plan.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **AGAINST** Item 4.

- 4. To act upon a shareholder proposal regarding a climate change report.

The Board of Directors recommends a vote **FOR** Item 5.

- 5. To ratify the appointment of PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP as the independent registered public accounting firm of Dover Corporation for 2009.

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