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: **January 29, 2003** (Date of earliest event reported)

TeleTech Holdings, Inc.

(Exact name of registrant as specified in its charter)

Delaware (State of Incorporation) 0-21055

(Commission File Number) **84-1291044** (I.R.S. Employer Identification No.)

9197 S. Peoria Street, Englewood, Colorado 80112 (Address of principal executive offices, including Zip Code)

Telephone Number **(303) 397-8100** (Registrant's telephone number, including area code)

Item 5. Other Events

On January 29, 2003, TeleTech Holdings, Inc. (the "Company) announced that TeleTech received formal notification from the United States Postal Service ("USPS") of its decision not to renew its relationship. TeleTech provides services to the USPS from two U.S.-based customer management centers, representing 5.5 percent of TeleTech's 2002 revenues, or approximately \$56 million. TeleTech will be working closely with the USPS to coordinate the transition.

TeleTech also announced that TeleTech recently signed a five-year agreement with a large broadband communications company to provide customer service and billing inquiry support. TeleTech believes the project will ramp to the equivalent of approximately one customer management center by the end of 2003, primarily utilizing capacity in its U.S. multi-client facilities.

Description

A further description of these events is set forth in the press release issued by TeleTech, dated January 29, 2003, a copy of which is attached hereto as Exhibit 99.1 and incorporated by reference.

Item 7. Financial Statements and Exhibits.

Exhibit Number

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Press Release dated January 29, 2003

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements not based on historical fact are forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. In accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, following are important factors that could cause the Company's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements: lower than anticipated customer interaction center capacity utilization; the loss or delay in implementation of a customer management program; the Company's ability to build-out facilities in a timely and economic manner; greater than anticipated competition from new entrants into the customer care market, causing increased price competition or loss of clients; the loss of one or more significant clients; higher than anticipated start-up costs associated with new business opportunities; the Company's ability to predict the potential volume or profitability of any future technology or consulting sales; the Company's agreements with clients may be canceled on relatively short notice; and the Company's ability to generate a specific level of revenue is dependent upon customer interest in and use of the Company's clients' products and services. Readers are encouraged to review the Company's 2001 Annual Report on Form 10-K, Quarterly Reports on Form 10-Q for the first, second and third quarters of 2002, which describe other important factors that may impact the Company's business, results of operations and financial condition. However, these factors should not be construed as an exhaustive list. The Company cannot always predict which factors could cause actual results to differ materially from those in its forward-looking statements to reflect actual results or changes in factors affecting such forward-looking statements.

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.

TeleTech Holdings, Inc.

By:

KENNETH D. TUCHMAN Chief Executive Officer

Dated: January 29, 2003

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TELETECH PROVIDES BUSINESS UPDATE

Denver, Colo., January 29, 2003—TeleTech Holdings, Inc. (Nasdaq: TTEC), a leading global provider of customer management solutions, today provided an update on the status of its relationship with the United States Postal Service (USPS) and other business developments.

TeleTech received formal notification from the USPS of its decision not to renew its relationship. TeleTech provides services to the USPS from two U.S.based customer management centers, representing 5.5 percent of TeleTech's 2002 revenues, or approximately \$56 million. TeleTech will be working closely with the USPS to coordinate the transition.

"Since becoming a public company in 1996, we have renewed the majority of our top client relationships," said Kenneth Tuchman, TeleTech's Chairman and Chief Executive Officer. "We enjoyed serving the USPS and are disappointed we were not able to continue our relationship."

"We would like to thank TeleTech for their contract performance over the last seven years and appreciate the services they have provided to our customers," said Francia Smith, Vice President and Consumer Advocate for the USPS.

OTHER BUSINESS DEVELOPMENTS

TeleTech recently signed a five-year agreement with a large broadband communications company to provide customer service and billing inquiry support. TeleTech believes the project will ramp to the equivalent of approximately one customer management center by the end of 2003, primarily utilizing capacity in its U.S. multi-client facilities.

"We are pleased to be working with this important new client, and look forward to a strong partnership," continued Tuchman. "This relationship builds on our legacy of providing comprehensive customer management solutions to diverse clients within the communications industry, and will further enhance the client's ability to build more profitable and lasting customer relationships."

FOURTH QUARTER 2002 RESULTS AND CONFERENCE CALL

TeleTech plans to release its fourth quarter 2002 financial results and provide a business update on Tuesday, February 11, 2003, after market close, and will host a conference call at 5:00 PM ET. You are invited to join a live webcast of the call by visiting the "Investors" section of the TeleTech website at www.teletech.com. If you are unable to participate during the live webcast, a replay of the call will be available on the TeleTech website through Tuesday, February 25, 2003.

TELETECH PROFILE

For twenty years, TeleTech has managed the customer experience for some of the world's largest enterprises. TeleTech's innovative customer care services help companies acquire, serve, grow, and retain customers throughout the entire relationship lifecycle. TeleTech offers solutions to a variety of industries including financial services, transportation, communications, government, healthcare, and travel. With a presence that spans North America, Asia-Pacific, Europe, and Latin America, TeleTech provides comprehensive customer care services to global organizations. Additional information on TeleTech can be found at *www.teletech.com*.

FORWARD LOOKING STATEMENTS

All statements not based on historical fact are forward-looking statements that involve substantial risks and uncertainties. In accordance with the Private Securities Litigation Reform Act of 1995, following are important factors that could cause TeleTech's actual results to differ materially from those expressed or implied by such forward-looking statements, including: TeleTech's ability to predict future revenue and associated costs; lower than anticipated customer interaction center capacity utilization; the loss or delay in implementation of a customer management program; TeleTech's ability to build-out facilities in a timely and economic manner; greater than anticipated competition from new entrants into the customer care market, causing increased price competition or loss of clients; the loss of one or more significant clients; higher than anticipated start-up costs associated with new business opportunities and ventures; the potential

volume or profitability of any future technology or consulting sales; TeleTech's agreements with clients may be canceled on relatively short notice; and TeleTech's ability to generate a specific level of revenue is dependent upon customer interest in and use of the products and services of TeleTech's clients. Readers are encouraged to review TeleTech's 2001 Form 10-K, first, second and third quarter 2002 Forms 10-Q, and other publicly filed documents, which describe other important factors that may impact TeleTech's business, results of operations, and financial condition. TeleTech undertakes no obligation to update its forward-looking statements after the date of this release.

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