

AMERICAN EXPRESS CO  
Form DEFA14A  
March 28, 2006

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

**SCHEDULE 14A**  
**PROXY STATEMENT PURSUANT TO SECTION 14(a) OF THE**  
**SECURITIES EXCHANGE ACT OF 1934**  
**(AMENDMENT NO. )**

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**AMERICAN EXPRESS COMPANY**

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(Name of Registrant as Specified in its Charter)

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EXHIBIT INDEX

Each of the exhibits hereto may be deemed "soliciting materials" within the meaning of the Securities Exchange Act of 1934, as amended (the "Act"), and the regulations of the Securities and Exchange Commission issued thereunder.

**EXHIBIT**

- 99.1 Form of telephone voting script being used in connection with voting by shareholders of the registrant with respect to the registrant's 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- 99.2 Form of e-mail being sent to certain shareholders and employee-shareholders of the registrant in connection with the registrant's 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.
- 99.3 Form of voting Web site being used in connection with voting by certain shareholders and employee-shareholders of the registrant in connection with the registrant's 2006 Annual Meeting of Shareholders.